

CIA ACTIVITIES COME UNDER CONGRESSIONAL FIRE

Senate Committee

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(Text) Washington, 25 January--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today discussed behind closed doors a resolution on creation of a special committee to conduct a complete and all-embracing investigation into the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, particularly its influence on U.S. foreign policy. The committee did not adopt a decision. Committee Chairman Fulbright refused to say anything about the discussion or the further fate of the resolution.

Demands for an investigation into the activities of CIA stem from the belief that it has developed into a sort of "invisible government" and that, in addition to its usual espionage and subversive activities, it often influences the formulation of U.S. foreign policy.

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McCarthy, Young Criticism

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(Text) New York--Aleksandr Druzhinin dispatch--CIA, the omnipotent U.S. department of espionage and subversive activities, is under a crossfire of criticism from several prominent Washington politicians. Senator Eugene McCarthy, for example, made a statement demanding a full and exhaustive investigation into CIA activities. He was joined by his colleague, Senator Young, who even urged the appointment of a joint congressional commission to supervise CIA's clandestine activities.

The discontent voiced by the senators is easily understandable because they themselves do not conceal the reasons for their apprehensions. Both said that CIA is in fact planning and implementing U.S. foreign policy without taking the slightest notice of Congress and other elected authorities. CIA, Senator Young said, has appropriated the functions of the President and Congress rolled into one. It is gradually becoming an invisible government responsible only to itself.

The very fact that Capitol Hill can no longer conceal its displeasure over CIA activities is in itself most noteworthy. In the past, open discontent with the machinations of this department, whom many hold directly responsible for U.S. aggressive policy toward Cuba, intervention in the Dominican Republic, and an entire series of ignominious disasters and unsavory actions which has recently characterized U.S. foreign policy in various parts of the world, has been voiced in U.S. political circles.

Whether or not it will be possible to bridle this omnipotent and invisible government, as demanded by certain senators, remains very much in doubt. During the nearly two decades of CIA's existence, its activities have never been scrutinized. No committees have managed to penetrate the impenetrable curtain of secrecy that surrounds this organization. It is not without reason that CIA (?officials) feel entirely free of all control. They know how strong they are. For this reason, there is no reason to doubt that despite the indignant voices at the Capitol the department of espionage, subversive activities, and infiltration will in the future continue to direct U.S. foreign policy with impunity.