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Senate Unit Still Eyes Spy Bureau

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The shift of command at the Central Intelligence Agency has not changed the demand of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to be among the "overscers" of the big spy bureau.

President Johnson has announced the resignation of Admiral William F. Raborn, USN (Ret.) as head of CIA and the appointment of Richard M. Helms as his successor.

Mr. Helms, long-time worker in the intelligence field and Admiral Raborn's deputy, is regarded by many senators as well suited for his job. Admiral Raborn had no experience in intelligence work before he took over. Some think Mr. Helms will get along better with Congress than did Admiral Raborn.

The Foreign Relations Committee, convinced that CIA is affecting foreign policy, resolved to get some of its members on the Committee that rides herd on the agency. The existing committee is composed of ranking members of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, and is headed by Sen. Richard Russell (D., Ga.). Sen. Russell wants no foreign relations committeemen "muscling in" on his oversight of CIA.

For weeks Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.) tried to reach a compromise suitable to the Foreign Relations Committee and Sen. Russell. But now he's given up.

The Committee's resolution to add three members to the Russell group probably will not be taken up until after the July Fourth recess. Sen. Mansfield believes Sen. Russell and his backers will beat the resolution.

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