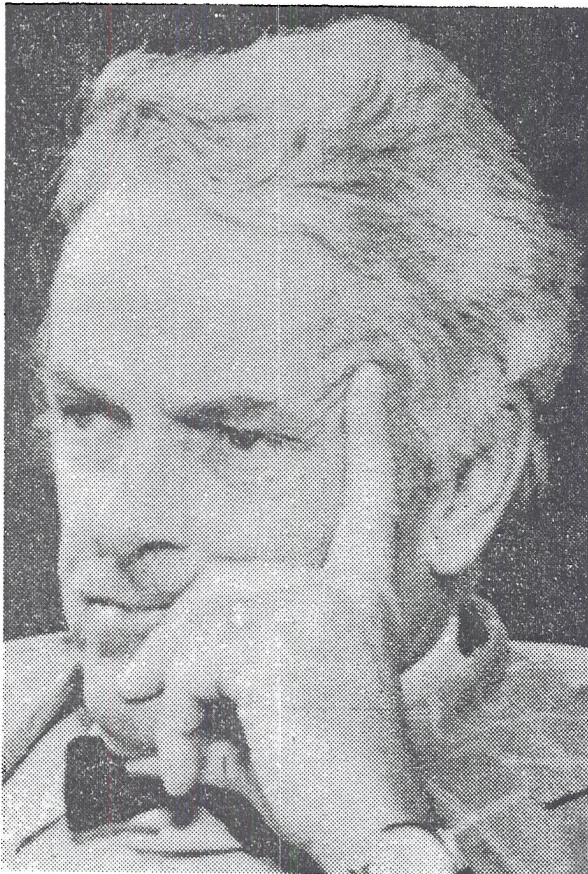


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REP. OTIS PIKE  
Kissinger called Pike's report 'McCarthyism'

## Pike says Dr. K doesn't believe in democracy

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., says Secretary of State Kissinger "yells McCarthyism whenever he is criticized and doesn't believe much in democracy."

Pike, chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, spoke out in response to questions about the committee's report on intelligence activities. The House voted to keep the report secret because Pike refused to let the White House censor it.

The report, based on a seven-month investigation, questions Kissinger's credibility. The secretary in turn accused the Pike committee of "a new version of McCarthyism."

Pike said that although nothing in the report jeopardizes U.S. national security, "it does embarrass some people."

U.S. intelligence is a bloated bureaucracy that spends \$10 billion a year and does a "lousy job," Pike said.

Congress could reduce intelligence spending by \$2

billion and have a better intelligence-gathering operation than we have now, he said.

Intelligence agencies tell the White House and the secretary of state what they want to hear Pike said. "I think that was going on in Vietnam and I think it is still going on today."

President Ford's rules for what U.S. intelligence agencies can and can't do are too permissive, he said. "The only line he drew at all was assassinations. I don't think it's going to improve the American image around the world for us to say, 'We will not assassinate your leaders, we might just kidnap them.'"

The House investigation headed by Pike, considered a moderate and respected congressman, was plagued by news leaks and by publication of an abbreviated version of the report in the Village Voice, a New York paper.

Pike, in agreeing to discuss the report, said he now considers it to have been made public.

The thrust of the report is not on the "outrages and abuses," but on the fact that "by and large the intelligence community is not working well, not doing its fundamental job," Pike said.

"We picked at random situations which had been very important for America, like the Arab-Israeli war, the Tet offensive during the Vietnam war, the coup in Cyprus, and the subsequent invasion by Turkey which caused out two NATO allies to come to war with each other, the coup in Portugal — and in every single instance we found that the intelligence community had failed to anticipate that any of these things were likely to happen," he said.

"The first criticism that came out of the State Department was that there was no documentation for the things in our report," Pike said. "Then apparently somebody got to see it, and they found it was absolutely loaded with documentation."

Pike said the Village Voice version apparently was based on a preliminary draft, and didn't contain much of the documentation.

"I'd love to know exactly how that report got from Washington to New York," he said. Pike voted in favor of a House investigation, now under way, into the source of the leak.

Pike doesn't believe all information leaks threaten national security. "If it had not been for leaks, a policy of assassination could still be going on," he said. "If it had not been for leaks, a policy of secret wars could still be going on."

Pike's aggressive style in pursuing the intelligence investigation caused widespread criticism. He says he was bucking a deliberate campaign by the executive branch to attack, delay and withhold information from his committee.

Kissinger, who suggested months ago that the committee was out to get him, has since branded the panel's report as "a new version of McCarthyism."

Asked about the Kissinger characterization, Pike said:

"We found that Secretary Kissinger yells McCarthyism whenever anybody criticizes him. I happen to think that Secretary Kissinger is undoubtedly a tremendously able diplomat, but I don't think he believes much in democracy. I think he is impatient with the democratic processes.

"That's one of the reasons why I would like Americans to read the report and judge for themselves. I think I have a great deal more faith in and respect for the American people than he does."