

STATE DEPT. FIRES 16 AS HOMOSEXUALS

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WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—The State Department announced today that it has fired 16 homosexuals and five other persons as security risks since the new Republican administration took over Jan. 20.

Three applicants for State Department jobs also were turned down on security grounds, Press Officer Lincoln White said.

White said 10 of the homosexuals and all five of the employees labeled security risks were ousted after March 3 when Scott McCleod, a former FBI agent, was named the department's security chief.