

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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The Role Of The CIA

The role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the affairs of the people of the United States is becoming a major question on the domestic scene.

At the present time the CIA is almost a scared cow in our midst. The appropriations for the CIA are tremendous and there is often no way of checking on whether this money is wisely spent or whether it really produces results.

What is the answer to the question of the proper status of the CIA?

First, it must be realized that we - Americans - are new in the intelligence game. Up until World War II we were to idealistic and ethical (impractically so) to unguise in much intelligence or espionage work. We did not even have such an agency!

As for its role in our society, it is evident that some attention must be directed toward that problem. A distinguished board or investigative group should be named to look into the question, being free from all political angles, of course.

Union Victory

The recent announcement that one of the New York's papers would resume publication was to a degree a victory for the union which has struck several of the city's newspapers. The others closed down, to present a united front in the face of the strike. The New York Post, which apparently could not hold out any longer, was the paper which announced a resumption of publication.

The most important factor in the whole business, however, is that the union, in the face of public condemnation from the Sec-

retary of Labor, and even condemnation from President John F. Kennedy, was allowed to strike for over two months, until it had successfully intimidated at least one victim.

Meanwhile the public has suffered, some people have been put out of business and many have been forced to take severe economic losses - people who have nothing to with either the newspapers or the unions. In other words, the union interest has been allowed to take precedence over the public interest.

Managing The News

A public debate has been underway in recent months over the question of news "management." Critics of the Kennedy Administration charge that news released to the public is being managed, or colored, and that the full story is not being given the public.

This charge is true, but it not true that this is something new with the Kennedy Administration. It is something that has developed as our government grew so large and is also partly a result of conditions which arose in World War II and in the Korean Conflict.

The fact is that the American public is now being given what news the State Department and the Pentagon, and the White House, decides is best for it to have - to a large degree, in the field of foreign relations. This was true in the Eisenhower years as it is today, with President John Kennedy in the White House.

The plain truth is that the State Department, the CIA and the Pentagon have grown so big and powerful, as federal monsters, that no newspaper, no citizen, can break through the palace guard and expose evils,

and the guilty, in this system. It is a process which has been going on for many years. Only a concerted, inspired official, top-level investigation group, could correct the situation. President Kennedy, who has expressed interest in correcting it, could begin by appointing such a group, with broad powers.

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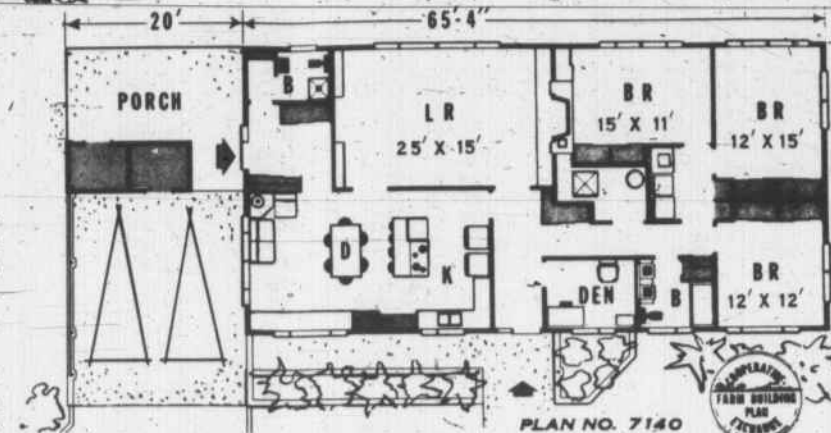
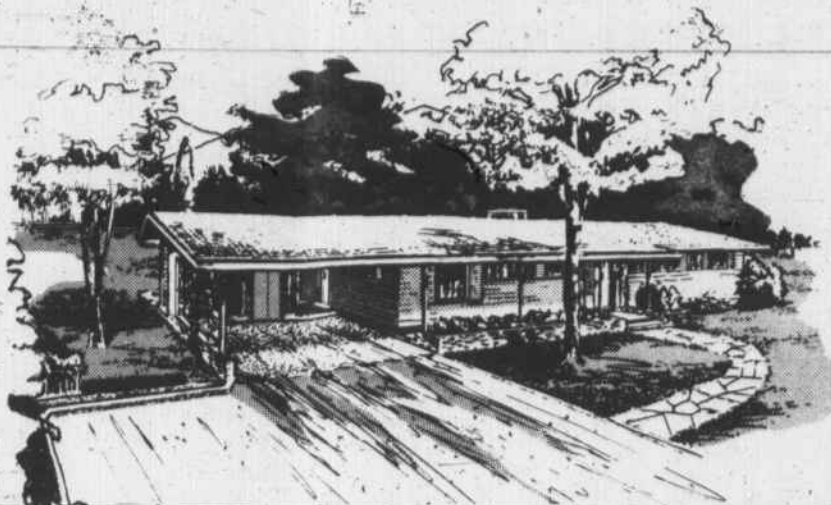
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C. T. Dean, Jr.,
County Extension Chairman

Fliers Killed

Washington - Senator Dirksen (R., Ill.) has uncovered evidence that four American fliers were killed in the abortive 1961 invasion of Cuba.

The Senator received no argument from the administration's chief senate spokesman and Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield has acknowledged that several Americans volunteered to fly combat missions and four lost their lives. The four have been identified.

Kennedy And Taxes

Washington - President Kennedy took issue with critics of his tax-cut plan saying they have an obligation to offer positive alternatives if they don't like his top priority package. Kennedy argued his proposal would promote the kind of economic growth that could add an average annual earnings increase of \$500 per family.

No Explanation

Policeman - Have you had any explanation for wandering about this time of night?
Reveler - Look, here, if I had an explanation I'd have gone home to the wife hours ago!

Can't Win

St. Petersburg, Fla. - The parking meter had just run out of time and the car owner spotted a motorcycle officer just starting to write a ticket. He ran across the street in the middle of the block to his car.

The cop asked if this was his car. "I'll give you your choice," said the cop. "You want a parking ticket or a jaywalking ticket."

Cuba Warned

Washington - President Kennedy was positive in his warnings that United States fire-power will blast any Cuban-based warship or planes that dare attack American vessels or aircraft.

Hours after the warning the Cuban Government "rejected and denied categorically" the charge that its jets poured rocket fire near the disabled shrimp boat Ala in the Florida straits.

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