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THE DARKNESS OF THE CLOAK

(Mr. MORSE (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Speaker, the recent disturbing trends in our foreign relations throughout the world point up once again the need for adequate intelligence and the responsibility of the Congress to make the intelligence establishment responsive to our best national interests.

Our distinguished colleague from New York [Mr. LINDSAY] discusses this problem in the current March issue of Esquire magazine. His is a thoughtful, moderate approach to an issue which has too long been beclouded by emotional tirades and irresponsible finger pointing.

I have joined with Congressman LIND-SAY in sponsoring legislation to create a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence and I believe that the Esquire article outlines the reasons for its enactment effectively.

Under permission granted, I include the article following my remarks in the body of the RECORD.

AN INGUIRY INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE CLOAK, THE SHARPNESS OF THE DAGGER

(By Mr. Lindsay)

Two major reversals in our foreign policy within the last 3 years have shaken the poise of the Intelligence branch of the U.S. Govadventure at the Bay of Pigs, and the blind-ing miasma of U.S. policy that arose in South Vietnam during the Diem era.

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The immediate dangers past, commentators have sought to unravel the confusing web of influences in both situations. The full truth is not yet known, and may never Nonetheless, it seems indisputable that be. in both cases the three principal instruments of U.S. foreign policy—the State Department, the military, and the Central Intelligence Agency-were at crucial times pulling in separate directions.

The criticism most frequently heard is that the CIA was meddling in policy, undertaking functions that were not its proper responsibility. The charge has been made that the With active "operations," a course which carries the risk that Intelligence may be used carries the risk that intelligence may be used to support prior operational decisions. It has been alleged over and over that in Viet-nam, as in the Bay of Pigs, the CIA, with or without direction from higher authority, became enmeshed in its own intrigues. In the Bay of Pigs, the CIA was found supporting a collection of Batista refugees, apparently without clear direction from the State De-partment. In Vietnam, it became clear that the CIA was closely alined with and subsidizing the Special Forces run by the late Ngo Dinh Nhu, an elite military force that raided the Buddhist pagodas. Responsible repre-sentatives of the press have reported strong disagreements between the State Department and the CIA with regard to policy in Viet-nam, and these reports must stand even nam, and these reports must stand even beside the exaggerations of less-responsible press accounts. The evidence was over-whelming that U.S. policy was confused and that the divisions within agencies were being hung on the public wash line. When later our Government's support swung to the insurgents who ousted Diem, this very possibly meant an about-face on the part of the CIA. The extent of our involvement even then is unknown, but that we were involved must seem quite possible.

Almost every qualified outsider who has examined the history of the Bay of Pigs blunder has concluded that it was founded on a haphazard jumble of foreign policy, Intelligence gathering, and military operations. The CIA appears to have organized and conducted the attempt and also to have gathered the Intelligence data on which the prospects for the attempt were judged. Not only was CIA shaping policy—perhaps understandable because of the absence of direction from policymaking organs of the Government-but that policy was patently at odds with State Department thinking. Without fully rehearsing the baleful events that preceded the Bay of Pigs, it is perfectly to understate the matter, that the clear. President was badly served by the agencies involved.

These premises, like all of my remarks in this article, arise only from material and information available to the public. In respect to such material and information I am in the same position as other representatives of the people in Congress, with very few exceptions. All the more reason for such a representative to speak out.

To state the danger posed by the inter-To state the danger posed by the inter-mingling of intelligence gathering and op-erations is not to say it is unrecognized by responsible officials. Able men throughout the intelligence community are well aware of and deeply concerned by dangers arising from the absence of clear distinction between intelligence gathering and operations. The trouble may often start, as Allen Dulles, the distinguished former head of the CIA recently said, from lack of clear-cut operation-al policy in Washington. When a policy vacuum occurs, men in the field are almost involuntarily propelled into operational activities which are not their proper respon-sibility. Sherman Kent, the head of the Board of National Estimates one of the most influential elements of the intelligence community—makes the point this way: "Al-

most any man or group of men confronted with the duty of getting something planned or getting something done will sooner or later hit upon what they consider a single most desirable course of action. Usually it is sooner; sometimes, under dures, it is a snap judgment off the top of the head. I cannot escape the belief that under the circum-stances outlined, intelligence will find itself right in the middle of policy, and that upon occasions it will be the unabashed apologist for a given policy rather than its impartial and objective analyst."

