

Oversight Issue

House Spy Panel Closes Up Shop

Washington

The controversial 13-man House Select Committee on Intelligence goes out of business today with the future unclear for its primary recommendation — that the House establish a permanent oversight committee on intelligence.

At the committee's final working session yesterday, the members approved 9 to 4 a package of 20 recommendations intended to make minor and major changes in the organization and operation of the U.S. foreign and domestic intelligence community.

Chairman Otis Pike (Dem.-N.Y.) said at the conclusion of the meeting that he did not know "the future of the recommendations ... but I hope the major ones pass."

Pike said yesterday he has no plans now to introduce legislation for establishing a permanent intelligence oversight committee.

"It will be up to the leadership," he said.

A ranking committee Democrat, who asked not to be named, said, "We're going back to the old system" of oversight.

Under that system, three House committees received notification of significant CIA covert operations but only the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees had authority to explore other intelligence budgets or operations.

Along with establishing an ov-

ersight committee, the Pike committee's major recommendations include:

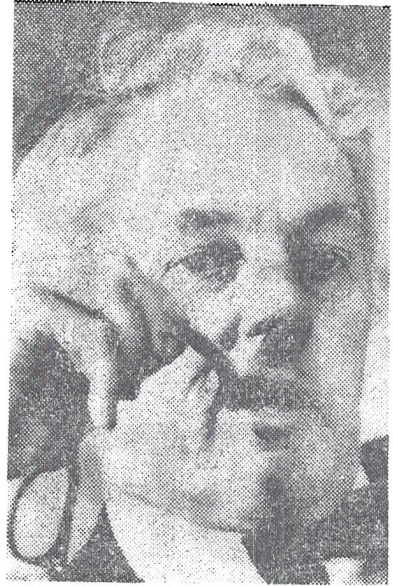
- Reporting of covert CIA operations to the new intelligence committee "within 48 hours of initial approval" along with the written support documents.

- Establishment of a subcommittee of the National Security Council to provide executive branch oversight on covert and clandestine activities.

- Creation of an inspector general for intelligence to investigate possible misconduct in all agencies with intelligence operations.

- Abolition of the Defense Intelligence Agency and transfer of its functions to the CIA and an assistant secretary of defense for intelligence.

- Creation of a director of Central Intelligence with a seat in the National Security Council and authority over the "entire foreign intelligence community," including the CIA.



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CONGRESSMAN OTIS PIKE
Intelligence committee head

- Enactment of legislation to define the electronic monitoring role of the National Security Agency in the case of American citizens.

House Speaker Carl Albert (Dem.-Okla.) has held up taking any action on the intelligence committee report since the full House voted overwhelmingly to withhold public distribution without approval of the President.

A spokesman for Albert said he will decide on how the report would be handled once the committee's final recommendations are received.