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# Pike Charges C.I.A. Effort At Retaliation for Findings

## Accuses Agency of Seeking to Discredit Him and Congress So as to Gloss Over Report by House Select Committee

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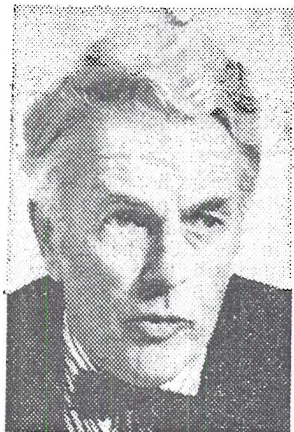
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WASHINGTON, March 9 — Representative Otis G. Pike accused the Central Intelligence Agency today of waging a campaign to discredit both himself and Congress in an effort to gloss over the findings of his House Select Committee on Intelligence.

The Suffolk County Democrat took the House floor twice to relate hitherto undisclosed incidents of his dealings with the C.I.A., including a telephone conversation in which he quoted the agency's special counsel as having stated:

"Pike will pay for this, you wait and see—we'll destroy him for this."

According to Mr. Pike, the conversation was between Mitchell Rogovin, special counsel



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to the Director of the Central Intelligence, and A. Searle Field, the committee's staff director.

Meanwhile the State Department aid that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and his top aide, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, were personally conducting the inquiry into the disclosure of highly secret details of Mr. Kissinger's conversations with Middle East leaders. [Page 10.]

Mr. Rogovin, reached in a telephone interview, denied that he had ever threatened Mr. Pike's political standing or said anything that could have been construed as a political threat.

Mr. Rogovin said he called Mr. Pike today after learning of the Congressman's remarks and asked him where he heard about such political threats. He said Mr. Pike had told him that the threat had been relayed to him by Mr. Field. "I told him he was dead wrong and that Field was dead wrong," Mr. Rogovin said. "I flatly deny every inference of Mr. Pike's statement."

Moreover, he said that he has met with Mr. Pike on several occasions since the alleged threat and that Mr. Pike never mentioned it before. "He was always very cordial," Mr. Rogovin said.

Mr. Pike's comments came

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during a day of charges and countercharges focusing on the investigation into the circumstances of the publication last month of the Pike committee's report, and previous accounts in The New York Times of the report's contents.

Other members of the House took the floor to describe their awareness that copies of the report had bobbed up in various Government agencies, both in Washington and overseas.

Representative Robert N. Giamo, Democrat of Connecticut, said he had been told "in a trans-Atlantic" telephone conversation that portions of the report had appeared in Government offices "on the other side of an ocean."

Meanwhile, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct formally started its investigation of the Pike committee leak today with a meeting attended by seven committee members, David Bowers, the retired official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who will direct the committee's investigators, and C. B. Rogers, the Atlanta attorney who will serve as general counsel to the committee.

After the meetings, members said the discussion had centered on how the inquiry would be conducted and who would take part.

One committee member, Representative Charles H. Bennett, Democrat of Florida, said after the meeting, "It's kind of sad to waste all this time and energy and money, but I guess we've got to do it."

The House voted overwhelmingly last month on a resolution directing the committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the leaking of the Pike committee report. Although the resolution was not directed at any individual, the board of governors of the National Press Club announced today that it "condemns" the action of the House, "in singling out a reporter in its investigation of a leaked document."

"The National Press Club considers this action to have a chilling effect on the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press," the statement said, adding, "There is no intent on the part of the National Press Club to defend or condemn the actions of Daniel Schoor of CBS, the reporter involved."