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# Helms Okayed As CIA Chief By Senate Unit

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President Johnson's nomination of Richard M. Helms, veteran Central Intelligence Agency official, to be director of the supersecret spy agency received unanimous approval of the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

The vote came after Helms assured the senators that all committees of Congress would be given information they request within the limitations imposed by the President and the law.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., the committee chairman, said the exceptions would be sources and methods of obtaining information.

Russell said the nomination will be reported to the Senate Monday for confirmation unless there is a valid request for additional hearings. The committee has a rule requiring nominations to be held for seven days before they are reported, and Helms' nomination was announced last Saturday by the President.

### Frosch, Blee Approved

The committee also approved the nominations of Dr. Robert Alan Frosch, 38, to be assistant secretary of the Navy for research and development, and of Myron R. Blee, 49, as deputy director of the Office of Emergency Planning.

The appointment of Helms was regarded as a major step in easing the controversy that has developed over the CIA and the demands of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of representation on a watchdog committee

tee that overseas its activities. The present watchdog committee is composed of seven ranking Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriation committees.

Helms, 53, in intelligence work since 1943 and with the CIA since its formation, has been deputy director of the agency. He will succeed William F. Raborn, who has held the position since April 1965.

### Not Forming Policy

Helms was praised highly by Russell and other members of the committee in a brief public hearing.

Questioning by Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., gave the nominee an opportunity to deny some charges that have been made that the CIA creates foreign policy.

Helms said the agency has no responsibility whatever for policies and submits reports as "objective and straight-forward as we can" to enable the President and others to make policy.

There is never any effort, the nominee said, to influence the President's decisions "one way or another." In its overseas operation, Helms testified, the agency's representatives are under this country's ambassadors and report to them.

Meanwhile, a showdown over the Foreign Relations Committee's bid for representation on the watchdog committee has been put off until after the Senate's July 4 recess.

A resolution by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., is scheduled to come before the Senate calling for the Foreign Relations Committee to have three representatives on a select committee on intelligence.

Russell has opposed the resolution as an effort by the Foreign Relations Committee to "muscle in" on the watchdog committee.

One senator said he understands that 65 senators opposed the McCarthy resolution, 18 support it and 17 are uncommitted.