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## Helms Criticized in Senate For Anti-Fulbright Letter tral Intelligence Agency "made the case" for the disastrous

PYRGHT C.I.A. Chief Apologizes for Praising Editorial Attacking Arkansan

> By E. W. KENWORTHY Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, July 28 Richard Helms, the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was sharply criticized in the senate today because of a letter he wrote praising an editorial denouncing Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Relations Commit-

Late this afternoon, Mr. Helms called Mr. Fulbright and told him the letter was a mistake and apologized for seeming to endorse the editorial's views.

The editorial, entitled "Brickbats for Fulbright," appeared in The St. Louis Globe-Democrat on July 18, four days after the Senate had sidetracked by a vote of 61-to-28 a proposal to add three members of the Foreign Relations Committee to the unofficial subcommittee charged with supervising the intelligence agency.

.That subcommittee is made of eyen ranking members of the Armed Services and Ap-

dog committee then joined in the criticism of Mr. Helms. On returning, Mr. Saltonstall "Fulbright's proposal should said Mr. Helms had told him have been doomed from the he had written the letter; that start. It could mean the end of it was a mistake; that he was the C.I.A. if the agency were sorry, and that there were no subjected to slaws [claws] of other such letters.

Mr. Fulbright said he was not offended by the editorial, but he was surprised that Mr. Helms will meet with it in closed session at 10:30 A.M. ter: helms, a career man, would have so little discretion, and he wondered whether Mr. Helms had misconstrued the Senate's vote of confirmation.

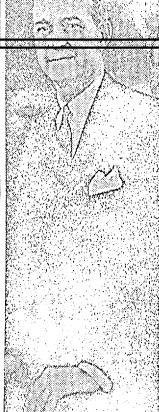
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J.I.A. Role Confirmed

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Senator J. W. Ful-bright has given a first-person confirmation that the Cen-

in a censored version of secret Senate debate of July 14 that what had been written about the agency's role before the April 17, 1961, invasion was, "by and large, absolutely cor-

a proposal to add three Foreign posal was defeated.

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The Fulbright statement was the first on-the-record confirmation from a participant in the preinvasion talks.

of Pigs and other unspecified cases of C.I.A. intervention in foreign relations as reasons his group shared representation

group shared representation on the C.I.A. watchdog panel. "I think many of the C.I.A. activities tend to discredit the integrity of our country, and these activities raise a number of questions with respect to the influence of our foreign policy,". Mr Fulbright said.

He asked, "How can we [the committee] give any advice that is worth anything if we

July 18.

"It reflects so well your paper's policy of 'printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics'.

RIGHTARD HELMS Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.

When Senator McCarthy, in Relations committeemen to the midasternoon, read the editori-Congressional group that over- al and letter, criticism came sees C.I.A. operations. The pro- hurtling from both sides of the aisle at Mr. Helms, who had Mr., Fulbright said he had been unanimously confirmed a attended a two-hour meeting month ago today after a round at the State Department with of prolonged praise for abilities

Dulles, then head of the C.I.A. Rearly 20 years of service with and 15 other persons he did the agency.

Mr. McCarthy said it was "entirely out of place" for Mr. Pigs," Mr. Fulbright said. He said Mr. Dulles had presented "the case for intervention."

This was before the Bay of Helms to have "endorsed an editorial of this kind." If he had in fact written the letter with the case for intervention." and it it had not been written for him by a subordinate, Mr. McCarthy said, then this "in-

> the Democratic leader, asked. Mr. McCarthy to yield and said:

"I am more than a little surprised that the silent service has seen fit to write to a paper expressing critical opinions about the Senate."

Mr. Mansfield suggested that the Senate's displeasure should be brought to Mr. Helms' at-tention "so that it will not tention "so that it will become a habit with him."

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No one, Mr. Mansfield said, had ever accused Mr. Fulbright ... of being "crafty."
Mr. McCarthy said that Mr.

Helms owed an apology not only to the Senators who had sup-ported his resolution but also to every member of the Senate.

Senator Frank E. Moss. Dem-

ocrat of Utah, said the agency was supposed to work "clan-lestinely," but low was found writing a letter praising "an offensive editorial."

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