

IRS Probe Is Next

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The Internal Revenue Service will be the next target of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, its chairman, Senator Frank Church (Dem-Ida.) said here yesterday.

"We believe we will be able to show cases where the IRS has been used to harass citizens who were not, in fact, attempting to evade payment of taxes," Church told a press conference at the Fairmont Hotel.

Church, here to address the Commonwealth Club, said of such IRS activity: "It is obvious the gravdangers that lie in this direction."

The IRS, he said, acted in many cases at the behest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The committee probe will begin today, he said.

After the IRS, the committee will turn to the Postal Service, probably to delve into the use of "mail covers" on American citizens.

That investigation may come up next week, Church said.

Overall, he said, the commit-

Lynn's Words On Paperwork

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Budget director James T. Lynn says the burgeoning federal bureaucracy and inflation are combining to play "a con game" on the American people.

He said Sunday that President Ford's effort to reduce paperwork and the number of government employees is under way, there still are many unsolved problems and congress should do its part to help.

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tee is determined "to bring out the lack of accountability in the (intelligence and other) agencies."

He said he does not feel such abuses can be cured simply by administrative changes.

"For example," he said, "the last two directors of the CIA issued orders against assassinations of foreign heads of state. A)

"But there is nothing now to stop the next director from chang-

ing that order if he should want to. What we need is a change in the law, and should a future director violate the law, he should then be liable for the sanctions that law imposes."

Church said his committee had not suffered the difficulties in obtaining information that the House Intelligence Committee has.

"We got an early start—we began last February—and we had time to enter into negotiations with the White House, and as a result we now have more information on the agencies than any committee of the Congress has ever had.

"Otis (House Committee Chairman Otis G. Pike of New York) has had his difficulties, because that committee got a late start."

Church, who has been mentioned in some quarters as a possible candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said he was "interested and flattered" at such talk, but repeated his stand that "I'm not going to mix in presidential politics until this investigation is concluded."

That should be in February, he said.