

FUNDS ARE VOTED IN SCHORR INQUIRY

House Approves, 278 to 87, Action on Disclosure of Intelligence Report

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The House overwhelmingly voted today funds for its investigation into the unauthorized publishing of the House Intelligence Committee report in *The Village Voice*, rejecting protests by liberal members that the inquiry would spread to disclosures about the document by other news organizations.

The vote was 278 to 87 and was the fourth consecutive defeat on the House floor for liberals who had sought to curtail or abolish the investigation. As a result, the House Ethics Committee, which had been ordered by the members to underwrite \$150,000 in special investigative money over and above the \$1 million in regular operating funds it already had.

Late today the committee and three lawyers, who will seek to determine how the House Select Intelligence Committee's report on operations of the Central Intelligence Agency was made available to Daniel Schorr, a CBS News correspondent here.

Mr. Schorr passed the document to *The Village Voice*, a New York weekly newspaper, which published most of the report. The House had voted to keep it secret, and publication enraged some members. The investigation was then voted.

Action Due This Week

Representative John J. Flynt, the Georgia Democrat who is chairman of the ethics committee, said that he expected his investigators would start this week to question persons familiar with the report, and that they might include C.I.A. personnel.

Asked if Mr. Schorr would be questioned, Mr. Flynt said: "I don't know yet. The job is to find out who and how many people made improper dispositions of advance and final copies of the Pike committee report." Representatives Otis G. Pike, a Democrat from Suffolk County, on Long Island, headed the intelligence inquiry.

The possibility that the scope of the investigation would go beyond Mr. Schorr and *The*

Village Voice drew the attention of half a dozen liberal Democrats in the debate on the fund request on the House floor.

Representative Bella S. Abzug, Democrat of Manhattan, said "the press has become the issue" because "nothing in the report is secret."

"Why are we conducting this witch hunt?" she said. "We do not know where it will stop—The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time magazine, NBC, ABC and PBS had full and complete reports of the Pike report—Are all these organizations to be investigated?"

Mrs. Abzug added that the results of the investigation "can only result in holding these members of the press in contempt."

'Chilling Effect'

Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, Democrat of Brooklyn, said the investigation would have "a chilling effect on future reporting of governmental activities."

Representative Edward I. Koch, Democrat of Manhattan, said, "To call a newsman to task for doing his job will bring the House into desrepute—this is not this house's finest hour."

Similar sentiments were expressed by other liberals, who were defeated in the voting by moderates and conservatives.

Expressing what appeared to be the will of the majority, Representative Dale Milford, Democrat of Texas, said, "I want to find out who the members and staff members are who are responsible for this despicable act." He asserted that publication violated national security, although other speakers said the document contained nothing that breached Federal secrets.

Representative Pike, who was chairman of the Intelligence Committee's investigation, voted against the request for funds. He and others said they felt that money should have been included to meet the legal expenses, if any, of persons who would be questioned by the Ethics Committee.

Mr. Flynt originally requested \$350,000 for the inquiry by the ethics panel, formally named the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. His request was cut to \$75,000 by the Accounts Subcommittee of the House Administration Committee, then raised to \$150,000 by the full committee.

David Bowers, who retired earlier this year as an inspector for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will direct the ethics committee's inquiry. Many of his aides will be former F.B.I. men. As special chief counsel, Mr. Flynt chose C.B. Rogers, an Atlanta lawyer. It will be several days before all their contracts are formally approved.