

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE 7NEWSWEEK
17 November 1986

P E R I S C O P E



BRUCE HOERTEL

'Sorely tempted': Leahy

Tough Time

A spokesman for William Casey calls the charge "absurd," but Sen. Patrick Leahy is convinced that the CIA director deliberately tried to undermine his re-election campaign this fall. And Leahy is tempted to make things tough on Capitol Hill for the nation's top spook. According to the Vermont Democrat, Casey planted press stories—including a Reader's Digest article published five days before the election—suggesting that, as vice chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence, Leahy disclosed sensitive CIA briefing material on national television. Leahy, re-elected with 64 percent of the vote, is expected to step down soon from the committee. But he is so incensed at Casey, he says he is "sorely tempted to exercise my right to stay on as chairman until July, just to give him a hard time."