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Helms to Testify on Hill

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Richard Helms, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has agreed to undergo questioning by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on allegations that the CIA engaged in domestic spying under his leadership, it was announced yesterday.

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), the committee's acting chairman, said Helms, now ambassador to Iran, will appear Jan. 22.

"The main purpose of the hearing is to enable the committee to question Ambassador Helms concerning testimony which he gave during his confirmation hearings in February, 1973, on the subject of the domestic activities of the Central Intelligence Agency," Sparkman said in a statement.

At that time Helms denied

the CIA had violated its legal charter by engaging in covert espionage activities in the United States.

Resort Fights Electric Bills

OCEAN CITY, Md., Jan. 8 (AP)—This resort city has joined forces with irate citizens protesting soaring electric bills.

Mayor Harry Kelley said he will send a letter of complaint to the state Public Service Commission charging that Delmarva Power and Light Co.'s rates are excessive and calling for an investigation.

City Secretary Sheldon Diert said the city's bill was 40-50 per cent higher per kilowatt hour this fall than last. The company was recently granted a 11.4 per cent rate increase.