

Nedzi's Critic to Head C.I.A. Inquiry

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WASHINGTON, June 10— Representative James V. Stanton, a leader of the rebellion in the House Select Committee on Intelligence against its chairman, Representative Lucien N. Nedzi, was named today by Mr. Nedzi to head the new investigative subcommittee created in response to the rebellion.

Mr. Stanton, an Ohio Democrat, and Representative Robert N. Giaimo, Democrat of Connecticut, had led the revolt among Democratic members of the committee after it was learned that Mr. Nedzi, a Michigan Democrat, had been given secret briefings by the Central Intelligence Agency concerning the agency's involvement in assassination plans.

When initial attempts to unseat Mr. Nedzi failed, Mr. Stanton and Mr. Giaimo agreed yesterday to the creation of the special C.I.A. investigation subcommittee.

'No Strings Attached'

In an interview this afternoon, Mr. Stanton said he had been assured that he would have "complete and sole authority" with "no limitations, no strings attached."

He said the subcommittee intended to "take the Rockefeller report and the briefings by the Senate committee and proceed to complete the investigation of the C.I.A. so that we might make recommendations to the full House on how to preserve the individual liberties of all Americans and how to stop any illegal acts by covert operations of the United States Government so that we can have an intelligence community that functions properly in a free society."



Associated Press

Representative James V. Stanton, Ohio Democrat, after he was named to head panel on C.I.A.

Asked to comment on the Rockefeller commission's report on the agency's domestic activities, Mr. Stanton said it was "a starting mark." The Ohioan, who walked back and forth beside his desk as he talked in the measured, oratorical manner of a courtroom lawyer, said he felt the Rockefeller report was "by no means a full and complete assessment of the C.I.A."

'No Preconceived Notions'

The subcommittee, he said, will use its subpoena power if necessary and will make its investigation "as open and as ventilated as humanly possible. Wherever I can have open hear-

ings, I will have open hearings."

The first witness who will be called, Mr. Stanton said, will be William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, who is expected to appear next week. Mr. Stanton said he would recommend that this be an open hearing.

The C.I.A., Mr. Stanton predicted, "is going to have to operate with total oversight" by Congress, so that if clandestine operations are undertaken "Congress is going to have to be responsible for them" and could no longer wear "blindfolds" to evade such responsibility.

Mr. Stanton was asked if he had any presumptions about the C.I.A. and its role. "I have no assumptions and no preconceived notions, and I think that's going to be an asset," he said, "because I have no associations with anybody in the intelligence community."

Reminded of his statement that the Rockefeller report was an incomplete assessment on the agency, Mr. Stanton said: "The Rockefeller report concedes that there is more. That's their assumption and I concur in it."

"He would give no estimate of how long the subcommittee's investigation might run, saying: 'I've been given an assignment. We will start at the beginning and take it step by step. My legal training has taught me never to make a judgment as to how long a case will last.'"

The names of the other subcommittee members had not been decided this afternoon. The full committee has 10 members.

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