

'Bungling' CIA Needs Watchdog, Sen. Young Insists

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WASHINGTON — The Senate heard new charges of alleged "bungling" by the Central Intelligence Agency Monday and a plea for establishment of a joint congressional watchdog committee for CIA.

The attack on the intelligence agency was voiced on the Senate floor by Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, who said the time was "long past due" for Congress to establish its authority over the intelligence agency.

However, prospects were dim that Congress will establish any such watchdog panel. Similar proposals have always been defeated since the CIA was born in 1947.

Young's speech appeared to have been touched off by the disclosure earlier this month that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had apologized in 1961 over a CIA operation in Singapore that ended in failure and the arrest of the American agent involved. Senator Young called the episode "disgraceful."

U2 RECALLED

"In addition to its mistakes in Southeast Asia," he said, "everyone is aware of the damage to our prestige caused by CIA bungling of the U2 incident of five years ago and of the disastrous role CIA operatives played in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion."

The CIA has "in effect been making foreign policy," he

said. "The CIA has gradually taken on the character of an invisible government, answerable only to itself."

Congress last seriously considered a joint committee to watch over CIA in 1956. At that time, a bill introduced by Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., now the Senate majority leader, was defeated 59-27.

Defenders of the intelligence agency argue that existing, shadowy subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees already oversee CIA on an informal basis. Proponents of the watchdog panel would like to see a formal joint committee with a professional staff, much like the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

OPPOSITION POWERFUL

But powerful congressional leaders, such as Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who heads the Senate Armed Services Committee and its CIA subgroup, have traditionally opposed a joint watchdog committee. They argue that it would lead to exposure of security secrets. The CIA takes the same position.

The Eisenhower, Kennedy

and Johnson administrations have also resisted a watchdog group, preferring to have CIA's activities reviewed by a civilian advisory panel named by the chief executive. The panel, the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, is currently headed by Washington attorney Clark Clifford.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., and Rep. John V. Lindsay, R-N.Y., Republican mayoral candidate in New York, have taken the lead in urging greater congressional control over CIA. Although the agency has been accused of acting independently, its advocates maintain that it never does anything without advance approval of the president or designated high officials of the government.

MORSE FOR WATCHDOG

Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., joined in Young's call for a joint committee. He called the CIA "a police state institution" which "has much to answer for in the deterioration of America's image in Latin America and for 'mismanagement of affairs' in the Dominican Republic.