

**DIRKSEN OPPOSES BID
TO EXPAND C.I.A. UNIT**

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UPI)—The Senate Republican leader, Everett McKinley Dirksen, gave his support in absentia today to the fight against enlargement of the Senate's watchdog committee on the Central Intelligence Agency.

In a recorded radio report to his Illinois constituents, Mr. Dirksen, who is in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center recovering from a broken hip, said:

"If you are going to have a Congressional panel or a committee that is going to take the Central Intelligence Agency over the coals and quiz them about their activities, their methods, their targets, and so forth, then in my judgment it is no longer a secret."

The controversy centers on a plan to add three members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the six Senators who now oversee the operations of the C.I.A.

At issue is a resolution, approved by a vote of 14 to 5 by the Foreign Relations Committee, that is favored by the Senate Democratic leader, Mike Mansfield of Montana.

"I'm distressed," Mr. Dirksen said. "that I'm not on the Senate floor at the moment because I certainly would . . . try to put an end to this resolution to threaten C.I.A. with a larger panel on the ground that it has gotten too important, has developed too much information and ought to be curbed."