

Senator Urges Scouting of CIA

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The need for the United States Senate to act as overseer of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department, so far as their activities affect formation of foreign policy, was called for yesterday by Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn.

in a speech before the Women's National Democratic Club, the Minnesota legislator recommended a general reappraisal by the Senate of its constitutional powers and relationships especially with the executive and judiciary branches of government.

He pictured the Senate as a body with power but little chance to exercise it, "especially in the field of foreign policy where today the rather clear constitutional responsibility of the Senate has been eroded" by changes within and without.

"A great commitment may be made without consultation of the Senate which may eventually lead to war," he warned, unless the Senate itself takes steps to reappraise and change its procedures.

"In need of immediate attention," he declared, "are the operation of the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out foreign policy, but

more importantly the influence of the agency in the determination of foreign policy.

Also needed he said is an examination of "the Department of Defense and its activities, including such things as the sale or granting of arms to foreign countries and the bearing of such action upon foreign policy."

Finally he cited, as a needed third area of inspection, are this nation's treaty obligations "and executive interpretation of those obligations, as well as of acknowledged responsibility and obligations of other nations which have signed treaties along with us."

Asked during a question period how these recommendations related to this country's commitment in Viet Nam, the senator said his observations on the CIA "were limited with reference to Viet Nam" but that they applied as far as the Defense Department's making of military decisions "that may affect foreign policy." He added that he was thinking "not so much in terms of one man's decisions as the development of a type of military methodology that would reach such a point you would discover you're fighting a war determined by method."