

### State Department Accused Of Isolating 2 in Otepka Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP) —Senator John J. Williams, Republican of Delaware said today two State Department employees had been "put in isolation for telling the truth to a Senate subcommittee."

He named them as Harry Hite and Edwin Burkhardt, and said they were being penalized for testimony they gave the Senate Internal Security sub-

committee in its investigation of the Otepka case.

Otto F. Otepka, the department's former chief security evaluator, was ordered dismissed over the subcommittee's protest after he was accused of giving its chief counsel classified documents without authorization from his superiors. However, last December Secretary of State Dean Rusk changed the dismissal verdict to demotion, reassignment and reprimand. Mr. Otepka has an appeal pending.

Mr. Williams told the Senate

that Mr. Hite and Mr. Burkhardt had been "twiddling their thumbs" for 16 months in a State Department annex although they have repeatedly asked their superiors for work to do.

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