

Shriver Says 'Espionage' Uses CIA's Techniques

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The Nixon administration is using CIA tactics on American citizens, Sargent Shriver charged today.

In a reference to recent developments in the Watergate burglary case and to the CIA background of some of the defendants, Shriver said:

"They're perpetrating against the American people the same techniques that America used against the Russians . . . they're burglarizing in the middle of the night, implanting electronic bugging devices, forging letters, bribing people and then sending covert information; it appears, right up into the office of the White House, the President's office itself . . .

"This is the introduction into the life of the people of America of covert, subversive activities of the type that have only been permitted outside the United States. That devil is coming back to corrupt us

here, and I say the American people will not tolerate it."

Shriver's speech, wildly cheered by a partisan crowd of 400 that jammed the Cheektowaga (Erie County) town hall, was described by one of his aides as a calculated effort to make people think of the Watergate issue in terms of its "Big Brother" espionage effects on the American people rather than as simply an issue in which one politician does dirt to another.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate himself emphasized this point and took cognizance of the fact that many voters have dismissed the Watergate affair as simply being typical of American politics.

But Watergate is different, said Shriver, "in a very serious and ominous way" because it shows that CIA techniques which have been developed to counteract the Russians, the techniques of "espionage, bribery, cajolery, falsification of records, disinformation" are

now being used against Americans.

"That's the most un-American development that's happened, certainly in my lifetime, and perhaps ever," Shriver said. He concluded his speech with a personal attack on President Nixon, whom Shriver compared to a "leopard that doesn't change its spots."

"He's still the same Nixon he always was," said Shriver. "He may dress like a President, look like a President, talk like a President, act like a President, walk like a President—but it's still Nixon."