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A Goldwater warning

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), said last night that formation of a conservative third party "would practically insure the destruction" of the GOP.

Goldwater exhorted his fellow conservatives to refrain from a "rule-or-ruin attitude" and instead "begin to work within both parties for the principles in which we believe."

GOP conservatives, he said, should push for a return to traditional Republic-

'Third party fatal to GOP'

anism.

He added that Republicans should seek the backing of conservative Democrats rather than becoming a carbon copy of what he described as a liberal dominated Democratic Party.

Goldwater's remarks were

made at the Young Republican Leadership Conference.

The group adopted a resolution urging President Ford to abandon the liberal policies that it said have led the nation to the "brink of economic disaster and raised the possibility of a third party."

At the same time, the GOP youth organization declared "the Republican Party is the best vehicle to express the traditional conservative principles on which the party was formed and grew great."

Two weeks ago, conservatives set up a committee that could become the first step toward a third party. Goldwater and other conservatives have been meeting this weekend in eastern Maryland to discuss ways to broaden their role in the GOP.

Goldwater told the conference that conservatives must remember, whether



BARRY GOLDWATER
Fears for the GOP.

they approve or disapprove of Ford's policies:

"He is the President of the United States and he is a Republican, and I think any talk of a third party movement at this time is wrong."

Goldwater said it is highly doubtful that a conservative party would gain votes from supporters of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, declaring that the governor's main strength in the North is among blue-collar union members.