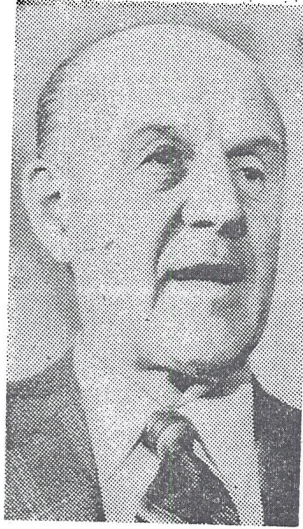


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SAM PAPICH
Ex-FBI agent

Press Told To Probe Russ Spies

Washington

A former FBI agent criticized the press yesterday, saying it focused attention on alleged domestic wrongdoings by the CIA while failing to investigate the operations of Soviet spies in the United States.

"You'll find much more domestic surveillance and invasion of privacy" at the Soviet embassy in Washington, Sam J. Papich told reporters after testifying before the Rockefeller Commission.

Asked if he knew that KGB agents have bugged American citizens, Papich, who for 18 years handled liaison with the CIA, replied "Of course, I'm satisfied of that." He refused to elaborate.

The Rockefeller Commission also questioned briefly FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and William O. Cregar, who also handled CIA liaison, but neither man would comment to reporters.

Following the commission's 11th weekly session, Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller confirmed that he would ask President Ford for an extension of several weeks in the panel's April 4 reporting deadline.

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