

NEW PANEL URGED IN SPYING INQUIRY

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House Committee Proposes Reorganization to End

Impasse Over Nedzi

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WASHINGTON, July 10—The House Rules Committee moved today to abolish the strife-ridden House Select Committee on Intelligence and to replace it with a larger, newly constituted panel that would retain the same authority.

The Rules Committee voted, 10 to 4, to break the impasse that had virtually halted the committee's investigation of the Federal intelligence community after two days of testimony and debate on alternatives ranging from ending the investigation altogether to joining it with a similar inquiry under way in the Senate.

The resolution accepted today, offered by Representative Richard Bolling, Democrat of Missouri, will go to the House floor for debate under an open rule, which means that some or all of its provisions could be altered before passage.

If the resolution remains essentially as proposed by Mr. Bolling today, the House's investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency and other Federal agencies could continue uninterrupted.

Abolishment Unlikely

There was not much sentiment evident within the Rules Committee today for abandoning the intelligence inquiry altogether, nor is much foreseen among the House as a whole.

Representative Morgan F. Murphy, an Illinois Democrat who is a member of both the Select Committee and the Rules Committee, expressed a general concern when he said that he feared a vote to abolish the intelligence committee without replacing it would lead to "a charge that we're trying to cover up something."

Mr. Bolling, a Democrat, who is one of the most respected

members of the House, confirmed Mr. Murphy's impression when he noted, with a touch of amazement in his voice, that several "responsible" Congressmen had suggested to him that the Rules Committee were "conspiring" with intelligence agencies to do away with the select committee.

Nedzi's Reluctance

The extraordinary action by the Rules Committee to reorganize a five-month investigation that never really got under way was prompted by the reluctance of the chairman of the select committee, Representative Lucien N. Nedzi, Democrat of Michigan, to remain on the panel and the refusal of the House last month to allow him to resign.

Mr. Nedzi's desire to quit the chairmanship developed after other Democrats on the panel moved to wrest from his control of its investigation of the C.I.A., one of a number of intelligence-gathering agencies that fall within the committee's mandate.

The Democrats took that step after the disclosure that Mr. Nedzi, a Michigan Democrat who heads a standing House subcommittee that oversees the C.I.A., had learned a year earlier of C.I.A.-inspired assassination schemes and had not investigated them further.

3 New Members

Under the Bolling proposal, the new select committee, which like the present one would have to complete its work by next Jan. 10, would be composed of nine Democrats and four Republicans, an increase of three members over the seven Democrats and three Republicans who sit on the current panel.

House Speaker Carl Albert reportedly held a noon time meeting in his office in anticipation of the Rules Committee action, and some of those present described him as undecided on the membership of the new committee if it should be approved by the full House.

There was general speculation, however, that Mr. Nedzi and Representative Michael J. Harrington, a Massachusetts Democrat who is a long-time critic of the C.I.A., both of whom are members of the existing committee, might not be reappointed.