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Pot calls kettle what?

Democrats in the Senate are saying they can't confirm George Bush as head of the CIA. He's too political, having been a representative from Texas, a defeated candidate for the U.S. Senate and a former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Rep. James M. Hanley, D-32nd Dist., echoed that attitude last week-end calling Bush, horror of horrors, an ambitious politician.

In the Senate, Frank Church, D-Idaho, has assembled a staff of 120 to investigate charges against the CIA that have been laying on the table for two years.

Do Democrats contend this investigation along with the inquiry directed by Rep. Otis Pike, D-N.Y., in the House isn't for political effect?

For example:

Church promised his Senate committee would produce a report on "political assassinations" after Nelson Rockefeller reported his commission had run across the so-called plots but lacked time to investigate. Church vowed:

"We won't duck it."

But his committee's researchers discovered the conspiracies had been dreamed up in both Democratic and Republican administrations. The promised report hasn't been produced while the committee wrangles over its contents.

Democrats on the committee don't want to retell the story of the Kennedys and Castro in Cuba but are more than willing to unveil what the Nixon

administration did in Chile to Allende.

Who, really, can restore the agency's credibility and efficiency while the House and Senate roadshows are playing in the post-Watergate atmosphere?

Bush, who is an able man, certainly can't.

Beyond a doubt, the CIA after 28 years of secrecy needed a going over. But where are the senators and representatives to whom the CIA directors were reporting? Aren't they to be questioned too?

Finally, we've seen the investigators' showmanship. Where are their solutions?

We agree with Hanley. The agency should serve the national and not a party interest. That's obvious.

But who, indeed, is calling the pot black?