The failures of CIA covert operations are well known. Less well known, and of equally sobering magnitude, are the successes. The CIA, for example, played a key part in the ousting of the Mossadegh regime in Iran in 1953, paving the way for eventual reform of the pro-Western government of the Shah. Both British and American vital interests had been threatened by the capricious Mossadegh policies, the major threat being to Britain's necessary supply of oil. The suc-cessful coup which unseated Mossadegh was of great benefit to the United States and the

West. The following year the virulently anti-American Arbenz regime in Guatemala was overthrown. The CIA was widely believed to have engineered the coup. But for the success of that coup, Soviet-directed com-munism in Latin America would presumably be far more deeply entrenched than it is today. Each of these episodes demonstrates, for

good or ill, the explosive nature of the CIA's operational involvement in international politics. It is not at all improbable that it will be similarly involved in the future. The cold war will be with us for a very long time; so will the CIA. Accordingly, our democratic government, unused to secrecy, has within it an immensely powerful and extremely expensive secret organization, for the past few years housed in a very large permanent building on the banks of the Potomac. That building represents the institutionalization of the CIA in the Government establishment. More exactly, it marks its positive elevation in status, always important in government. And yet there is no effective check on its activities now. And there was none in 1961.

Few can deny the actual and potential power of the CIA, however carefully it may be held in check by the skillful men who run it. Ours is supposed to be a government of laws, not of men. At stake are questions of war and peace, as the two Cuban crises so clearly demonstrated. All of us at that time took a look into the atomic pit. Decisions can be made at such times and actions taken about which the public is totally in the dark. So be it. As much as we may abhor govern-ment by secrecy, as much as it threatens fundamental liberties, we must understand its limited and necessary application in par-ticular circumstances of hot or cold war. Nevertheless, crucial decisions are made for us and in our name of which we know nothing. And all too often secrecy which is necessary breeds secrecy which is unnecessary, at which point the danger becomes nothing less than a threat to democratic institutions, a marginal one at the outset, but poten-tially a most serious one.

The Bay of Pigs fiasco occurred despite efforts by Secretary of State Christian Herter and CIA Director Allen Dulles to sort out the relations between their two agencies so that the making of foreign policy would be removed from the CIA, and the command of policy kept firmly in the hands of ambassa-dors in the field at all times. The Herter-Dulles agreement was reaffirmed by Secretary Rusk. More recently, following events in Vietnam during the Diem regime, the President found it necessary to reassert publicly his authority and that of the Secretary of State and the National Security Council over the intelligence community. Collaterally the Secretary of State sought to assure the

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primacy of ambassadors in the policy area overseas.

Particular persons and particular situations may seem to define problems of this sort. But it is also the case that, as long as both the State Department and the CIA are responsible for the collection of information, and—perhaps most important—as long as CIA continues to be responsible for special operations—the support of anti-Communist elements and the fomenting of opposition to hostile governments—the problem of integrating the Central Intelligence Agency into our general foreign policy apparatus will continue to grow in scope and potential danger.

For a time the Maxwell Taylor Committee, appointed by the President to inquire particularly into the Cuban question, appears to have considered the possibility of transferring the bulk of CIA's special operations to the Defense Department. But this solution would have had the obvious disadvantage of insuring that the uniformed military—and hence the authority and prestige of the U.S. Government—would be identified with any paramilitary operation as soon as it became a matter of public knowledge.

