

COLONEL WITHHOLDS DATA ON ARMY SPYING

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (UPI)—The commanding officer of an Army intelligence unit accused of spying on civilians refused today to disclose the type of surveillance duties performed by his command.

Col. Joseph Walker, commander of the 113th Military Intelligence Group at Evanston, Ill., testified in a suit challenging the constitutionality of Army surveillance of civilians.

Charges have been made that among those under surveillance have been Senator Adlai E. Stevenson 3d, Democrat of Illinois; former Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois; W. Clement Stone, insurance executive, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Colonel Walker testified that his command included a subdivision that collected background information on persons seeking government security clearance. He said a "special operations section" was under his command at Evanston. But he refused to answer when Alexander Polikoff, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, asked him the nature of that section's duties.

The hearing for a preliminary injunction, sought by the A.C.L.U., was heard before Federal District Court Judge Richard B. Austin.