



U.S. Policy Likened To Monroe's By CIA Head

Allen Dulles Cites Religion's Role at Georgetown Church Cornerstone Rites

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Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency and brother of the Secretary of State, said yesterday the United States is trying to maintain a new kind of Monroe Doctrine.

Dulles spoke at the laying of the cornerstone of the restored Georgetown Presbyterian Church, 3115 P st. nw. The cornerstone of the original church was placed by President Monroe in 1821.

The task of the United States today, he said, has "many elements of similarity" with that faced in the 1820's, Dulles said. In the Monroe Doctrine, he pointed out, the country was trying to safeguard American democracies against totalitarian aggression.

So too, "our task today" he said, "is to protect our way of freedom, and help other countries with the same ideas, to protect their way of life, from atheistic communism."

Noting communism holds sway over great land areas, Dulles asserted "this dictatorship has not taken over great areas of mind in the world, or, in its own homeland, destroyed the innate love of peace."

More than anything else, communism fears, he said, "the inherent power of religious faith and the instinctive yearning for freedom which is a part of every human being."

The church's role, he said, is to develop religious faith and love of freedom.

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A letter from President Eisenhower, whom Dulles was representing, was read to the congregation.

Mr. Eisenhower had been invited to lay the cornerstone.

Since the Georgetown Presbyterian Church was founded in 1780, "the members have demonstrated their belief in tolerance, their concern for education and their reliance on divine law," he said. "This building and the historical heritage it symbolizes surely will be a continuing inspiration."

A prayer for the President was given by the Rev. Dr. Albert J. McCartney, minister emeritus of the National Presbyterian Church.

Various church members deposited records and articles in the cornerstone box.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Russell C. Stroup, pastor. The Rev. Dr. John Bailey Kelly, pastor emeritus, read

a prayer of dedication and gave the benediction.

Open house was held in the restored sanctuary and the new educational building.