

Internal Security, Snooping Under Study for Democrats

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The Democratic Party is gearing up for a broad-based assault on the way the nation gathers and uses intelligence and handles internal security problems.

Democratic presidential candidates will have access to information to speak out on such issues as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the Central Intelligence Agency, domestic intelligence gathering, and the budgetary controls on the security establishment.

The studies, believed to be the first intensive look at security as a campaign issue, will also be considered for inclusion as a plank in the Democratic Party platform.

Sen. Adlai Stevenson III, a subject of Army surveillance during his senatorial campaign in Illinois, is chairman of the Democratic Police Council's subcommittee on security and intelligence. The subcommittee is one of 18 gathering material that will crystallize into the issues for the 1972 presidential campaign.

Under the direction of Richard Blum, a professor of psychology at Stanford University, 23 persons mostly academicians—are preparing papers on various aspects of the American intelligence establishment for presentation in the spring to the Policy Council and various Democratic presidential candidates.

Two of the authors, Burke Marshall, deputy dean of the Yale Law School, and John Eliff, a political science profes-

or at Brandeis University, were participants in the conference on the FBI at Princeton University earlier this year. Director Hoover characterized the Princeton meeting as being lopsided against the FBI.

For the Democrats, Marshall will write a paper on the "Autonomy of the Security Apparatus," while Eliff's paper will be on the "FBI and Domestic Intelligence."

Blum said in a telephone interview that most of his contributors were critics of various phases of the intelligence community. But he said they were chosen without regard to political affiliation and that "if a Democratic President is chosen," the cadre would be helpful during the transition period.

While Hoover is not a specific topic of any contributor, Courtney Evans, a former top FBI official who was eased out of the agency following the departure of former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, will write a paper entitled "Proposals for Renovating the FBI."

Blum said he and Evans "toned down" the title several times and pointed out that "it goes without saying" where the renovation starts. Several Democratic presidential candidates have urged removal of Hoover, who will be 77 on Saturday and has served nearly 48 years as FBI director.

These indications that Hoover would be a target of Democratic hopefuls were put to Attorney General John N. Mitchell on Tuesday in Phoenix.

"Anyone would be out of their cotton-picking minds to run against J. Edgar Hoover in a presidential campaign," Mitchell told the Associated Press. He squelched reports that Republicans plan to ask Hoover to step aside, pointing out that Hoover is appointed by the President and that Mr. Nixon feels the Director is doing a good job.

Others preparing papers for the Democratic Party include Paul Warnke, former assistant secretary of defense; Roger Hilsman, former chairman of the State Department's intelligence unit; Christopher Pyle, political science professor at Columbia University; Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.); Ithiel Pool, deputy director of the Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; David Davis, a history professor at Yale; Harry Ransom, political science professor at Vanderbilt University.

John Campbell, author of "The Foreign Affairs Fudge Factory"; Robert Lind and Robert North, Stanford University professors; Wesley Pomeroy, of the University of Minnesota; Harold Wilensky, sociology professor at the Berkeley campus of the University of California, and Roy Fisher, former editor of the Chicago Daily News who is now dean of journalism at the University of Missouri.

The papers are to be turned over to the Democratic Policy Council in February. A national committee spokesman said the contributors are not being paid.