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Committees Near CIA Showdown

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 14 to 5 yesterday to add three of its members to a committee headed by Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) which watches over the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The action set the stage for a showdown between the committee majority and the powerful Russell forces, who initiated a Senate debate on Monday to denounce the Foreign Relations Committee's attempt to "horn in" on their operation.

Russell, who has now staked his considerable Senate prestige on keeping the Foreign Relations Committee away from his CIA committee, indicated yesterday that he would attempt to have the proposal referred to either the Rules Committee or his own Armed Services Committee. Such action would be an attempt to prevent the proposal from coming to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

In an attempt to bypass the Rule Committee, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), the resolution's sponsor, amended his proposal by cutting out the provisions for a committee staff which would be paid from

the contingent fund of the Senate. As originally drafted, the McCarthy resolution would have automatically referred to the Rules Committee.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.), a member of both the Rules and Foreign Relation Committees, predicted yesterday that the McCarthy resolution would be defeated if referred to the Rules Committee.

The McCarthy resolution would set up a nine-member "Committee on Intelligence Operations" to supervise the foreign intelligence operations of the United States Government, including those of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research, as well as the CIA.

McCarthy eliminated yesterday his provision that the proposed committee supervise the foreign intelligence operations of the FBI.