

House Panel Discusses Role of Nedzi and C.I.A.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) —The House Select Committee on Intelligence met in secret session today to discuss reports that its chairman, Lucien N. Nedzi, had been told by the Central Intelligence Agency of alleged improper activities a year ago and decided to do nothing about them.

Afterward, committee members declined to say what was discussed, but one said: "We decided to take it to the Speaker."

The motion for the secret session was made by Representative James V. Stanton, Democrat of Ohio, who refused to say in advance why he wanted it.

Earlier, he had said that he was concerned about a report in The New York Times that the C.I.A. had told Mr. Nedzi about alleged agency involvement in discussion of assassination plots and spying on anti-war activists in the United States.

Mr. Nedzi, a Michigan Democrat, refused to confirm or deny the report except to say that "whatever we were told was history at that time."

Representative Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California, who is a committee member, said that some consideration was being given to asking the House Democratic caucus to consider removing Mr. Nedzi as chairman.

Objections Over Chile

Representative Michael Harrington, Democrat of Massachusetts, who has opposed Mr. Nedzi's chairmanship from the start, said he did not believe the committee could vote to remove him because he had been appointed chairman by Speaker Carl Albert.

"I think the Speaker ought to reconsider his choice," Mr. Harrington said. "I've never thought he [Nedzi] could do a good job."

Mr. Harrington said his objection to Mr. Nedzi went back to a closed-door session last year at which William E. Colby, the Director of Central Intelligence, testified that the C.I.A. had spent \$8-million to help opponents of former President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile, a Marxist.

Mr. Allende later died during

a coup.

Mr. Barrington contended that Mr. Nedzi had "failed in his oversight responsibility" by not taking action on the C.I.A. activity in Chile.

Mr. Nedzi told reporters he believes the key question before both the Senate and House select intelligence committees is whether Congress must exercise better oversight over the C.I.A. and other United States intelligence agencies and whether more members of Congress should be informed of the intelligence activities.

Kennedy Defends Brothers

Senator Edward M. Kennedy has defended his two assassinated brothers against suggestions that they were connected with alleged plots to murder Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, the Associated Press reported today.

The Massachusetts Democrat was asked by newsmen last night about reports linking President Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy to alleged contingency plans of the C.I.A. to assassinate Mr. Castro in the nineteen-sixties.

"I'm not privileged to any particular information," Senator Kennedy said. "I'm just

satisfied to a moral certainty that any kind of suggestion is inaccurate. . . .

"I think we have to judge on the basis of their lives, their sense of values. And that's the way I look at it.

"I'm not surprised that there are certain agencies that are trying to pass the buck," he said, adding that any full response from him or his family

would have to wait for the Rockefeller Commission's full report on alleged C.I.A. involvement in illegal activities.

There have been reports during the Rockefeller Commission investigation that orders from President Kennedy or Robert Kennedy to develop plans to depose Mr. Castro led to contemplation of assassinating him.

Senator Kennedy was in New York to receive an award from the American Cancer Society.