

Hoffman 'Dares' Winchell to Back Charges in Suit

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Representative Hoffman (R.), of Michigan, said yesterday he hopes Walter Winchell, radio gossip caster, will use his damage suit against the Congressman "to explain some of the irresponsible charges he has been making about Congress."

Winchell filed suit Monday against Hoffman for \$250,000 in the Federal District Court in New York city for alleged damages resulting from Hoffman's criticism of the broadcaster-columnist.

"This suit will give Walter a chance to back up his charges if he can," Hoffman said in an interview. "He says there are saboteurs in Congress and that the House of Representatives is the 'House of Reprehensibles.' Let's see if he had the evidence."

Winchell, Hoffman observed, failed to accept his recent challenge to bring suit in his home district in Michigan, so his constituents could decide first hand whether Hoffman should be deposed from Congress, as Winchell contends.