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But McCarthy Proposal Appears Doomed

CIA Control Plan Near

Senate Foreign Relations Committee approval was assured today for a proposal giving three committeemen a role in supervising operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But the proposal of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, a committee member, faces near certain defeat at the hands of powerful senators already involved in CIA-watching.

The Senate group overseeing the OIA is comprised of members of the Armed Services Committee and Appropriations Committee, the chairmen of which can shunt the proposal off on a legislative sidetrack to die.

CLAIM

The Foreign Relations group claims the CIA has a hand in forming U.S. policy abroad and its actions should be examined by the Foreign Relations Committee. Those now overseeing the CIA say this is "poppycock."

Armed Services Committee Chairman Richard B. Russell, (D. Ga.) told the Senate yesterday he saw no reason for "muscling" in on his group's CIA supervision, and announced a new move against Sen. McCarthy.

Sen. Russell said he will ask, if the proposal gets final clearance for floor debate, that it be referred to his Committee. Such action would be tantamount to killing the proposal.

Moreover, the McCarthy

proposal must be referred to the Senate Rules Committee which passes on expenditures from the Senate's funds.

INDICATION

There were some indications the Rules Committee might take a very close and very long look at the proposal.

Sen. Carl Hayden, (D. Ariz.), is a former chairman and influential member of the Rules Committee. He is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee which, with the Armed Services Committee, now designates its top-ranking members to supervise CIA operations.

Sens. Russell and Hayden successfully repelled a 1956 drive to create a special Senate-House committee to watch over CIA activities and look into its annual budget, said to amount to some \$500 million. It is hidden away in the funding requests of other Government agencies. (UP)

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