

Senators Vie For Places On CIA Panel

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Senators began lining up yesterday for assignment to the new Central Intelligence Agency investigating committee, amid reports that the leading candidates for its five Republican seats are conservatives Barry M. Goldwater (Ariz.) and John G. Tower (Tex.), liberals Charles McC. Mathias Jr. (Md.) and Richard S. Schweiker (Pa.), and moderate Howard H. Baker Jr. (Tenn.).

The Senate agreed to vote Monday on whether to create the 11-member committee to look into charges that the CIA and FBI and other intelligence agencies have conducted illegal spying on civilians. Although Armed Services Committee Chairman John C. Stennis (D-Miss.), Tower and several others would prefer to keep the probe under control of the Armed Services Committee, approval of a new select committee is now considered certain, in view of the 45-to-7 Democratic Caucus vote on the issue two days ago.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), who first proposed a large-scale CIA investigation 18 years ago but lost on the Senate floor by a 59-to-27 vote at that time, said yesterday that "I absolutely haven't made up my mind" on applicants for the expected six Democratic vacancies on the committee.

But it was learned that a raft of Democrats, including several freshmen, have already submitted requests to Mansfield. Among them are veterans Frank Church (Idaho), Birch Bayh (Ind.), Walter F. Mondale (Minn.), and Floyd K. Haskell (Colo.), and freshmen Gary Hart (Colo.) and Patrick Leahy (Vt.). A third freshman, Rob

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ert Morgan (N.C.), said he is thinking seriously about applying.

Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.), a sharp critic of the CIA, also has applied, he said in an interview yesterday.

Mansfield, who joined Mathias weeks ago in proposing a broad investigation of alleged abuses by the CIA, FBI and other intelligence agencies, assured the Senate during a brief debate yesterday that "there will be no TV spectacles in any way, shape or form."

Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.), the chief advocate in the Democratic Caucus last Monday of creating a select committee to do the job, said that "there is no intention here to conduct a witch-hunt" or to destroy the CIA or the FBI or any other intelligence agency—only to root out abuses and make the agencies more responsive to the will of the President and the intentions of Congress in funding and establishing such agencies.

"I am a little prejudiced myself in favor of the CIA, of military intelligence and of the FBI," Pastore declared.

Pastore had argued to the caucus that those who had sharply defended or attacked the agencies in the past shouldn't be in charge of the investigation, since they had been "polarized" by past positions. It was this argument that won the caucus vote over Stennis, who wanted to keep control of the investigation.

Pastore said new blood, new faces were needed for the investigation. Having used that argument against letting Stennis' committee undertake

the probe, Pastore said that he himself also shouldn't be named to the new panel.

Pastore repeated on the Senate floor yesterday that "I will reject any invitation to become a member," but there is some sentiment to draft him and perhaps name him chairman.

Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.) said on the floor yesterday that he hopes Pastore will reconsider and be named chairman, and Goldwater strongly demurred at Pastore's disavowal of desire to serve. Goldwater, in what might be taken as a slap at Church, Bayh and several members of his own party, declared, "We do not want to have anyone running for President on this committee."

The likelihood that the Senate will endorse the idea of a select committee Monday was conceded by Tower yesterday. After a GOP policy luncheon, he said it appeared at least 52 of the 61 Democrats favor a select committee, and about two-fifths of the Republicans. This adds up to over two-thirds of the Senate, and means that even a filibuster probably couldn't stop the creation of the panel.

Although Tower favored leading the investigation to Armed Services, of which he is a member, he is reportedly one of the leading contenders for the new committee along with Mathias, Goldwater, Baker and Schweiker.

Under the terms of the resolution to create the select committee, Mansfield will appoint the Democratic members and Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) will name GOP members. The chairman will be a Democrat, the vice chairman a Republican.

Mansfield emphasized yesterday in an interview that the resolution declares that the committee itself "shall select a chairman and vice chairman from among its members," so that he won't necessarily name the chairman.