

U.S. Intelligence Community Concerns Many Congressmen

WASHINGTON (CQ) — The Nov. 1-2 coup in Viet Nam which deposed the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem after nine years' rule resulted in part at least from the U.S. Government's dissatisfaction with the Diem regime and its encouragement of reform in Viet Nam.

The event focused attention on the possibility of more direct American intervention to effect the coup. Concern inevitably centered on the role of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The CIA is the fact and symbol of a postwar development in the nation which runs contrary to U.S. traditions of open diplomacy and non-intervention—the practice of espionage and subversion to further national aims and protect national security. Actually, while the CIA has its spies and agents, much of its work of intelligence involves routine gathering and analysis of statistical, political and other data.

Criticism of CIA and other intelligence operations in the Government stems from revulsion against the cloak-and-dagger image, as well as annoyance at the intense secrecy which surrounds the intelligence community. Some fear the tradition of popular control of the Government, especially the military, may be undermined by the growth of para-military organs insulated from the public.

In addition, the very term "intelligence" while it attracts eager and able college graduates, implies mental faculties in the participants which

critics say are not necessarily present.

Billion-Dollar Operation

Congress is particularly wary of the secrecy which covers the estimated \$1 billion-a-year operations of the CIA and other intelligence agencies in the Government.

Indeed, Congress, jealous of its role as keeper of the purse strings, ranks at not even knowing how much and where the money goes for intelligence operations. Furthermore, the Congressional role of "oversight" is frustrated when it comes to supervision of the far-flung CIA operations, which involve probably between 15,000 and 20,000 employees in the U.S. and abroad.

Thus, every year for the last ten, proposals have been made in Congress for some form of "Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence" to give Congressional surveillance over the intelligence community in much the same manner as the Joint Atomic Energy Committee surveys the Atomic Energy Commission's activities and other nuclear affairs.

Powerful Opposition

The idea of a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence has little chance of fulfillment in the near future, mainly because of the powerful forces of opposition to it. These forces are led by the President and his Administration, including the CIA.

But in Congress itself, the three committees which presently handle CIA matters or money—the six-member Senate subcommittee made up of members of the Armed Services

and Appropriations Committee, the ten-member House Armed Services Central Intelligence Agency Subcommittee and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on funds for intelligence activities (which itself is secret as to number and identify of members)—hasten to object to any new committee poaching on their territory.

Members of these subcommittees claim that they already provide the necessary Congressional surveillance of the intelligence community and that a joint committee for that purpose is unnecessary.

Watchdog Proposals

But one of the Members who favors a watchdog committee (3 Senators and 19 Representatives have introduced such proposals this year), Rep. John V. Lindsay, R. N.Y., sums up the arguments for it:

The present Congressional committees are too small and their examination of intelligence matters too " cursory."

They do not have adequately trained staff.

Intelligence activities are not an exclusively executive function and should be continuously surveyed by Congress.

No Government activity, no matter how sensitive, should be totally secret and hidden from Congressional review.

Blunders made by the CIA should be investigated.

Any CIA interference with State Department objectives should be watched.

"Special operations," such as fomenting unrest in a hostile country, toppling foreign governments, etc., ought to be watched, and their compatibility with intelligence-gathering activities examined.

Selection and training of CIA personnel needs Congressional examination.

Evaluation of intelligence data should not be dominated by the CIA, which gathers the data.

Far-Flung Community

When Congress refers to the "intelligence community," it does not mean only the CIA. Here are the principal Government agencies which deal with



NEW PICTURE HERALDED — Just like it used to be years ago, Hollywood is pictured in all its night-time glory as klieg lights throw their silver beams into the sky to herald the opening of a new film, "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World." Residents in the hills above the city were treated to this rare view as rain and winds removed all traces of smog from the area. The view is looking south on Vine Ave. With the round Capitol Records building at left and the Hollywood Knickerbocker hotel at right. (UPI)

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National Security Agency—An agent of the Defense Department. It concentrates principally on codes and ciphers.

Atomic Energy Commission, State Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation—Each has its own intelligence activities and its member on the USIB.

