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McCarthyism reborn in U.S., Soviets assert

MOSCOW [UPI—A senior Soviet commentator Wednesday said the furor over the Reagan administration's accusations that the Soviets promote global terrorism has created a new wave of anticommunist "McCarthyism" in the United States.

Vitaly Kobysh, a spokesman for the Communist Party Central Committee, said the Kremlin welcomed a full-scale airing of the terrorist issue because it would show "American imperialism ... waging a global attack on the national liberation movement and on all the progressive forces in the world."

Kobysh, writing in the weekly Literary Gazette, said recent comments by officials of the Reagan administration presaged a crackdown on "dissidents" in the U.S.

"McCARTHYISM IS again in vogue in the United States ... . The campaign against international terrorism opens the way to the implantation of a new and perhaps more sinister version of it," Kobysh said.

"Everything will be permitted in this campaign—to strangle dissidents, to mercilessly destroy them, as was done with the leaders of the Black Panther organization."

The Literary Gazette story evidently was prepared earlier this week, but it accelerated the tempo of Soviet press attacks on the U.S. and particularly on the CIA.

RADIO MOSCOW, meanwhile, denounced U.S. willingness to deploy nuclear warheads in Europe. It was the first Soviet comment on Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's press conference Tuesday in Washington.

Weinberger's statements "can't but cause alarm at the prospects for world peace and the easing of tensions," the broadcast said.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, on Tuesday said President Reagan plans to strengthen secret CIA dirty-trick operations, which it said include using hit men and planting spies in the diplomatic corps, trade unions, and the media.

Tass said the tentacles of the Central Intelligence Agency were everywhere—in Angola, Afghanistan, Iran, Chile, Nicaragua, and "at the moment, El Salvador."