

Circ.: e. 41,749

Front Page Edit Page Other Page

Date:

C.I.A.'s Dulles Irks Senators on Missiles

Explanation of Comments on TV Broadcast May Be Sought By Sens. Jackson, Anderson.

CPYRGHT

By ALAN S. EMORY

Washington Bureau
Watertown Daily Times
National Press Bldg.

Washington, June 29.—Senate investigators may call Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles to the Capitol to explain comments on Soviet competition with the United States in the field of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Mr. Dulles made the comments in a television interview with Rep. Harold C. Ostertag, R., Attica, broadcast over WCNY-TV, Carthage, nine days ago.

In the program, Mr. Dulles said he had "no evidence" Russia was ahead of this country in producing the ICBM.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D., Wash., a member of the senate armed services committee, said he was "very sorry to see that the head of the C.I.A. discussed a subject matter on a television program which he has said he would not discuss in public before a congressional committee."

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D., N.M., chairman of the joint congressional atomic energy committee, also was critical.

Senator Jackson said congress should ask for "a full and complete statement" from Mr. Dulles.

"If it is a fact that Mr. Dulles discussed the intercontinental ballistic missile and the atomic power development program in the Soviet Union with a representative from New York on television program," the senator said, "then he has an obligation in my judgment, to explain these matters in a public session before the appropriate committees."

Senator Jackson is a member of the sub-committee looking into air power problems. This takes in the ICBM.

Senator Anderson noted that Mr. Dulles had declined to talk about these subjects in open session before the atomic energy panel.

Senator Jackson called on Mr. Dulles to explain his position on the ICBM and on the "relative capabilities of the United States and the Soviet Union with respect to the IRBM, which is the intermediate range ballistic missile."

The senator said the C.I.A. chief, according to news reports, "has said something in public which comes as a great surprise to many of us."

"What concerns me is not what was said in so many words," Senator Jackson observed. "What concerns me is that Mr. Dulles took the liberty to discuss these matters at all with one member of congress in a television broadcast, when he has always declined to discuss such matters publicly before congressional committees."

"I thought his past policy was sound. I do not think the director of the Central Intelligence agency should discuss matters of this kind in public."

Sen. Albert Gore, D., Tenn., a member of the atomic energy committee, raised the possibility that Mr. Dulles' TV comments on Russian progress in this field might have conflicted with some of his secret testimony. If so, he said, a public committee session with the C.I.A. chief might be necessary to clear the air.

