

# What Goldwater Would Do If He Were President

By George Murphy

U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, as outspoken as ever, said here yesterday that if he were President, he'd voluntarily appear before the Senate committee investigating the Watergate affair.

"I'd call Sam Ervin and say 'Sam, I'd like to spend the day with you on the Hill,'" the Arizona Republican said.

Here to address a luncheon meeting of the San Francisco Rotary Club, Goldwater told a pre-lunch press conference:

"I believe in President Nixon completely. I believe he's innocent.

"But if I were being harassed by the same kind of innuendo, I'd ask to come to the (committee) hearings and get this thing cleared up."

## SPEECH

At the Sheraton-Palace luncheon, Goldwater told about 400 Rotarians, including a visitor from Great Britain, that "every President, with the exception of five or six, has had some kind of scandal or other, and we've survived.

"With apologies to our visitor from England, things are different there. They have a little sex over there and the whole place falls apart."

The main thrust of Gold-

water's speech was toward the country's economic problems and what can be done about them.

"I reject out of hand the concept of the United States as financially, politically and morally bankrupt," he said.

## WATERGATE

He said that as Watergate is diverting attention from economic problems today, so did the war in Indochina in the past decade.

"So absorbed were we with the problems of Southeast Asia that we did not pay close enough attention to our monetary system and what was happening to the dollar on the foreign exchanges of the world. We



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refused to see the real meaning and importance of an unfavorable trade balance."

The situation is much the same now, Goldwater said.

"Here we are, after two devaluations of the dollar in a 14-month period, and those in control of Congress still want to continue deficit spending on a vast scale, union leaders continue to demand wage boosts far in excess of increases in the rate of productivity, and welfare recipients throughout the country continue to step up their demands for even higher payments."

Goldwater claimed that "this is what ails the dollar. Phases three and 3½ and Watergate have been contributing factors. But the real, basic reason for the world's lack of faith in our currency is the picture of a nation in deep fiscal trouble which refuses — even in the face of crisis — to show some degree of economic responsibility."