

Congress May Rap Intelligence Agency

Clamp-down on CIA Expected Over Surprise of Iraq's Fall

By AARON BENESCH
WASHINGTON.—Look for Congress to clamp down on the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, headed by Allen Dulles, pipe-puffing brother of the Secretary of State.



News of overthrow of King Faisal's regime in Iraq evidently was as much of a shock to the hush-hush, all-knowing CIA as it was to the man on Main street.

The report is that Allen Dulles was routed out of bed to receive the news—after the coup was already an accomplished fact.

CIA is the only government agency which escapes Congressional review. It makes no accounting for the money which Congress gives it.

Led by Democrat Mike Mansfield, many lawmakers have long urged that CIA be required to report to Congress at least in broad outlines, its achievements and plans.

If the FBI, military services, the National Security Agency and others report in part confidentially to Congress, critics argue, why can't CIA?

Others in Washington are skeptical of the agency because of its reputation for being overloaded with ivy league types. Its plan to ensconce itself in a campus-like \$50,000,000 headquarters in a sylvan setting outside Washington has aroused a bitter outcry from enraged landowners.

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It wants to build a club to keep the men close to home in a more sedate atmosphere. The base is one of those around the country handling "special weapons" — presumably the nuclear kind.

J. Edgar Hoover, the nation's top G-man, observed his forty-first year with the department yesterday. Mr. Hoover at 63 keeps in trim by a long walk he takes each morning before going to his office. He has no thought of quitting but when he does he will get \$17,600 annually in retirement pay. His salary is \$22,000 a year.

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ed the party's chances as "nearly
nil." The picture has changed
now, however, and the Republi-
cans have high hopes.
They foresee one outstanding
issue in the approaching election.
That, they claim, will be "world
peace."
Democratic polls likewise show
to back up the President in the
Mid-East situation.
As to whether the landing of
the troops will have any notice-
able effect on the November
election result one party member
who is close to Democratic policy-
making summed it up in this
manner.
"If Mr. Eisenhower, by the
time election day rolls around,
can convince the American public
that the Mid-East no longer is a
trouble spot or a danger zone,
then that could have a bearing on
the election. But that, we are sure,
will not happen."