In any event, it seems that the Taylor Committee has left routine covert operations in the hands of the CIA, with control to be transferred to the Pentagon only if a particular project becomes so big as to warrant open military participation. Mr. Hanson Baldwin in the New York Times summed up the matter thus: "The general rule of thumb for the future is that CIA will not handle any primarily military operations, or ones of such size that they cannot be kept secret. However, each case will apparently be judged on its merits; there is no hard-and-fast formula that will put one operation under the CIA

Now surely this is an area in which neither hard-and-fast formulas nor organizational gimmicks can solve the major difficulties. Much depends on the particular situations. The people who are in the most favorable position to gather information are sometimes the best equipped to engage in clandestine political activities. But largely because the problem eludes organizational formulas, because it is a problem to which there is no simple solution, it must be recognized as such and held in check as much as possible. Problems unwatched and unattended tend to multiply.

CIA is served by only one politically responsible officer: the Director himself. All others are career officials. In comparison, the President keeps ultimate control in the Pentagon by his political power to appoint all the top civilian officers there. These officials are entrusted with clear political responsibility, for which there is no parallel in the CIA.

There are in fact questions repeatedly raised about the CIA. Is it wise, for example, to rely to the extent the CIA seems to on the services of retired military officers? One would suppose that retired service officers, though almost always men of great ability, would have an instinctive tendency to take a rather narrow, strictly operational and efficient view of the problems confronting them. I hope I will not be misunderstood. CIA officials are among the most distinguished in the entire Federal establishment. The leadership of the agency comprises men of great gifts and dedication—and I include the former military men in the agency. But recruitment of highcaliber men in large numbers is a problem in the Federal Government, especially in agencles whose work is international.

It is also fair to ask whether the CIA should rely heavily on the services of political refugees. It seems reasonable to suppose, for example, that an exile from his homeland, especially one who has passionate convictions about the course of events there, may not be the best person to assess these events. Again, I hope that I will not be misunderstood. I do not mean to impugn in the slightest the enormous amount of valuable work done by exiles and refugees in the CIA. Without their help, as in the case of the ex-military men, the organization simply could not function as it should. Neither do I mean to suggest that CIA should be staffed with "soft-liners" or people who have had no personal experience with the countries in question. That would be absurd. But I do think that by every recommendation of commonsense we must be certain of the objectivity and breadth of our intelligence.

This raises the question of the structure of the intelligence community and of intelligence evaluation—the quéstion of how best to organize the interpreting of the enormous amount of material collected daily by all agencies of the intelligence community

agencies of the intelligence community. The phrase "intelligence community" braces the numerous agencies within the executive branch which are concerned with intelligence collection and evaluation: The CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the intelligence branches of the armed services, the National Security Agency, the Atomic Energy Commission, and cross-checking daily intelligence data is largely in the hands of the Defense Intelligence Agency. The long-range estimates are prepared under the direction of the Board of National Estimates, which presides as a kind of general planning staff for the intelligence community. Estimates prepared by this group are submitted to a committee known as the U.S. Intelligence Board. If the Board of Estimates in the last of the state Board of Estimates is the planning board for the community, the Intelligence Board is its board of directors. It is the final forum for the professional intelligence community; its judgments go to the National Security Council.

Two aspects of this system in particular are worth noting. The first is the preeminence of the Central Intelligence Agency. A high proportion of the intelligence community's fact gathering is done by CIA. The Board of National Estimates functions as a part of CIA. The chairman of the U.S. Intelligence Board is the Director of the CIA. And the intelligence community's spokesman on the National Security Council itself is that same CIA Director.

The second aspect worth noting is the duality of CIA's role. Under the National Security Act, this agency is not only one participant in the intelligence community; it is also the chief agency responsible for coordinating it. In other words, at many points in the process of evaluation, CIA is both player and umpire, both witness and judge. This ambiguity is implicit in the title of the Director, who is formally not the "Director" but simply "Director of Central Intelligence."

The problem this raises is clear. It is that the Central Intelligence Agency, being not merely central but dominant in the intelligence community, is in an extraordinary position, so long as it is left unchecked to carry its special institutional tendencies into the shaping of American foreign policy.

