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Chicago

Republican Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, a potential presidential candidate, yesterday turned down an invitation to attend a luncheon speech by President Nixon here Friday, a move seen by some Republicans as a snub to Mr. Nixon.

Instead, Percy will be in Cincinnati, Ohio, where, a week ago, a former mayor, Thomas Luken, became the third Democrat in succession to win a seat from Republicans in the House of Representatives.

Percy's office maintained that no snub of the President was intended and said the senator had agreed to speak in Cincinnati before it was announced Mr. Nixon would speak in Chicago.

A spokesman for the senator said he had arranged a series of afternoon conferences in Cincinnati.

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