

# Church Warns of U.S. 'Tyranny'

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Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) said yesterday that U.S. intelligence agencies have developed eavesdropping machinery so sophisticated that a dictator could impose "total tyranny" on America because "there would be no place to hide."

Church, chairman of the Senate select committee investigating whether the Central Intelligence Agency or other spy units have violated the law, said on "Meet the Press" (NBC, WRC) that this makes it vital to assure that the CIA "and all agencies that possess this technology operate within the law under proper supervision so that we never cross over that abyss from which there is no return."

Church said that in order to know what potential enemies are doing "the U.S. government has perfected a technological capability that enables us to monitor messages that go through the air . . . between ships at sea, between military units in the field. We have a very extensive capability of intercepting messages wherever they may be in the air waves. That is necessary and important to the U.S. as we look abroad at potential enemies.

"At the same time, that same capability at any time could be turned around on the American people. And no American would have any privacy left, such is the capability to monitor everything — telephone conversations, tele-



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grams, it doesn't matter. There would be no place to hide.

"If this country ever became

a tyranny, if a dictator ever took charge in this country, the technological capacity that the intelligence community has given the government could enable it to impose total tyranny and there would be no way to fight back because the most careful effort to combine together in resistance to the government, no matter how privately it was done, is within the reach of the government to know."

Church's committee has completed its investigation of charges that the CIA was involved in assassination plots, and Church repeated his statement that the committee found "no hard evidence" that either President Kennedy or his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, knew of

or approved a plot to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

On "Issues and Answers" (ABC, WMAL), Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), a potential presidential candidate, said he could not support George C. Wallace if the Alabama governor became the Democratic Party's nominee and would not accept him as a vice presidential nominee.

"The major reason you have a Vice President," said Bayh, "is for him to be President and I just don't think Gov. Wallace is qualified to be President . . . He is touching on a lot of issues out there that we need to bring into the Democratic Party, but not the way Gov. Wallace discusses them."