

Antiwar Foundation, Needing Money, Closes Up Shop

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A foundation that quoted its Wall Street broker-founder as having said "the chief enemy of mankind" was "the injustice of governments and of the United States Government in particular" is ending operation after spending nearly all the \$6-million the broker left it.

The DJB Foundation, of Scarsdale, N.Y., was set up by Daniel J. Bernstein, who had made a fortune as a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He died of leukemia in 1970 at the age of 51.

Four-Member Board

In its wind-up report yesterday, the foundation said Mr. Bernstein became convinced in the early nineteen-sixties that "the United States role in Vietnam was in all ways odious, not least because it was shielded by official lies and stained throughout by cruelty and illegality." He devoted the rest of his life largely to efforts to change the war policy.

The foundation has made 450 grants to more than 360 causes that it said were "generally ignored by conventional foundations because they were 'controversial.'" Three-quarters of its assets were estimated to have gone to programs for victims of "official malevolence and indifference."

"Malevolence," the report said, "prevails in the deliberate persecution of unpopular or politically offensive individuals or minorities."

The DJB Foundation has been administered by a four-member board since 1971. Carol Bernstein Ferry, its president, was married to Mr. Bernstein in 1953; W. H. Ferry, vice president, to whom she was married in 1973, is a former vice president of the Fund for the Republic.

The other board members are Robert S. Browne, a vice president, who is president of the Black Economic Research Center, and Stephen R. Abrams, secretary-treasurer, who is an accountant. Vincent F. McGee Jr., now national program director of the Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union Foundation, was administrative secretary.

Among grants to programs in 34 states and some foreign countries, some still payable this year, the report indicated that the largest total, \$230,000, went to the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, set up by major Protestant denominations.

The next largest total, \$219,850, went to the Town of Mound Bayou in Mississippi, believed to be the country's oldest all-black community. The Center for Constitutional Rights here, which received \$195,000, was described as "the outstanding champion of the victims of official vindictiveness, repression and ignorance."

Grants totaling \$143,000 each went to the Institute of the Black World, in Atlanta, "devoted to discovery of means to black independence and dignity," and Penn Community Services, of Frogmore, S. C., to avert foreclosures of black-owned lands.

Mr. Bernstein started the

foundation in 1948 when, according to the report, he "had inherited more money from his father than he knew how to cope with" and made it "a holding operation." His father, David Bernstein, had been treasurer of Loew's, Inc.

Daniel Bernstein, a Cornell graduate, went to the Harvard Business School but left to work on a Vermont farm and then served as a Navy lieutenant in World War II.

Mrs. Ferry said he began campaigning against the Vietnam war when he was horrified in 1963 by pictures of a Buddhist monk who had set himself afire.

Mr. Ferry said that Mr. Bernstein had left \$2,250,000 each to the Institute for Policy Studies, of Washington, of which he was a director, and the National Council of Churches, because of its sponsorship of clergy and Laity Concerned About the Vietnam War.

As of Dec. 31, the DJB Foundation reported it had spent \$5,619,176 in the last four years, including \$5,449,329 for grants.