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would have been removed from office many months ago.

With Mr. Robinson on the stand today and Representative Busby in the role of inquisitor, the "facts" were developed. They were that Mr. Robinson is a cousin of Robert T. Miller 3d, a former employee in the Public Affairs Division of the State Department. Mr. Miller resigned in September, 1946, before Mr. Robinson went to the State Department.

Assistant Secretary of State John E. Peurifoy, sitting at Mr. Robinson's side before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Executive Expenditures, told the committee angrily: "If it is the Communist threat you are talking about, I know of nothing more dangerous than attacking our personnel now. Such attacks follow the Communist party line.

"I am as concerned with the problem of security in government as any of you. I have been shocked, deeply, by the revelations of the Canadian White Paper. I have taken note of the effectiveness of the infiltration of Czechoslovakian institutions.

"But I cannot believe that the only alternative is to be swept off our feet by the gossip-mongering and character-assassination which so often accompanies personnel investigations . . . I am also, quite frankly, disturbed by the present tendency to extend the highly questionable theory of 'guilt by association' to lengths that amount to a travesty of the traditional American justice."

The first mention of Mr. Miller came in a question by Representative Busby: "What is the association between yourself and Mr. Miller?"

"He is one of my three second cousins," the witness replied.

Mr. Robinson explained that he had seen him only once, at a Princeton Club luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club here, since he assumed his duties a year ago as director of the Office of Controls.

When he took his present job, the witness said, he had no information or reason to believe that his second cousin was suspected of Communistic activity. However, when he assumed his present duties, he related, he saw Mr. Miller's Federal Bureau of Investigation file and learned that he was.

It developed that Mr. Miller went to Russia in 1934, remaining there until 1939 and marrying an American woman in Moscow.

Representative Busby asked if Mr. Robinson knew that Mr. Miller's wife, the former Miss Jennie Levy, had worked for "The Moscow Daily News." Mr. Robinson said he did not know. Asked what his cousin's political views were, Mr. Robinson said, "He certainly was way left of me, but then I'm no criterion."

"Would you say he is a Communist?" Representative Busby asked.

"Golly, no," Mr. Robinson replied. "I would hate to charge a man with being a Communist from a dinner conversation."

Harriman Hits Back

WASHINGTON, March 10 (UP).—Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman hung an "un-American" tag on a House subcommittee tonight after it accused the department's loyalty review board of laxity in handling the case of Dr. Edward U. Condon.

Mr. Harriman said that, in his opinion, the committee's action was "un-American." "It summoned members of my staff to secret sessions. It has published its interpretation of their testimony. The press and public were excluded and could not form an independent opinion," he said.

He added that the subcommittee apparently does not "dissent" from the loyalty board's finding that Dr. Condon "is a loyal American." It is interesting to note, he said, that board members were in "complete agreement" on that finding even before the original charges were filed.

The statement was included in a summary of the subcommittee's findings in more than two days of questioning of members of the board and other Commerce Department officials on an investigation of Dr. Condon's loyalty. A full report will be made later.

Meanwhile, Representative John McDowell, Republican, of Pennsylvania, disclosed that the full committee expects to open public hearings on the Condon case "in two or three weeks."

The subcommittee also asserted that the board, in clearing Dr. Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards, relied only on his personal loyalty and did not say whether his "alleged associations and indiscretions" were a security risk.

Another Un-American Activities subcommittee had charged that the scientist associated either knowingly or unknowingly with Communists and an alleged Soviet spy. Dr. Condon, with the backing of his government superiors, has denied the charge.

The second subcommittee, which issued tonight's report, was set up specifically to determine on what basis the Commerce Department loyalty board cleared Dr. Condon and the scope of its investigation.

The subcommittee said that although Under Secretary of Commerce William C. Foster announced Dr. Condon had been cleared on Feb. 24, investigation disclosed that he actually was not given a clean bill until March 1. This, the group said, was after the Un-American Activities subcommittee made its original charges.

The subcommittee also charged that while Dr. Condon was under investigation by the board for ten months, it heard only one witness. The witness, it added, was Dr. Condon himself.

The House meanwhile voted 144 to 35 to strike from "The Congressional Record" a column written earlier this week by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in defense of Dr. Condon. The column, which criticized the Un-American Activities Committee for making such charges, had been placed in "The Record" by Representative Adolf J. Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, and was removed on the demand of Representative John E. Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi.

Representative Rankin described Mrs. Roosevelt's remarks as "the most vicious attack I have ever known to be made on the Committee on Un-American Activities." The Mississippi Democrat added: "In my opinion, Mrs. Roosevelt has done more harm than any other woman since Cleopatra."

Loyalty Files to Stay Secret

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP).—A government official reported today that a general directive is being prepared instructing all executive departments to decline to release confidential loyalty files to Congressional committees.

The order will be issued by President Truman, it was said, if it meets with his approval.

At the White House, however, Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said he knew nothing about the order.

The official who reported that the order is being drawn said it has been discussed with the heads of several agencies, but issuance is being held up temporary absence of Attorney General Tom Clark.

The blanket order, it was reported, would lay down an administration policy of keeping confidential the loyalty inquiry reports on Federal employees. These are now being compiled by departmental boards.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities recently issued a subpoena for Department of Commerce loyalty board records on Dr. Condon, but Commerce Secretary W. Averell Harriman, after consulting Attorney General Clark, declined to turn them available. To do so, he said, would be "prejudicial to the public interest."