I believe that these difficulties of unchecked power in the intelligence community can be alleviated only by the Congress, which has the constitutional responsibility to oversee the functions of the executive branch on behaif of the American people. Therefore, I propose the establishment in the Congress of a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence. I propose that such a committee be constituted along the lines of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and that it have its own funds and staff. It should continuously inquire into our foreign information and Intelligence programs, including: (1) the relations between the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department, especially overseas; (2) the relations between intelligence gathering on the one hand and so-called special operations on the other; (3) the selection and training of intelligence personnel; and (4) the whole question of intelligence evaluation.

The proposal of a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence is not new. In one form or another it has been introduced into the House in each of the last 10 sessions, though it has not been debateed on the floor. In the Senate, a bill to establish a joint committee, sponsored by Senator MANSFILD in 1956, was debated for 2 days on the floor of the Senate and defeated.

Nor is the proposal partisan. At time of writing, there are 14 Democratic and 5 Republican sponsors in the House. In 1959 resolutions were sponsored in the House by 12 Democrats and 5 Republicans. In the Senate in 1956, Members on both sides of the aisle voted for Senator MANSFILD'S resolution—including the then junior Senator from Massachusetts, the late President Kennedy.

It is most often argued against the establishment of a "watchdog" committee that the secrecy of our intelligence system would be endangered. The argument does not stand up. No one denies that the CIA and the other intelligence agencies must conduct a very high proportion of their work in secret; secrecy is of the essence in their work. But what is true of the intelligence community is also true in many other areas of Government-in the fields of atomic energy, weapons development, and, in some respects, foreign policy. But does this mean that foreign policy. But does this mean that Congress is to have no effective authority in those areas? Of course it does not, for Congress has such authority. It has always asserted its right, indeed its constitutional duty, to oversee even the most sensitive areas of Government. And where matters of the highest secrecy have been involved, Members of both Houses have shown themselves capable of exercising the utmost restraint. This was never more clearly demonstrated than during the Manhattan project in World War II, when Members of the two appropriations committees were kept apprised of work on the atomic bomb without breaking se-curity. The record of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in this connection has been impeccable. Moreover, the CIA is even now monitored,

Moreover, the CIA is even now monitored, in theory, by four small subcommittees of the Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and House. Not even the most experienced and security-conscious officials in the intelligence community would deny these subcommittees—had they time to apply for it—access to the pertinent information that might enable them conscientiously to provide the vast sums of money that are requested year after year. But apparently the notion exists that if the whole matter is kept on the lowest possible level of congressional concern, secrecy will receive a higher degree of respect. There is no logic in the notion. I should think just the opposite would be true.

I find myself in even less sympathy with another argument advanced frequently in discussions of this question; namely, that the intelligence community exists solely to serve the President and the National Security Council, and that therefore we in the Congress have no right to exercise jurisdiction in the matter. But clearly the executive and legislative branches of our Government are not watertight compartments separated by steel bulkheads; the material between them is flexible and porous. There are any number of congressional committees which keep a watch over the executive agencies. And, as I have already said, it is not only their right to do so; it is their duty under the Constitution.

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These arguments concerning secrecy and the exclusively executive nature of the intelligence function are, though unpersuasive, at least consistent. But strangely enough, those who oppose the idea of a joint committee insist as well that congressional surveillance is already more than adéquate. This contention was made by Allen Dulles in his recent book and by President Kennedy, in answer to a question at his October 9 press conference.

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What in fact, is the present extent of congressional surveillance over intelligence activities? As mentioned, in both the House and Senate the bodies responsible for overseeing the intelligence community are subcommittees of the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees. Neither the House Foreign Relations Committee nor the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has jurisdiction in this area despite their obvious interest in intelligence matters. This might not matter were it not that the surveillance exercised by the four existing subcommittees is both cursory and sporadic. At the time I introduced the resolution

At the time I introduced the resolution proposing the joint committee and spoke on the floor of the House in favor of it, Congressman WALTER NORBLAD, of Oregon, the second-ranking minority member of the House Committee on Armed Services, had this to say:

^{MT.} Speaker, I want to associate myself with the gentleman's remarks. I think we should have had a joint committee to monitor the CIA when it was first established. I have had a little experience in the matter as a member of the Committee on Armed Services. As you may know, we have a subcommittee on the CIA. I was a member of that committee for 4 years. We met annually—one time a year, for a period of 2 hours in which we accomplished virtually nothing. I think a proposal such as Mr. LINDBAY has made is the answer to it because a part-time subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, as I say, which meets for just 2 hours, I day a year, accomplishes nothing whatsoever. I want to compliment the gentleman on his proposal."

