

Ervin's Biblical Quotes

Washington

Drawing again on Biblical quotations, Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. suggested yesterday that President Nixon's failure to respond to warnings about Watergate was reminiscent of the adage, "There is none so blind as he who will not see, and none so deaf as he who will not hear."

The North Carolina Democrat and Senate Watergate committee chairman also told former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III that his detailed account of his own problems stemming from Watergate might qualify him under the 15th Psalm to "dwell in the holy hill of the Lord."

"That includes 'he who sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not,'" said Ervin. "I would say that you might lay claim to that blessing because of the testimony you have given here."

Gray responded by saying that, at Mass on the first day he was named acting FBI director the lesson had been the Book of Job, who is seen by Biblical scholars as a good man whose suffering was a test of his faith.

"For some strange reason I put that in my briefcase and I've kept it there ever since," Gray said.

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