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# Steinem Knocks Male Politicos

SACRAMENTO — (UPI) — Feminist Gloria Steinem jokingly dented any "personal knowledge" of President Nixon's sexuality, said Governor Reagan suffers from a "Hollywood" image of men, and termed Sen. George McGovern the "best white male candidate" for President.

She rated Alabama Gov. George Wallace as "off the chart."

Miss Steinem yesterday told newsmen that Reagan, an actor in 50 films, some of them westerns, feels that "a man does not give in or back down, even when he's wrong."

Nixon fared no better in Miss Steinem's view. She said when he is ranked with other presidential candidates he "comes out someplace about 10 feet underground."

At a Sacramento Press Club luncheon, Miss Steinem said she endorsed the presidential candidacy of black Rep. Shirley Chisholm of New York.

But she said she had been working for McGovern "whom I always describe as the best white male candidate."

Asked if she had gotten any White House reaction to her recent remark that Nixon is "the most sexually insecure chief of state" since Napoleon, she replied, "I'm happy to say I have no personal knowledge of Nixon's sexuality."

Miss Steinem, who was escorted by bachelor Assemblyman Walter Karabian (D-Monterey Park), missed connections earlier on a scheduled visit to the Assembly chamber.