The reasons for the lack of adequate check and examination are almost self-evident: The members of the four subcommittees themselves, by definition, have relatively low status. But even had those subcommittees both status and time, the difficulties involved in dividing jurisdiction among the four would, I think, be insuperable. It should be clear from what I have said that the bipartisan proponents of a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence are fully aware that a high degree of secret is essential to the workings of the

It should be clear from what I have said that the bipartisan proponents of a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence are fully aware that a high degree of secrecy is essential to the workings of the intelligence community. Neither I nor any legislator wishes to see the legitimate secrets of the intelligence community reported in the press and on the air. Indeed, this seems far more likely to occur under present conditions because the press, sometimes called "the fourth branch of the Government," may turn out to be the only effective check on intelligence activities—and that check could be dangerous as well as disruptive. But danger and disruption are certain if public confidence in the intelligence establishment erodes. It is less likely if a body of the people's representatives, properly constituted and carefully chosen by the leadership of the two Houses of Congress, remains continuously aware of the activities of the intelligence community. The performance of this function is nothing less than their duty to the American people, whose lives and liberties are profoundly involved in the intelligence activities of our Government. Finally, I would observe that such a loint

Finally, I would observe that such a joint congressional committee would perform a useful, perhaps an indispensable, service for the Intelligence community itself. There has been a tendency to assign the burden of blame to the CIA when some foreign undertakings have gone bad or failed altogether. Whether the blame has been justified—as

in some cases it may have been—or whether unjustified, the liability to blame is apparent, and the CIA, unlike other less inhibited agencies, can do little to defend itself. A joint committee could do much to maintain the record fairly.

the record fairly. As the central Government grows in size and power, and as the Congress, like parlia-ments everywhere, tends to diminish in im-portance, the need for countervailing checks and balances becomes all the more impor-The shaping and implementation by tant. secret processes of some part of foreign pol-icy is an extremely serious matter in a free It cannot be shrugged off or society. stamped as an inescapable necessity because of the dangers of the time and the threat from present enemies of democracy. To do so is to deny our history and to gamble dangerously with our future. There are internal as well as external dangers. Free political systems and individual liberties can be swiftly undermined. Confidence in the sys-tems and liberties themselves can be lost even more swiftly. And when that happens to a free society, no foreign policy, however well conceived, will protect its highest interest, the continuation of the free system of government and the society on which it rests.

SOVIET ANTI-SEMITIS

(Mr. HALPERN (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. HALPERN. Mr. Speaker, I should like once again to draw the attention of the Congress to the subtle, yet monstrous, discrimination against the Jewish people in the Soviet Union.

We have renewed indications that despite repeated refutation of the charges, the Soviet Government is continuing to treat its citizens of the Jewish faith cruelly and with definite bias. These acts are to be deplored and protested, not only by all freedom-loving Americans, but officially by our Government through its diplomatic channels and through the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this month a group of well-known Western scholars wrote to Mr. Khrushchev inquiring into the situation. They referred specifically to the current trial of 23 persons for socalled economic crimes. Eleven of these persons were known to be Jewish, including the alleged ringleader. Premier Khrushchev replied as follows:

There has never been, and there is not now, a policy of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union * * *. Our Constitution proclaims equality of the citizens of the U.S.S.R. irrespective of nationality or race.

This response is absurd and ridiculous. To the contrary, circumstances do not bear him out. The facts clearly point otherwise.

It is perfectly obvious that the Soviet Government has consistently exerted pressure in bearing down upon the maintenance and development of Jewish cultural and religious life. There have been efforts to seriously curtail publishing in Hebrew. The authorities, in the general antireligious campaign, have concentrated upon the closing of synagogues wherever feasible. Jews in Moscow were prohibited from arranging burials in Jewish cemeteries. These are but a few flagrant instances of a deliberate policy.

