

# Nofziger's Profile Of a Tough Nixon

## Sacramento

President Nixon is a "miserable s.o.b." — in the best sense of the term — because that's what it takes to get to the White House, former Nixon aide Lyn Nofziger told a group of high school students yesterday.

Nofziger told 75 students participating in a Junior Statesmen summer school program that Mr. Nixon was a hardnosed politician who lost his 1960 campaign for president in part because he tried to change that image.

"I don't believe you can make somebody something he is not. I think you can make him look better than he is, but I don't think you can make some miserable s.o.b. into a very nice guy," Nofziger said.

"Almost anybody who gets to the presidency is a miserable s.o.b. because he's got to go over an awful lot of bodies to get there."

Nofziger, a second-echelon White House aide for two years, left the Nixon staff in February, 1971, to join the Republican National Committee and later was manager of Mr. Nixon's California campaign organization in 1972.

Questioned later about the "miserable s.o.b." comment, Nofziger said "What I really meant is a tough and hardnosed guy."

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