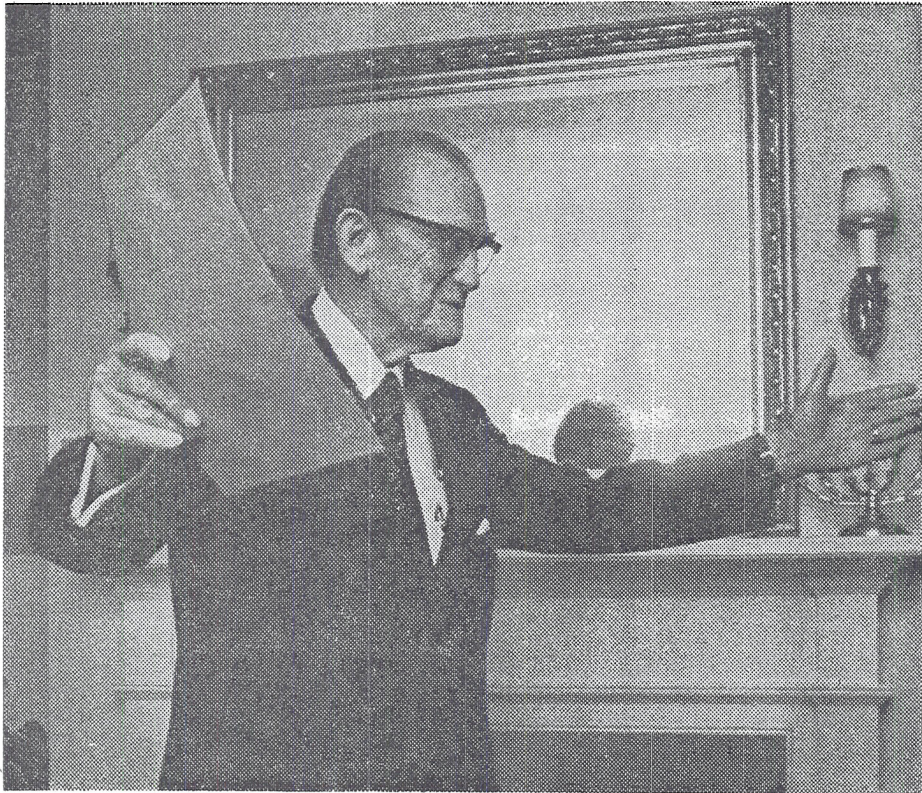


Back on the Job



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SENATOR STENNIS MET WITH REPORTERS AT HOME
He celebrated his 72nd birthday

Stennis Plans Hearings On CIA's Domestic Role

Washington

Senator John Stennis (Dem-Miss.), who has almost completely recovered from gunshot wounds he received in January, said

yesterday he will conduct hearings on the Central Intelligence Agency this fall and propose new controls to prohibit "false face" agency operations

within the U.S.

After the hearings and intensive study, Stennis said, he may find that only a few changes are needed in the CIA.

He said he is "no reformer," but wants the agency to be effective in what Congress created it to do.

"I would fix it clearly where they couldn't get off into this false face stuff and crowbars and burglary tools and all, operating in the U.S.," said Stennis, who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee.

PARAPHERNALIA

Stennis was referring to testimony before the Senate Watergate committee that the CIA unwittingly provided paraphernalia used by White House undercover agents in the break-in and attempted burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist in September, 1971.

In his first news conference since he was shot by robbers January 30 in front of his northwest Washington home, Stennis — who observed his 72nd birthday yesterday — said he intends to conduct the CIA hearings himself in one of his Armed Services subcommittees.

Looking fit despite a loss of weight, Stennis said he plans to return to the Capitol for a limited work schedule when Congress returns after Labor Day from its August recess.

SECRECY

"I have been one of those blamed for putting too much secrecy around it (the CIA)," Stennis said. "But I believe the fact that we kept it pretty well wrapped up was one of the main reasons nations trusted it and deal with us freely — because we keep faith with them.

"If you bring it all out in the open too much, as I see it, then they will say, 'We can't deal with this guy.' You know, I think that is the hazard we run," he said.

"We have matters that I know about now that would just be unthinkable for those facts to get out.

"I want it (the CIA) to wind up where they have plenty of power, plenty of authority, but there are definitely areas where I think they should be restricted."

Stennis refused to discuss the Watergate hearings.

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