

Barry Calls U.S. Role In Viet War an Error

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 30 (AP) — Sen. Barry Goldwater charged today the Democratic Administration got into the fighting in Viet Nam "by mistake" and President Johnson is using a "lie and lie" technique to cover up conditions there.

Wheeling across Ohio in a 19-car special train, the GOP presidential nominee challenged President Johnson to go on television and "tell the American people exactly what is going on down there."

That is what he would do if he becomes President, Sen. Goldwater said.

He added that the people should know what the United States has committed in weapons and personnel to hostilities which he said the country had become involved in "by mistake in that the Secre-

Goldwater stirs up train-side crowds with his Baker and Billie Sol Estes litany.

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Miller describes Johnson, Humphrey as "split images."

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tary of Defense went there and told these boys to start shooting when we were only supposed to be instructing."

This action presumably occurred in the administration of the late President John F. See **GOLDWATER, A14, Col. 1**

Kennedy, but Sen. Goldwater called it "Johnson's war."

Mr. Goldwater said the President won't release information on this phase of the operation, adding:

"We used to say they 'spend and spend and elect and elect.' Today we say they lie and lie and elect and elect."

Sen. Goldwater said he has no "pat answer for Viet-Nam," but he would "bend every effort to see that decisions are made in Viet-Nam, and you people would be a part of them."

The Republican nominee, who made seven stops in zig-zagging across Ohio to this lake port industrial city, professed to be encouraged in what he has described as an underdog battle against Mr. Johnson by the "wonderful crowds and wonderful enthusiasm" he had encountered in politically doubtful Ohio.

In a day of open air campaigning under sunny skies, the Republican candidate was credited with drawing larger throngs than turned out for former Vice President Richard M. Nixon when Nixon made many of the same stops in the 1960 campaign in which he carried the state against Kennedy.

Everywhere he went — to

Middletown, Dayton, Springfield, Columbus, Marion, Lima, Deshler and on to Toledo—Mr. Goldwater was met with the cheering chant of "We want Barry!" There were some hostile notes, too.

At Columbus, Mr. Goldwater told a crowd variously estimated by police at 30,000 to 40,000 that he didn't mind the heckling, although he seemed to be irked by it in Dayton.

"We have had opposition here and there, as we should have," he said. "I don't want to live in a country with one party, where everybody agrees, and I like to see people express their disagreement."

Turning momentarily from assaults on Johnson policies, Sen. Goldwater said at Springfield he favors a system of Federal tax credits to help parents finance their children's education. He said such a system should be graduated in favor of low and middle income families.

At Lima, Sen. Goldwater was greeted by a half and half crowd of about 300 persons at the railroad station.

Half of the group were his supporters who lined up on one side of the street. Across the street a group of Negroes carrying Johnson signs chanted insistently "We want Johnson."

Sen. Goldwater rode through thinly populated streets to a city square where a crowd estimated by police at 10,000 persons had gathered in the late afternoon to listen to him.

Behind a gaily festooned platform, Johnson supporters had unrolled a 25-foot canvas on the side of a building bearing the legend: "LBJ-USA."

Mr. Goldwater told the cheering crowd that in this country today government designed to protect the freedom of the people is deteriorating. He said the executive and judicial branches are now stronger than the legislative branch.

"The executive has usurped the power of the legislative," Sen. Goldwater said. "It has an insatiable appetite which will not be satisfied until Congress is reduced to a rubber stamp."

The GOP nominee criticized the Supreme Court decision requiring reapportionment of state legislatures on population basis. He praised the efforts of Rep. William McCulloch (R-Ohio) to bring out legislation which would provide for a constitutional amendment to reserve apportionment powers to the states.