

[Secretary]

8. Shri Lokanath Misra.
9. Shri B. Yella Reddy.
10. Shri B. D. Khobragade.
11. Shri Sundar Singh Bhandari."

PRESIDENT'S ASSENT TO BILLS

SECRETARY: I lay on the Table following four Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the current session and assented to by the President:

- (1) The Harayana Appropriation Bill, 1968.
- (2) The Haryana Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1968.
- (3) The West Bengal Appropriation Bill, 1968.
- (4) The West Bengal Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1968.

18.25 hrs.

* JOHN SMITH'S BOOK

"I was A. C. I. A. AGENT"

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: We shall now take up the Half-an-Hour Discussion. I will have to fix time-limit. Shri Chakrapani may take 10 minutes.

SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI (Ponnani): 15 minutes.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The Home Minister will also take about 10 minutes. I have to finish in half-an hour.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): It depends upon what he says in the 15 minutes.

SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI: Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, this is not the first time that we are discussing this vital issue. On a number of occasions, we have raised this issue and

*Half-an-hour discussion.

this House has expressed its concern over the growing ramifications of CIA in India. In this connection, I would like to point out that during the debate on CIA, prominent army officials, Ministers and Government officials were brought in and several Members of Parliament had demanded a thorough probe into the matter.

I would like to recall the debate which took place on 23rd March, 1967. Mr. Chagla who was the former Foreign Minister, in his reply on a Half-an-Hour Discussion, had said:

"We will continue with our inquiry. We will go to the bottom, to the root of this. If we find they have knowingly done it, we will take such action as is necessary."

One thing which Mr. Chagla said is this:

"I myself gave the names of some organisations which were directly financed by CIA."

He further assured the House saying:

"Now that we know, I promise that we will endeavour to make a thorough enquiry into this."

One year has passed since then. Over and above, when these questions were discussed on the floor of the House, some sort of stereotyped replies were given by the Home Minister.

Now, the Home Minister has asked the Asia Foundation to wind up its activities in Delhi. The Home Minister said in the Rajya Sabha that the Asia Foundation admitted receiving money from CIA and from other organisations to carry on some other activity. The point is that it is the Asia Foundation that has admitted linking with CIA and not that the Home Ministry discovered its nature. The Asia Foundation has paid millions of rupees to various organisations in