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WASHINGTON, APRIL 27 (AP)-SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG, D-OHIO, CALLED IN THE SENATE TODAY FOR THE RESIGNATION OF FRANCES G. KNIGHT AS HEAD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT OFFICE, SAYING HER TACTICS ARE "REMINISCENT... OF WITCH-HUNTING."

YOUNG SAID IN A STATEMENT MISS KNIGHT HAD "INJECTED HER PARTICULAR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IN THE OPERATION OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE" AND HAD "BECOME UNFIT FOR THE IMPORTANT POSITION SHE HOLDS."

LIBERALS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT A PROPOSED DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION WHICH BROUGHT THE RESIGNATION OF ABBA SCHWARTZ AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS WAS LIKELY TO END LIBERAL TRAVEL POLICIES.

MISS KNIGHT HAD TANGLED WITH SCHWARTZ AND WITH OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO FAVORED LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION POLICIES.

YOUNG SAID MISS KNIGHT HAD ESTABLISHED A "BUREAUCRATIC EMPIRE" FROM WHICH SHE OPERATED AS "ONE OF THOSE SUPER-DUPER PATRIOTS WHO CONSIDERS IT HER DUTY TO JUDGE THE PATRIOTISM OF OTHER AMERICANS."

HE ADDED:

"HER TACTICS HAVE BEEN REPREHENSIBLE AND REMINISCENT OF THAT ERA OF WITCH-HUNTING CONCERNING WHICH MOST AMERICANS HAVE A FEELING OF SHAME. THE HIGH POSITION SHE HOLDS IS A NONPOLITICAL POSITION AND SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY A CIVIL SERVANT WHO WILL NOT INJECT HIS PERSONAL POLITICS INTO THE OPERATION OF THE U.S. PASSPORT OFFICE."

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