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CIA's Chile Moves to Be

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Rep. Michael Harrington, D-Mass., today was to disclose more details about CIA activities in Chile that were intended to contribute to the downfall of the Marxist regime of the late President Salvador Allende.

Harrington scheduled a press conference and informed sources said he would be making more revelations of how the Central Intelligence Agency ran a clandestine operation against Allende in the period from his election in 1970 until a few weeks before he was overthrown by the military a year ago.

Harrington's first disclosures were based on testimony given in secret to a House committee last April by CIA Director William Colby, generally spelling out how the agency spent nearly \$11 million against Allende on specific authorization of the "40 Committee," headed by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

INFORMED sources also told the Star-News that Colby would return to Capitol Hill today to discuss the CIA-Chile operation with a group of legislators. But it was not immediately known whether Colby would appear before the House and Senate committees that oversee CIA operations or some other group of legislators.

Meanwhile, chairman Frank Church of the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations, said

last night he expected his staff to report to him before the end of the week on whether there is a prima facie case of perjury in the testimony of two former State Department officials who appeared before his subcommittee in April 1973. Church ordered the subcommittee staff to study the testimony given during hearings on ITT activities in Chile by former Ass't. Secretary of State Charles A. Meyer and the former ambassador to Chile, Edward M. Korry. Both men, now no longer in government, testified under oath that the United States scrupulously adhered to a policy of non-intervention during the Allende period.

CHURCH SAID that if the subcommittee staff finds discrepancies in the testimony in relation to Harrington's disclosures of large-scale CIA funding of Chilean opposition institutions, he would reconvene subcommittee hearings on Chile and recall the two witnesses.

Church said two other State Department witnesses told a House committee later that there was no U.S. government intervention against Allende but the Church subcommittee has no primary prerogative for calling them to testify. They are former Ass't. Secretary of State Jack B. Kubisch, now ambassador to Greece, and the present Deputy Ass't. Secretary for Latin America Harry Shlaudeman.

High-ranking U.S. offi-

cial are no longer denying that the "40 Committee" ordered the expenditure of millions of dollars against Allende but they do deny that the United States had anything to do with the Sept. 11, 1973 military revolt or that Colby ever testified that the money was to be used for "destabilization" of the Allende regime.

IT IS KNOWN from the most informed sources that some of the covert U.S. expenditures in Chile were used for the support of the anti-Allende newspaper, El Mercurio. U.S. officials justify the support for Chile's largest newspaper on the grounds that Allende was trying to cut off their supply of news print and that Cuba and the Soviet Union were secretly supporting Allende's efforts to create a Marxist state in Chile.

A pattern that has developed since Harrington's disclosures last weekend is that all four State Department witnesses were aware of the "40 Committee" action program, but managed to hedge their testimony because they were asked only vague questions.

"They just didn't ask the right questions," said one official familiar with the testimony of the State Department witnesses. Harrington's first disclosures were based on his scrutiny of secret testimony by Colby before the House Armed Services subcommittee which oversees CIA operations and he was expected to divulge more details today.

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