mington Protests Kissinger's Power

By JOHN W. FINNEY Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 2. Senator Stuart Symington proon national security, had become "Secretary of State in everything but title" and that as

Mr. Symington spoke in the Senate as he deplored what he termed the increasing concentration of power in Mr. Kissinger's hands, which, the Missouri Democrat contended, was upsetting the balance of power between the executive branch and Congress.

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At one point in his speech, Senator Symington suggested that a Congressional appearance by Mr. Rogers had become "a rather empty exercise" because of what he termed the diminished influence of the Sea diminished influence of the Secretary of State.

dorsement by President Nixon of Secretary Rogers.

At the direction of the President, his press secretary, Rontested today that Henry A. Kis- ald L. Ziegler, called a special singer, the President's adviser briefing to say that Mr. Nixon

erything but title" and that as a result Secretary of State William P. Rogers had become a laughing-stock in Washington.

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Friend and Associate

between the executive branch and Congress.

The complaint, seconded tonight by Senator J. W. Fulbright in a speech in Tallahassee, Fla., reflected the growing frustration in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee over the as a member of his Cabinet and refusel of Mr. Rissinger to test as an old friend.

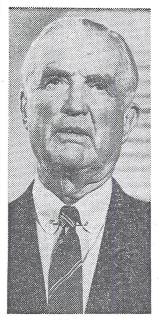
Administration officials also wall of secrecy is developing between the executive branch and Congress on such foreign mont, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, defending Mr.

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"Bill Rogers, the President wrote, "takes part in every step of the planning and discussion associated with foreign the nd I are in constant policy. He nd I are in constant touch, and while the respon-sibility for the final decisions must be mine alone, as Secre-The comment that Mr. Rogers tary of State and as a longtime was being "laughed at," which was not included in Mr. Symington's advance text, promington's adv



United Press International Senator Stuart Symington

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But Senator Javits made it clear that he disagreed with the Symington appraisal that Mr. Rogers had become a laughing-stock, and Senator Symington, a friend of Mr. Rogers, replied that it was "to the credit" of the Secretary of State that he had not resigned.

In his speech, Senator Symington complained that Mr. Kissinger had acquired a "unique and unprecedently authoritative

and unprecedently authoritative role" over foreign policy "with a resultant obvious decline in the prestige and position of the Secretary of State and his department." Mr. Kissinger, he said, has become "Secretary of State in everything but title," but unlike the Secretary of State refuses to testify before Congressional committees, invoking "executive privilege" as mmeber of the President's

As a result, Senator Symington said, Congress and the American people, "are being increasingly denied access to pertinent facts about major foreign policy decisions, and therefore neither Congress nor the people have any real knowledge.

It is known that Mr. Rogers that secome increasingly sensitive privately to suggestions that he has become subordinate in power and responsibility to Mr. Kissinger.

Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York and like Senator Symington and Senator Fulbright a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, brought the speculation to the privilege invoked by Mr. Kissinger. brought the speculation to the privilege invoked by Mr. Kis-Senate floor today. In responding to the Symington comments, Senator Javits said Mr. between nations."