

Subversives Control Bill In the Senate

Washington

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted \$450,000 for the Subversive Activities Control Board yesterday, signaling a bitter floor fight over what one critic termed "one of the most dangerous manifestations of the new McCarthyism to be generated by the Nixon administration."

President Nixon on July 2 ordered the work of the Moribund Board expanded by having it decide whether new radical groups, including those which took part in the May Day demonstrations in Washington, should be added to the attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

Senator William Proxmire (Dem-Wis.) lost a bid by a 8 to 5 vote to eliminate the board's proposed \$450,000 budget for the coming year from a \$4 billion bill containing funds for the justice, state and commerce departments.

The board's budget, an increase of \$48,600 over last year, has been approved by the House.

Debate on the measure begins Monday.

The American Civil Liberties Union said in New York that if the Senate upholds the committee's action, it would file suit challenging Mr. Nixon's authority to empower the board to hold hearings on Justice Department petitions to determine which groups should be listed as subversive.

The department already has submitted legislation

that would give the board subpoena and contempt powers.

"The scene of political thought control contained in the new (Nixon) executive order is one of the most dangerous manifestations of the new McCarthyism to be generated by the Nixon administration," said Melvin L. Wulf, the ACLU's legal director.

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