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Otis G. Pike, chairman of House intelligence panel, shows "Kissinger," which he said used language about classified matters similar to that for which he was criticized.

REP. PIKE ACCUSES INTELLIGENCE ARM OF FAILING IN DUTY

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C.I.A.'s Chief Disagrees and Calls American Operation the 'Best in the World' NYTimes

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 —

The chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence said today that the United States security agencies had become such unwieldy bureaucracies that the country might not be warned in advance of an unexpected attack.

Mr. Pike said that he was not prepared to make specific recommendations on how to improve intelligence operations, since his committee was far from finished with its investigation. But he said:

"We must have a tighter oversight, a smaller, more effective intelligence operation. I think one of our problems is it is too big. We are drowning in information in intelligence, which we are not absorbing."

Mr. Pike has been critical of the C.I.A. and other security agencies in the past, but his

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Remarks today were his broadest indictment of the country's intelligence-gathering capabilities.

Mr. Pike's committee and the Ford Administration are at odds over the State Department's refusal to let middle-level officials appear before the panel to answer questions on purported policy lapses and intelligence failures.

Earlier, Mr. Pike and other committee members objected when the President banned the disclosure of additional classified material to the committee on the ground that its members had acted improperly in making public some intelligence data.

Mr. Pike has threatened to initiate contempt of Congress proceedings against the President or Administration officials in the dispute.

The refusal of the Ford Administration to provide the committee with classified documents and testimony from junior officials was intended, Mr. Pike asserted, to prevent the panel from exposing the shortcomings of the intelligence system.

The Administration's contention that the committee had misused its authority by publishing information the Administration wanted to keep secret, Mr. Pike said, was "a pretext to stop our committee from doing what our committee was doing."

'Same Movement'

He said that there had been weekend in the committee's negotiations with Administration officials over access to classified documents but that the negotiations were "not progressing very rapidly."

Mr. Pike confirmed that he had suggested to the White

House that the committee would refrain from publishing any information that President Ford certified might compromise the national security if it became known. So far, he said, the Administration has not accepted the proposal.

Mr. Pike plans to ask the full House tomorrow to approve a resolution stating that certain information the Administration has not provided is necessary to the House of Representatives.

The House is expected to adopt the resolution as the first step toward possible issuance of a contempt citation against one or more Government officials.

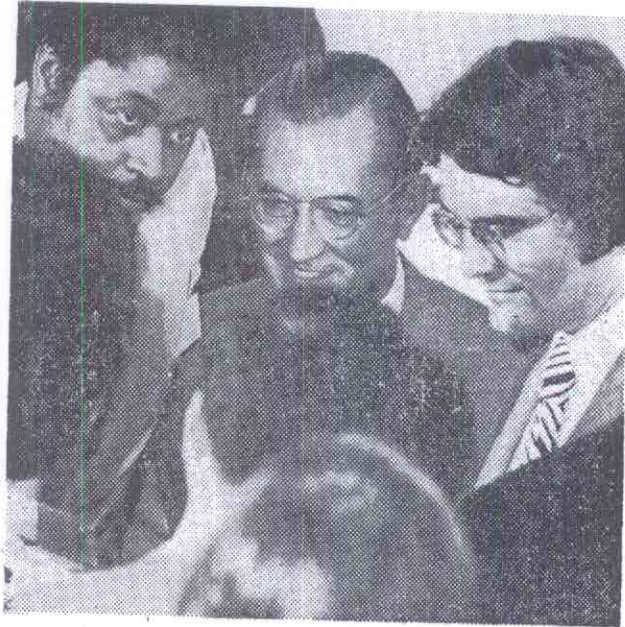
Colby Cites Recruiting Gain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—William E. Colby, the head of the C.I.A., said yesterday that the agency's program for recruiting new personnel was proceeding well despite inquiries into alleged C.I.A. misdeeds.

He told a gathering of college students that the agency this year has been receiving "something like twice as many inquiries for jobs as we did last year."

"We are getting some very good people into the organization," Mr. Colby said. He added that the agency was also making a "major effort" to increase its percentage of minority employees.

Speaking at a conference on national security issues sponsored by the United States Youth Council, Mr. Colby said he hoped that the country had reached "the far end of the pendulum" of mistrust generated by Vietnam, Watergate and disclosures about the agency.



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William E. Colby, C.I.A. chief, with students after addressing U.S. Youth Council Saturday in Washington. He said recruiting program was going well. Yesterday, his spokesman said, in response to attacks on intelligence capabilities, that Mr. Colby "repeats today that American intelligence is the best in the world."