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WASHINGTON, MARCH 13 (AP)-SEN. J. W. FULBRIGHT PREDICTED TODAY THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL CONSULAR TREATY WITH RUSSIA WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UP FOR RATIFICATION BY THE SENATE THIS SESSION.

SPEAKING ON A 90-MINUTES CBS SPECIAL PROGRAM ON CHINA AND THE VIET NAM WAR, FULBRIGHT, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BLAMED ELECTIONS AND FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE TREATY.

THE TREATY WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO OPEN CONSULAR OFFICES IN CITIES LIKE NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CHICAGO, IN EXCHANGE FOR U. S. CONSULAR OFFICES IN KEY RUSSIAN CITIES.

THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT SAID HIS COMMITTEE VOTED THE MEASURE OUT LAST YEAR WITH TWO DISSENTING VOTES.

THEN, HE SAID, "J. EDGAR HOOVER MADE A STATEMENT AT AN APPROPRIATION HEARING THAT WAS VERY DAMAGING.

"AND IT WAS AN ELECTION YEAR AND, AFTER SURVEYING THE SITUATION THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SENATORS WHO DIDN'T FEEL STRONGLY AGAINST IT, BUT JUST WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE TO DEFEND IT IN AN ELECTION YEAR, SO THEY TALKED THE LEADERSHIP OUT OF BRINGING IT UP."

HOOVER SAID SAID A MAINSTAY OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION THROUGH SPYING BY PERSONNEL LEGALLY ASSIGNED TO OFFICIAL SOVIET AND SATELLITE OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. AMONG THOSE OFFICES HE HAS INCLUDED COMMUNIST EMBASSIES, LEGATIONS AND CONSULATES.

FULBRIGHT NOTED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO BRING THE MEASURE UP AGAIN, AND ADDED, "MY PREDICTION IS THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BRING IT UP."

HE SAID THE VIETNAM WAR "HAS POISONED THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE OF DOING ANYTHING RATIONAL IN THIS AREA WITH THE RUSSIANS. . .

"I THINK ONE OF THE GREATEST PRICES WE'RE PAYING IN THIS VIETNAMESE WAR IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MOVEMENT--THE STOPPING OF THE MOVEMENT--TOWARD THE RELAXATION IN EASTERN EUROPE AND RUSSIA."

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