

House Creates Group to Probe U.S. Intelligence

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Creation of a select House Intelligence Committee was approved yesterday over Republican complaints that it might look like a witch hunt.

The committee's mandate is to determine whether all foreign and domestic Central Intelligence Agency, FBI and other U.S. intelligence operations are needed and how to prevent spying on citizens in the future.

Creation of the select committee was approved by the House 286 to 120.

Speaker Carl Albert named Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (Dem-Mich.) as chairman. Nedzi also is chairman of the House Armed Service Committee's intelligence subcommittee.

Two California Democrats were named to the committee, Ronald V. Dellums of Oakland and Don Edwards of San José.

Dellums said later that he would work to correct any abuses, but added:

"Each of us must be very concerned with the delicate nature of the agencies' role, and certainly I have no wish



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REP. LUCIEN NEDZI
He's the chairman

to interfere with or expose their legitimate functions."

An effort by Republican leaders to have the select committee composed equally of five Republicans and five Democrats was rejected 265 to 141.

Freshman Representative Millicent Fenwick (Rep-N.J.), drew applause from Republicans when she told the House that equal membership would reflect the de-

sire for reform the public showed in the last election.

"It would convince the people of this nation," she said, "that we can rise above party, that we seek the truth, that this will not be a witch hunt."

Representative John B. Anderson (Rep-Ill.), introduced the amendment to have an equal number of Democrats and Republicans on the panel. Anderson said the House should convey to the public "we are not interested in simply taking pot shots."

"We're not going to take any pot shots," said Representative Robert N. Giaimo (Dem-Conn.), chairman of the ad hoc committee that recommended creation of the select committee.

"It is very difficult to establish policy in this august body with a five-five split," Giaimo said.

Representative Barber B. Conable Jr. of New York, chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, told newsmen he was concerned the Democrats' seven to three majority on the ten member committee

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could lead to focusing blame for improper spying on former President Nixon's administration.

Nedzi said he would like to begin public hearings shortly, beginning with CIA director William E. Colby and all four living former CIA directors.

He said it was impossible to say how soon the hearings could begin or even if the committee members would decide to start with open hearings.

Nedzi said the suggestion of Senator Frank Church (Demo-Idaho), chairman of the Senate committee, also probing intelligence activities, that the House and Senate committees coordinate their inquiries "could be a constructive idea."

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