Last October, before the recent court case, the Government newspaper Izvestia demanded a public show trial of the defendants accused of bizarre economic crimes. The names of the Jewish accused were prominently displayed.

The show trial never developed because the Kremlin rulers did not want to reveal the names of Government officials who supposedly took bribes. All Western newsmen were barred from the trial.

Now Theodore Shabad reports in the New York Times of this morning, February 27, that nine death sentences have been pronounced by the court. It is evident from reports that the majority were Jews.

Despite all its disavowals, we cannot believe that Russia is making any sincere effort to halt the anti-Jewish prejudice. To the contrary, through cunning device the Soviet Union is perpetrating further outrages against the Jewish comnunity.

Typically, the American Jewish Comnittee recently reported that a Soviet Government body had released a sinisber book attacking the Jews. It is an Insulting and cynical onslaught against the Jewish population. The Institute of Human Relations in New York obtained a copy.

I wish to applaud the remarks of the new president of this dedicated committee, Mr. Morris Abram, which he made as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Mr. Abram denounced the book as a "hodgepodge of misinformation, distortion, malicious gossip and insulting references to Jews and Judaism."

The book, written by a Soviet professor of philosophy, is a product of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. We know that almost all literature in the Soviet Union, certainly work of this nature, is censored and published only with the approval of the regime.

We cannot believe that such a discriminatory piece could be printed without the consent of the authorities. The Soviet Government is cloaking its anti-Jewish policy by allowing academic groups to apply the pressure in its stead.

The Kremlin does not want the West to believe that it is anti-Jewish. So the rulers subtly permit so-called private organizations and groups to promote discrimination so they will not be labeled with the ugly fact.

Throughout Russia's long history, treatment of the Jewish minority has varied between outright oppression and behind-the-scenes discrimination. The majority of rulers, including Stalin, believed that the Jewish nationality represented a separate and cohesive entity, a separateness which inherently constituted a threat to central government.

The situation is not radically different today. Dictatorship will always fear religious or racial identities within its area of rule. It will always seek to weaken ties of allegiance to anything excepting its own being.

Our Government must seek to secure equality of treatment for the Jewish people of Russia. We must seek to end the discrimination against them. We cannot succeed by remaining oblivious to

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the manifold evidence of ill-treatment which is accumulating. We should utilize all the diplomatic instrumentalities at our command, and work actively through the United Nations, to obtain a reversal of the ominous trends of Soviet anti-Semitism.

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

[Mr. CUNNINGHAM'S remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.]

WITHDRAWAL OF JURISDICTION FROM FEDERAL COURTS IN LEG-ISLATIVE REDISTRICTING MAT-TERS

(Mr. MEADER (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. MEADER. Mr. Speaker, I have today introduced a bill to provide that district courts of the United States shall not have jurisdiction to enjoin or modify the operation of State laws respecting legislative districts where comparable relief is available in State courts, and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker, my interest in this matter was first aroused by the decision in Baker v. Carr, March 26, 1962, 362, U.S. 355. I commented on this decision in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of July 16, 1962, pages 13,745 to 13,754.

I agree with Justice Frankfurter's decision in the Baker against Carr case that the Court has made a grave error in entering the field of legislative redistricting and my bill is designed to withdraw Federal court jurisdiction and the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in matters of this kind.

The chairman of the Judiciary Committee has announced that Subcommittee No. 5 of the Judiciary Committee will commence hearings March 18, 1964, on his bill to establish criteria or guidelines governing congressional districts. I believe it would be appropriate in those same hearings to consider the propriety of Federal courts entertaining suits commenced by citizens, the effect of which is to place the courts in a position of supremacy over a coequal branch of the Government, and to have judicial determination of a matter most vital to the independence of the legislative branch, namely its composition.

