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## Butz Has Hard Words For Ervin

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Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz yesterday called Senator Sam Erwin (Dem-N.C.), whose committee is investigating the Watergate affair, a "publicity-seeking senator."

Erwin heads the Select Senate Committee to Investigate Conduct of the 1972 Presidential Election. His committee is to begin hearings Thursday.

Butz termed Erwin's probe a "very improper . . . political inquisition" conducted "largely for political reasons."

He warned that the pretrial publicity could hinder the judiciary's effort to bring the Watergate defendants to justice.

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