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monitor TV and radio in a specific area to see how heavily a competitor is advertising.

William E. Colby, director of the CIA, testified last week that the CIA had compiled files on 10,000 American citizens.

League of Women Voters' unit accused of CIA contacts

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WASHINGTON — An organization that claims to counterespionage on U.S. security agencies has charged that a League of Women Voters overseas affiliate maintains contacts with the Central Intelligence Agency in Panama and Korea.

The purpose, said the group, which calls itself the Fifth Estate, is to collect political intelligence on the population generally, but particularly on various women's groups in Latin America and Asia.

It was done, it was charged, under the guise of improving the organizations and making them more influential in their own communities.

THE ACTION was carried out by the Overseas Education Fund OEF, which receives much of its money from the State Department and the Agency for International Development (AID), said Winslow Peck, who said he was a former intelligence analyst with the national security agency.

Peck said the Fifth Estate is financed by small sums from foundations and by author Norman Mailer.

Peck acknowledged the OEF funds could not be traced exactly to a specific part of the CIA budget.

Mrs. Caroline Wood, OEF executive director, when asked about the Fifth Estate charges made public at a press conference, issued a written statement saying, in part:

"To our knowledge, none of our work has been funded directly or indirectly by the

CIA and we have never knowingly provided information through our headquarters or field staff for use by the CIA."

MRS. WOOD explained that the OEF — which she described as an educational affiliate of the League of Women Voters, although with separate staff and funding — did provide data to the State Department about the persons whom the OEF would recommend be brought to the United States on leader grants.

The purpose of such information was "so the people should be cleared." The grants were to finance trips by se-

lected women to learn more about the United States and its institutions.

Asked if the OEF would discuss the question of possible CIA funding with the State Department in the light of the charges, Mrs. Wood replied, "We may," and repeated that heretofore the OEF "had never had any indication" of such activity.

Vows tough CIA quiz

Rocky: They're in the wrong

NEW YORK (UPI) — Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller said Sunday the CIA probably did engage in illegal domestic surveillance and that his commission would find out who authorized it and why.

Rockefeller said the special commission he heads, to investigate the CIA, must first determine if there was domestic spying, and added "I think we are going to find the answer is yes."

"What we want to do is (find out) who were they, how extensive and who authorized it. And was this a direct presidential or attorney general order and what were the reasons for it."

The vice president, interviewed on CBS' Face the Nation, said the commission did not need subpoena power or White House tapes from the Nixon administration to make a thorough investigation.

He said the commission has had "no problem whatsoever in getting people to come and getting people to talk."

HE WAS visibly angered when one reporter asked a question implying the vice president's friendship with Sec. of State Henry A. Kissinger might prevent Rockefeller from "fingering" anyone in the CIA or State Department for the domestic surveillance.

"Well, I have to say to you that in your question, you question my integrity . . . I've taken the oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States and to support this country against enemy from within and without."

MEANWHILE, the congress-

sional investigation into alleged abuses of the CIA and FBI is expected to pick up momentum Monday with an anticipated Senate approval of a new Select Investigation Committee.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield will name the

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chairman and five other members to the 11-member committee, which is to report back by Sept. 1.

IN ANOTHER development, the government has until Tuesday to produce all its secret files, including CIA material, on the Socialist Workers Party

and the Young Socialist Alliance.

The government was given the order by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas P. Griesa of the Southern District of New York as an outgrowth of a suit by the Socialists seeking to end alleged surveillance, harassment and disruption programs by the government, including the FBI and CIA.

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