I hope this legislation will receive serious consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

• The text of the bill is as follows: H.R. 10181

A bill to provide that district courts of the United States shall not have jurisdiction to enjoin or modify the operation of State laws respecting legislative districts where comparable relief is available in State courts, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) chapter 85 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 1361. Legislative districts

"A district court shall not have jurisdiction of any civil action-

"(1) to enjoin, suspend, or modify the operation of any State law respecting the boundaries of, or the number of persons to be elected from, any district to be represented in the legislature of such State or in

the Congress of the United States; or "(2) for damages arising out of the operation of any such State law;

if an action for comparable relief would be within the jurisdiction of, and justiciable in, a court of such State."

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 85 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"1361. Legislative districts."

SEC. 2. (a) Chapter 81 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: "§ 1259. Exception to appellate jurisdiction

in cases involving legislative districts

"The Supreme Court of the United States shall not have appellate jurisdiction of any civil action of any type described in para-graph (1) or paragraph (2) of section 1361 of this title regardless of whether such action was originally brought in a State or Federal court."

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 81 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"1259. Exception to appellate jurisdiction in cases involving legislative dis-tricts."

(Mr. LIPSCOMB (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

IMr. LIPSCOMB'S remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.]

WHY FEED THOSE WHO SHUT OFF WATER AT GUANTANAMO?

(Mr. FINDLEY (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, I have urgently requested that President Johnson embargo Cuba-bound lard shipments to Canada. It has come to my attention that U.S. traders in Montreal are now completing a deal to ship 20 million pounds of U.S. lard worth about \$2 million to Castro via Canada. Lard shipments to Castro are permitted under present administrative rules, but the President could change the rules instantly with the stroke of a pen.

This transaction should be halted until all facts are known, and until its potentially adverse effect on our foreign policy can be fully explored. The United States is attempting to restore free world economic sanctions against Castro, an effort which was badly shattered by our feverish effort to deliver wheat to Russia.

A food sale of this magnitude to Castro might completely destroy our position of free world leadership.

These questions should be answered: Can we logically oppose British bus sales to Cuba, but permit U.S. lard sales? Is lard less strategic than a bus? Why is lard being shipped to Castro by way of Canada? Is it because U.S. longshoremen have already effectively shown their opposition to Russia-bound wheat and might block Cuba-bound lard?

I hope the President will act quickly, revise export regulations, and block this aid to Castro before it is too late.

To me, it is foolish and fantastic to help feed the same Communists who turned off the water at Guantanamo.

A FURTHER COMMENTARY ON OUR ECONOMIC STATISTICS

(Mr. CURTIS (at the request of Mr. ASHBROOK) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, on October 15, 1963, I inserted in the CONGRES-SIONAL RECORD a copy of an article on our economic statistics by Dr. Oskar Morgenstern of Princeton University. The article was critical of the methods of collection of our statistics and particularly urged that more attention be given to determining the margin of error in our economic statistics. Subsequently, I received a large number of comments from economists supporting the general observations in Dr. Morgenstern's article. These were inserted in the CONGRES-SIONAL RECORD of November 27.

I have now received a thorough and scholarly commentary on Dr. Morgenstern's article prepared by Raymond T. Bowman, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget. I highly recommend Dr. Bowman's letter to those who are interested in our statistical programs and what is being done and can be done to improve them. Under unanimous consent, I include his letter in the RECORD at this point.

I am certain that this will move the dialog on this important matter for-ward. I trust more comments will be forthcoming from other scholars and particularly from Dr. Morganstern. Hopefully the subcommittee on Economic Statistic of the Joint Economic Committee will hold hearings on the general subject matter in the near future:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,

DURENU OF THE BUDGET, Washington, D.C., February 5, 1964. Hon. Thomas B. Curris,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D.C. DEAR MR. CURTIS: I greatly appreciate your note to me requesting my comments on the article by Prof. Oskar Morgenstern which appeared in the October 1963 issue of Fortune magazine. I have delayed replying until I could give this important matter my personal attention.

As you know, I have for many years been particularly interested and concerned, both personally and in official capacities, with promoting and developing economic and social statistics better designed to aid analysis. I had been familiar with the first edition of Professor Morgenstern's book "On the Accuracy of Economic Observations," published in 1950, which presented much the

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