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Ribbon Cutting Is Planned Friday at Central Point Bank

Eleven months of planning, building and furnishing will be climaxed at 10 a.m. Friday when a ribbon is snipped and the Central Point branch of First National Bank of Oregon officially opens the doors of its new home at the corner of Third and J Pine Streets.

Central Point Mayor William F. Saxbury and County Commissioner Donald E. Faber will join C. Elwood Hedberg, senior vice president and former manager of the bank's Medford branch, for the brief opening ceremony.

FTA Convention Set at University

EUGENE—Oregon high school students interested in pursuing a teaching career, will assemble at the University of Oregon, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, for the annual Oregon Future Teachers of American convention.

About 600 juniors and seniors are expected to attend the sessions.

Registration will take place Friday in the Erb Memorial Student Union. That evening, a banquet is planned with University President Arthur S. Fleming, as principal speaker.

Saturday's activities will commence with an advisors' breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by guided tours of the campus. At the general assembly, Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the UO School of Education, will extend greetings to the group. Phyllis Thiele of Salem, president of the Oregon FTA, will welcome members and conduct the business meeting.

Government Camp Buildings Burn

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Replaces Office

The new structure, which replaces the branch office at 136 Pine St., features an exterior of light colored brick and glass, with stained wood sun screens to shade the bank's rear windows and drive-in teller station. Sidewalks and the drive-in area are covered.

More than 6,000 square feet of floor space is provided in the contemporary banking office, designed by Medford architects Payne and Struble.

Preliminary plans for the building were approved in December, 1962. During April of this year construction bids were received, a contract was awarded and the Meyers Jones Construction company of Medford started work on Southern Oregon's newest bank facility.

Ayres said the new building will offer every modern banking service and convenience. Facilities include a safe deposit vault, a night depository and the first drive-in window in the Central Point area.

Result of Growth

Ayres said the new Central Point office is the result of the area's steadily growing banking needs.

"We intend to stay ahead of the demand for expanded banking services, and with our present staff and our new building the task won't be difficult," Ayres states.

Among the First National Bank of Oregon officers who will attend the opening is L. H. (Ren) Rice, vice president at the bank's head office in Portland. He is in charge of administration of First National branches in Southwestern Oregon.

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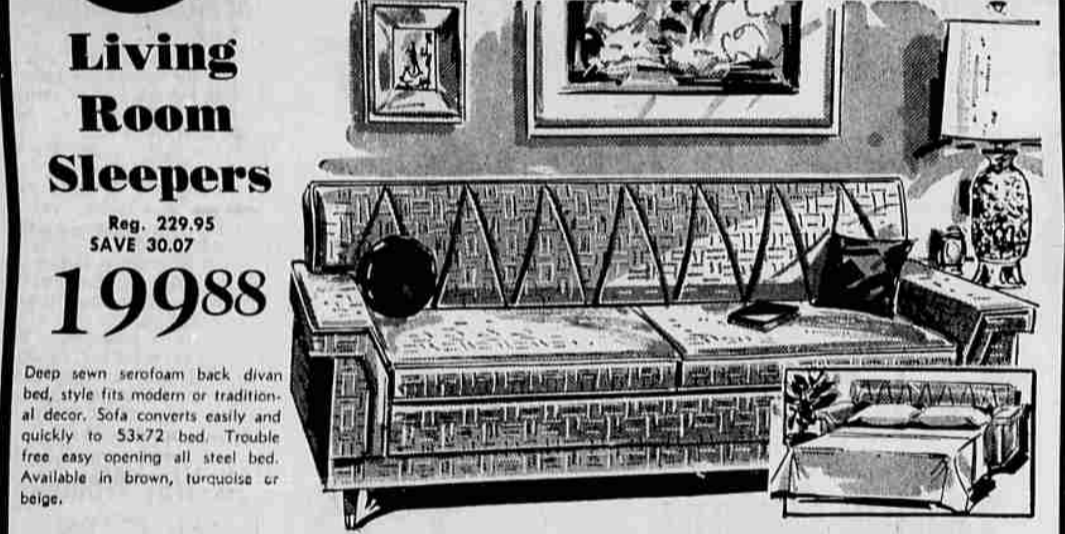
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