

### 'Serious Charges'

Even as Patrick Buchanan was seeking to defend the "dirty tricks" of his employers in the White House he was playing another. On the basis of totally inaccurate information which he did not bother to check he charged on national television that the Institute for Policy Studies tries to influence the votes of congressmen through its seminars and that it funded a profit-making underground newspaper with the use of a Ford Foundation grant. These are serious charges, and they are totally false. Nor did the magazine article which Mr. Buchanan cited as the basis for his charges in fact support them. His performance Wednesday was another reckless attack on an institution whose research, analyses and criticisms he does not like.

His conduct before the Senate Select Committee was quite consistent with the extraordinary position he advanced there that employees of the President are to be held to no higher standard of ethics and morality than ordinary pranksters. The President's men are apparently still bent on using the power of the White House to harrass individuals and educational institutions which do not share their "conservative philosophy" or their ethical standards.

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