

Goldwater's Senate Threat Hits Gravel

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater threatened during a secret Senate session last week to seek formal censure of Sen. Mike Gravel on the ground that he misused classified government documents.

Goldwater's threat came to light yesterday, when the Congressional Record published a transcript of closed Senate sessions held last Tuesday and Thursday.

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"I charge that a member of this body has used stolen material and wants to make capital of it in any way he sees fit," Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said during the debate.

"And as a senator I think, frankly, he should be censured," he added. "And I may offer that resolution after I have had a chance to consult with my leaders."

The last such action occurred in June, 1967, when the Senate censured the late Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) for diverting political campaign funds to his personal use.

Goldwater was disturbed by Gravel's earlier attempt in the debate — thwarted by a parliamentary maneuver — to read into the Congressional Record a study document about Indochina prepared in 1969 under the direction of Henry Kissinger, national security adviser to President Nixon.

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The document, known as "The Kissinger Papers," was published by the Washington Post but remained classified as secret.

Gravel (D-Alaska) contended that it showed Nixon was guilty of "malfeasance" for resuming heavy bombing of North Vietnam even though he had been advised that bombing was ineffective in shortening the war.

Gravel called the secret session Tuesday after Griffin made clear he would move to close the Senate doors if Gravel tried to read the papers in open session. Senate rules permit any two senators to force the Senate into a secret session.