

**Otepka's Appointment**

To the Editor:

Up to now President Richard M. Nixon has done an excellent job of demonstrating moderation and responsibility in office. However, his suggested appointment of Otto Otepka to the Subversive Activity Control Board constitutes a grave shock to a large segment of opinion if it goes through unchallenged.

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Mr. Otepka is a notorious holdover of the unlamented era of Senators Joseph R. McCarthy and Pat McCarran. He was suspended from his post in the State Department because of his tendency to engage in the smearing of reputations, and because of his lack of balance, his irresponsibility and lack of loyalty to his service.

I think President Nixon will do us all a great favor by seeing that this appointment is quietly withdrawn.

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