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Help Sought for Otepka

Sen. J. Strom Thurmond, (D., S. C.), wants Congress to come to the aid of a State Department official who was dismissed from his post because he allegedly provided information to the Senate Internal Security sub-committee.

Sen. Thurmond introduced a bill yesterday to allow Otto F. Otepka, former State Department security evaluator, to take his case to a Federal court immediately. He said Mr. Otepka was evicted from his office and his records seized June 27, 1963. Formal charges were later placed against him.

Sen. Thurmond said Mr. Otepka requested a hearing on the charges filed against him but that "no such hearing has been granted and Mr. Otepka is still being prevented from perform-

ing his duties" (UPI)

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