State Dept. Assails Attack on Aid Over His Leftish Second Cousin

Congress Blow at Robinson, Control Office Head, Draws 'Character-Assassination' Counter Charge at Hearing, Warning by Marshall To Be Fair

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WASHINGTON, March 10.—The State Department struck back today with a denunciation of "character assassination" and "gossip mongering" as the director of its purge of disloyal and "security risk" employees came under Congressional attack for having an allegedly Leftish second cousin.

The official, Hamilton Robinson, a ten-year member of the New York Republican Club, a Taft School, Princeton, Oxford and Yale Law School man, is chief of the department's Office of Controls.

The attack upon the thirty-nine-year-old official at a hearing at which he was cast as the offending witness, brought from Secretary of State George C. Marshall a warning against "the undermining of the confidence of the people in the department, especially at this critical juncture."

The Secretary of State's warning was contained in a statement issued by the State Department. Mr. Marshall said the department wanted to act with "fairness and decency" and must "avoid action based on spiteful, unsupported or irresponsible allegations."

The same Congressional demands for the ouster of allegedly disloyal State Department personnel which resulted last summer in the summary discharge, without explanation or appraisal of charges, of ten alleged "security risks" were held responsible for today's attack on Mr. Robinson. Ironically, the object of today's attack was the man who dismissed the security risks. Last week he had been under fire from members of the House Appropriations Committee demanding more haste in ridding the State Department of alleged subversive elements.

Representative Fred E. Busby, Republican, of Illinois, set the stage for the Robinson "second cousin" charge in a letter which he made public Feb. 5 in which he stated that "in view of certain facts known to his superiors, he

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