

The Fear of Wiretaps

Washington

Uncontrolled government wiretapping and surveillance have made Americans paranoid and could lead to "a future police state," Congress was told yesterday.

Two members of Congress and attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union urged a House judiciary subcommittee to approve a flat ban on any future federal eavesdropping on private citizens except under court order.

ACLU attorney John H. F. Shattuck and Leon Friedman, a law professor at Hofstra University, presented the Civil Liberties Subcommittee with 17 exhibits detailing instances in which the FBI, Central Intelligence Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Secret Service and the Army engaged in surveillance activities against

Swearing-In

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James T. Lynn, outgoing Secretary of Housing and Urban development, will be sworn in Monday as President Ford's new budget director. It was announced yesterday.

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Americans.

The two lawyers said "political intelligence gathering and covert action by the federal government . . . is a product of at least the last two administrations, and is rooted in the fear and paranoia of those in power . . ."

Senator Charles Mathias (Rep-Md.) and Representative Charles Mosher (Rep-Ohio) who have introduced a

bill to ban any government spying on U.S. citizens unless ordered by a court, said Americans are "becoming virtually paranoid about government surveillance."

Chairman Robert W. Kastenmeier said he believes that warrantless wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping "with all the variations made possible by modern technology could form the cornerstone of a future police state."

The measure would require any federal investigative agency to provide "probable cause" to a court that some crime may be committed in order to obtain its approval.

The bill also would require that Congress be given a report on each and every court application for any form of surveillance.

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