

Congressmen Tell of Irritation Over Covert U.S. Angola Aid

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—Several members of Congress said today that they were irritated over covert United States assistance in the Angolan civil war. There appears to be dissent in the Ford Administration, too, over the \$50 million program.

However, after a lengthy discussion, a key Senate subcommittee put off until Tuesday action on an amendment that would end assistance supplied by the Central Intelligence Agency to two anti-Communist factions in Angola fighting—unless Congress specifically authorized that assistance.

The proposal was submitted earlier by Senator Dick Clark, Democrat of Iowa, as an amendment to the Government's \$4.7 billion security assistance bill.

Senator Clark told his six colleagues on the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Assistance that the Angola war was expanding and it should be up to Congress to decide the proper degree of United States involvement.

The amendment might have the effect of halting the shipment of \$25 million in military equipment and support money from the C.I.A.'s contingency funds, authorized early this month by President Ford as an increment to the original \$25 million in American supplies sent to Angola since last summer.

While sentiment on the sub-

committee appeared to favor Senator Clark, he was sharply opposed by Senator Clifford P. Case, Republican of New Jersey, who warned that the Soviet Union was bent on "expansionism." Senator Case added that it would be preferable to continue American covert assistance while, at the same time, making efforts to get all sides in the African country to disengage. "If that makes me a cold warrior, let it be so," he said.

C.I.A. Is Criticized

The Senators and Representatives who expressed annoyance over the American effort in Angola had been briefed early this week by William E. Colby, Director of the C.I.A., on the scope of the covert program and on Soviet and Cuban assistance to the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

Senator Clark and Representative Otis G. Pike, the Suffolk Democrat who is chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, have publicly expressed displeasure over the American program, particularly its covert quality.

But other legislators, who asked that their names not be disclosed, said they had expressed criticism to Mr. Colby that the C.I.A. operation was too small to have any real effect and that his agency had made a bad record in similar covert operations.

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