

# Sen. Goldwater, Watergate Kill Arms

With know-nothing conservative opposition and Watergate-induced drift at the White House killing Pentagon plans for a hard-line disarmament policymaker to check Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the post will now go, ironically, to a moderate-liberal Republican without rigid views on arms controls.

President Nixon, bowing to pressure, will not nominate hard-line Democrat Paul Nitze as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (ISA). Instead, he is all but certain to name Robert F. Ellsworth, now a Wall Street investment banker following a distinguished hitch as U.S. Ambassador to NATO.

Democrat Nitze, a top Pentagon official throughout the Kennedy-Johnson years and a true expert on arms controls, was the brainchild of Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger. Nitze was conceived of by Schlesinger as a valuable hard-line ally to cool Kissinger's ardor for a quick SALT II agreement with Moscow.

But nobody bothered to prepare

Sen. Barry Goldwater, reflecting the drift at the White House. Goldwater exploded, telling the White House he could not abide one of Robert S. McNamara's old lieutenants back at the Pentagon. In fact, Goldwater made clear, he could not in good conscience continue to fight impeachment of a President who named Paul Nitze to a key post.

The right-wing publication Human Events soon joined the chase with a full-page denunciation of Nitze as an "uncertain trumpet." Since the Goldwater-Human Events axis is pivotal in the White House strategy to save the President, Schlesinger was informed Nitze could not be nominated.

His second choice, Ellsworth, will not excite cheers on the Republican right but will not be actively opposed either. As a Kansas congressman, Ellsworth was a founding member of the liberal Wednesday group in the House and actively opposed Goldwater's 1964 nomination for President. But Ellsworth, no flaming liberal, was

an early supporter of Mr. Nixon for President in the mid-1960's.

Ellsworth was eased out as Nixon campaign manager in 1967. As a White House aide in 1969, he collided head on with top Nixon aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman and was sent off to NATO, where his performance impressed European diplomats. He generally espoused hard-line policy views in Brussels, but he does not yet have a well-defined stand on SALT.

A Footnote: In private, Kissinger has strongly commended Nitze and deplored Goldwater's campaign against him. But some high government officials suspect, however unfairly, that Kissinger wept no tears over Nitze's demise.

For the first time since parliamentary government in Greece was overthrown in the June 1967 military coup, the Voice of America attacked the Athens military dictatorship with a long, scathing criticism on March 28.

This highly commendable though be-

## Control Nomination

lated move was a conscious Nixon administration decision put into effect with gusto by Director James Keogh of the U.S. Information Agency, which runs VOA. It marks a stunning switch in U.S. foreign policy.

For seven years, VOA has carefully smothered criticism of the Athens regime. In pursuit of the futile White House hope that somehow Democratic government would be reinstated by the Greek colonels themselves, VOA has deprived Greek listeners of the harsh truth.

The March 28 broadcast changed all that. Three full pages of excerpts from the carefully documented anti-junta criticism by John Zigidis, a former parliamentary leader, were transmitted in Greek the day after his gripping testimony here to a House foreign affairs subcommittee.

A footnote: In July 1971 when Greek exiled leader Elias Demetrapoulos testified in a similar vein to the same House subcommittee, VOA broadcast

to Greece only two brief and innocuous paragraphs.

Working behind the back of the respected Dr. John Dunlop, head of the Cost of Living Council, White House aides are quietly lobbying Congress against continuing wage-price controls in any form beyond the April 30 cutoff.

The White House anti-controls lobby is headed by Roy Ash and Fred Malek, director and deputy director of the powerful Office Management and Budget. Their undercover campaign with congressional leaders flies in the face of President Nixon's own request for a one-year extension of the Cost of Living Council and continuation of mandatory controls on medicine.

The Senate Banking Committee has voted to kill that presidential request, and the Ash-Malek team (backed by OMB bureaucracy) is working on the House Banking Committee to do the same. With the AFL-CIO also arrayed against controls, this surely spells the end.