

Panel questions newsman

Committee seeks news leak

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of the Press, which was acting on Schorr's behalf to get the report published. He said he had "absolutely no knowledge" of Schorr's source and said he did not inquire about the source's identity.

The Ethics Committee has spent around \$150,000 trying to track down Schorr's source.

Schorr said it was a matter of professional conscience as well as his constitutional rights guaranteeing freedom of the press not to help the committee discover his source.

"Even if our legal position were not as strong as it is, I could still not tell you my source," Schorr said. "For me, it is a personal matter, almost a visceral matter."

"For some of us — doctors, lawyers, clergymen and journalists — it is an article of faith that we must keep confidential those matters entrusted to us only because of the assurances that they would remain confidential," he said.

"For a journalist, the most crucial kind of confidence is the identity of a source of information," Schorr said. "To betray a

confidential source would mean to dry up many future sources for many future reporters. The reporter and the news organization would be the immediate losers. The ultimate losers would be the American people and their free institutions."

Three other writers and editors were subpoenaed along with Schorr to appear before the Ethics Committee. The three, all connected with the publication of the report in the Village Voice, are Clay S. Felker, Aaron Latham and Sally Zalaznick.

Ethics Committee Chairman John J. Flynt, D-Ga., and Rep. Charles Bennett, D-Fla., have said they think they know who leaked the report to Schorr but they haven't been able to prove it.

The committee's last-ditch attempt to obtain that proof came Tuesday with nine-and-a-half hours of closed door questioning of four former staffers of the new defunct intelligence committee.

An Ethics Committee source said one target was Robert Brauer, an aide to Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., and the committee had hoped that the other three staffers would implicate him. However, this plan apparently did not work and

Brauer repeated for the committee his earlier sworn denial that he gave the report to Schorr or knew who did.

Schorr obtained his copy of the report after the House intelligence committee had voted to publish it but before the full House reversed the panel and ordered it kept secret. Schorr subsequently gave his copy to the Village Voice.

Meanwhile, more than 5,000 journalists signed petitions circulated by the The Newspaper Guild urging the Ethics Committee to drop its investigation of Schorr, saying this was endangering the constitutional rights of a free press.

Thirty-five members of Congress also sent a letter to Flynt asking that the Schorr subpoena be dropped. Flynt refused to comment Tuesday either about the letter from his colleagues or the petitions from the journalists, which were personally delivered by the president of The Newspaper Guild, Charles Perlik.

Flynt also refused to comment on the refusal Tuesday of the House Administration Committee to grant his request for another \$100,000 to continue the Schorr inquiry.

N. Y. shows generous side

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It will be hard now to convince 92-year-old Eugenia Tolmatchoff that New York is a cold-hearted city.

First there were the two men who caught the thief who snatched her purse and brought it back with her \$170 Social Security money still intact.

And while they were chasing the thief, there was the stranger who saw her weeping over the money she thought she had lost, and gave her \$170 out of his pocket.

And then there were the two nice policemen, who tried hard to catch

up with the man who gave her the money, so she could return it because "I'm not greedy."

The elderly woman had just cashed her Social Security check at a bank and returned to her West 142nd Street home when a young man followed her into the lobby, grabbed her purse and fled.

Sanitationman Joseph Casarolo and Frank Nieve, a neighborhood resident, heard her screaming, saw the running thief and gave chase.

Three blocks away they caught him, grappled with him and got the purse. The thief broke loose and ran.

While all this was going on, an unidentified man asked the old woman why she was crying outside the building. She told him, he reached into his pocket, counted out \$170 and handed it to her, saying: "Here, this is yours. Don't upset yourself any more."

Police Officers Ray Latimer and

William Benthel showed up to investigate the robbery and at her insistence tried in vain to find her benefactor.

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