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IN HIS SENATE SPEECH, DIRKSEN DID NOT ACCUSE ANYONE IN SPEAKING OF WHAT HE SAID WERE LEAKS FROM CIA CHIEF DULLES' SECRET TESTIMONY LAST WEEK BEFORE THE SENATE SPACE COMMITTEE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE.

HE QUOTED FROM A COLUMN BY JOSEPH ALSOP, PUBLISHED JAN. 5 IN THE WASHINGTON POST, AS SAYING THAT "THE HARD, DISTURBING FACTS AND FIGURES IN THE TESTIMONY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, ALLEN W. DULLES, BEFORE THE SPACE COMMITTEE CAN NOW BE REVEALED ON UNDOUBTED AUTHORITY."

"WHO IS THIS UNDOUBTED AUTHORITY?" DIRKSEN DEMANDED.

"WHO HAS MADE AVAILABLE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR IN PARAPHRASE OR IN CAPSULE FORM, ANY OF THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA?

THAT BECOMES A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION WHEN ONE IS DEALING WITH THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY."

THE ALSOP COLUMN QUOTED DULLES AS SAYING THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS THE SOVIET UNION WILL HAVE 35 INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS BY THE END OF JUNE OF THIS YEAR. ALSOP REPORTED THAT DULLES TESTIFIED THE SOVIETS "WOULD FURTHER BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME 140 TO 200 ICBMS OPERATIONAL BY MID-1961."

DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE SPACE AND PREPAREDNESS GROUPS, SYMINGTON HAS CHALLENGED OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS BY MILITARY CHIEFS, CONTENDING SECRET TESTIMONY BY CIA HAS GIVEN NO GROUNDS FOR SUCH OPTIMISM.

DURING ONE SHARP EXCHANGE WITH SEN. BUSH YESTERDAY, SYMINGTON THREATENED TO RELEASE PERCENTAGE STATISTICS ON RUSSIAN MISSILE STRENGTH AS FURNISHED BY DULLES, IF ANYONE QUESTMONED WHAT HE SAID ON THE MATTER.

TODAY, THE ARGUMENT BROKE OUT AGAIN AFTER GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, BALKED AT DISCUSSING CERTAIN SENSITIVE MILITARY MATTERS IN PUBLIC.

SEN. SALTONSTALL BACKED UP TWINING AND SAID SOME OF SYMINGTON'S QUESTIONS APPEARED BASE ON INFORMATION SALTONSTALL SAID HAD BEEN LEAKED TO NEWSPAPERS.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR SAID " I RESENT TREMENDOUSLY THAT SECRET INFORMATION HAD BEEN LEAKED."

SYMINGTON BROKE IN AND SAID: "I , TOO, RESENT THAT FIGURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE NEWSPAPERS. "

MEANWHILE, A REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE PUBLICATION "BATTLE LINE,"

NOTED SYMINGTON'S THREAT TO RELEASE SECRET INFORMATION, AND SAID IT "WOULD BE
AN ACT OF TOTAL, RECKLESS IRRESPONSIBILITY."

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