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CIA Hiding Red Defector From Probers

HOUSE, SENATE GROUPS SEEK MORE SPY DATA

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"I am flying up to see you for information on the whole story which obviously can't be given over the telephone."

With these words, Rep. John Milan Ashbrook, (R.-Ohio) announced his arrival later today in the offices of the N. Y. Journal-American.

His purpose, he said, was to learn all details and background about the sensational disclosures by Soviet secret police defector and former high-ranking official, Lt. Col. Michal Goleniewski, and related stories published in this newspaper.

Rep. Ashbrook, a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee added:

"I want to get every particle of information I can get about Goleniewski's charges of KGB agents in the State Dept. and Central Intelligence Agency.

"I note that the Federal agencies

are already engaged in the classic maneuver they used on Povel Bang Jensen, trying to infer that Col. Goleniewski has gone off his rocker."

(Ed. note: Povel Bang-Jensen was a former Danish diplomat dismissed from the United Nations, and later found shot to death in Alley Pond Park Queens, on Thanksgiving Day 1959. Although New York police officially list his death as a suicide, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, reported suspects he may have been a victim of a Soviet "political murder dressed up as a suicide.")

"It is vitally important," Rep. Ashbrook continued, "that Col. Goleniewski appear before my committee. "It is high time the whole State Dept. and its policies be brought to account. It has consistently lied about such Communist penetration as those made in Warsaw, Washington, and elsewhere."

Rep. Ashbrook's sudden decision to make a trip to New York mirrored the stepped-up activities of several Congressional committees which followed publication of stories this week in the Journal-American.

A number of members or investigators from Senate and House panels called this newspaper yesterday, seeking help and information. They wanted directions for finding Col. Goleniewski, who is still in a CIA hideout.

They wanted fill-ins on one of the touchiest aspects of this unique case—the conflict of versions of the defector's story as relayed by spokesmen of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government.

The Executive branch, which is holding the erstwhile spy-master in sequestration for his own safety, claims he was once highly useful, but is now undependable.

DIFFERENT STORY

It also claims he never informed it of the KGB agents in the State Dpt. and the CIA.

Col. Goleniewski said the reason high CIA officials may not have received the information was that it had been quashed before reaching them by some of its own agents.

Emissaries of the Legislative branch, including a Congressman, and two aides who interviewed him—one of them twice—state that the Colonel seemed entirely sound of mind and very convincing when he bared the existence of these agents, and named names.

Thus, both branches of the Government may be speaking in good faith with what they actually have, or haven't learned, from the Polish-born defector.

BALANCE OF POWER

The case bids fair to become a classic in the balance of power between two of the three



REP. ASHBROOK
"I Want All Information"

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branches of Federal government.

Will the Executive branch ever let any of the Senate or House committees take the testimony in secret session which Col. Goleniewski wants to deliver? Or will it become a Mexican standoff, destined for bitter debate in the upcoming Presidential campaign?

Strong indications that more will be heard about Col. Goleniewski came from many sources.

The House Armed Services Committee is reportedly anxious to get more information, and possibly direct testimony, regarding the 10 Marines who were compromised by beautiful Polish girls acting as information-collectors for Soviet agents.

A DIM VIEW

A State Dept. spokesman has shrugged this off as nothing more than "boys will be boys." However, members of the subcommittee take a dim view of this lighthearted approach.

They know that Marine detachments guard all our important Embassies around the world. The case in Warsaw involved girls coming into dormitory-barracks type quarters which the Marine enlisted men occupied, spending night after night there, and gathering a great deal of information.

The girls listened carefully, questioned knowingly, but with seeming innocence, and turned over detailed reports of everything they gathered to their Red spymasters.

GRAVE INDISCRETION

That this could happen with knowledge of the Marine detachments' commanding officers, or in the naive belief that Communists weren't making studied use of material gathered, is regarded as grave indiscretion by the very unit charged with the security of our embassies.

Other Congressional committees that may enter the case are the powerful Government Operations Committees of the House and Senate. These are among the several groups that concern themselves with the multi-million-dollar budget of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The size of this budget, and its breakdown, are secret. In fact, the sums are so carefully hidden in allocations to other agencies that it is doubtful whether half-a-dozen members of Congress actually have any idea how much the CIA is actually cost-

Congress must, nevertheless, approve it on a pig-in-a-poke basis, sight unseen.

As related in Monday's Journal-American, Col. Goleniewski said that about \$1.2-million in CIA funds was channeled to the Reds in Vienna and elsewhere. This misuse of government money, which finds us paying for our own subversion, is a very definite field for investigation for the Operations Committee.

Even agents for the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy reportedly would now like to talk to Col. Goleniewski. This is because the defector has been able to supply an interesting bit of information to a Congressional aide—namely, the fact that there is a GRU assassin school in Minsk.

The GRU is considered a key agency in the operation of world-wide Soviet espionage.

After Pres. Kennedy's assassination on Nov. 22, the Congressional aide established his third contact with Col. Goleniewski, to ask him this pointed question:

"Did the KGB operate a school for assassins — better known as Dept. 13—in Minsk?"

This is the city where Lee Oswald spent most of his time in Russia, the city where he met and married Marina, now his widow.

ESPIONAGE ARM

The Colonel replied that although the KGB did not maintain a school for assassins there, the GRU, the military espionage arm, did have such an institution in Minsk.

This doesn't necessarily mean that Oswald attended the school for assassins, but it doesn't rule out the possibility, either.

The colonel's knowledgeable answer, while it proved nothing about Oswald, is just another reason why so many people want to have a chat with the colonel.