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Feighan Accused of Helping Reds

State Rep. Michael A. Sweeney yesterday charged U. S. Rep. Michael A. Feighan with inadvertently helping the Communist party.

Sweeney is opposing Feighan in the May primary election for the Democratic nomination as candidate for congressman from the 20th District.

"One of the main objectives of communism in this country is to discredit the American form of government and to undermine the faith of the American people in their government," Sweeney said.

HE CHARGED Feighan has made "unfounded implications that Russians have placed agents inside the U.S. State Department and Central Intelligence Agency."

Feighan could not be reached for comment.

Sweeney said he has information that Feighan sponsored and aided in bringing a Polish defector and his wife to this country in 1961.

Sweeney identified the defector as Michael Goleniewski, also known as Aleksei N. Romanoff.

Goleniewski accused 19 Americans of being agents for the Russians, according to an Associated Press report March 4, 1964. It quoted a copyrighted article published in The (New York) Journal-American.

Twelve of the agents were allegedly in the State Department and four others in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), according to the Journal-American article.

ABOUT THREE weeks later, Feighan, speaking on the floor of the House, brought up the Goleniewski case. His remarks were recorded in the Congressional Record of March 26, 1964.

Feighan asked: "Is it not true that Goleniewski had revealed deep penetration into the CIA by Russian KGB (secret police) agents?"

Feighan raised several other questions concerning the alleged penetration of the U.S. government by Communists.

"By cleverly posing questions, Feighan gave comfort to the enemy by bringing up the Goleniewski case and their (the Goleniewskis) naming of Russian spies in the CIA and State Department," Sweeney said.

"THE FAMILY IS now running ads in Washington and New York papers calling upon Feighan to help them stay here," Sweeney said. "And he has ignored them."

An open letter, which Sweeney said was published in

New York papers on Feb. 6, 1966, states that Feighan met with the Goleniewskis in their apartment and discussed their problems in this country. The letter was signed by Mrs. Irmgard Margareta Romanoff, whom Sweeney said is Goleniewski's wife.

Sweeney said Feighan later used information obtained from the Goleniewskis "as the basis for a speech on the floor of Congress in which you Feighan implied that secret agents from Russia had infiltrated both the U.S. State Department and the CIA."

Sweeney yesterday asked that Feighan deny everything the Goleniewskis say and set the record straight or reveal the names of the Russian agents.

"If he stands mute, he is serving the very people he has always tended to oppose, the Russians," Sweeney said.

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