

Apathy on Otepka

To the Editor:

The Senate confirmation of Otto F. Otepka's appointment to the Subversive Activities Control Board is a paradigm case of liberalism's poverty.

Not only were the chief issues blurred. Stephen Young, Ohio, attacked the appointment on the grounds of political expediency; Gaylord Nelson Wis., argued against the high cost of S.A.C.B. investigations of suspected Communist fronts, Edward Kennedy questioned Otepka's qualifications for the

job. But more important, the liberals "put up no fight to block the nomination" (Times news story, June 25).

In addition, at least one prominent liberal, Mark Hatfield, voted with the majority for confirmation. Percy and Proxmire were also among those voting with the majority. [Editorial June 26.]

In their failure to articulate the issues, and to wage a strong fight against Otepka's nomination, the liberals in the Senate have once again demonstrated their ineptitude in dealing with institutionalized political repression. ARTHUR S. LOTHSTEIN
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