

### The Worst of Watergate

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 (UPI)—  
Senator Howard H. Baker Jr.,  
Republican of Tennessee, said  
today that he thought the na-  
tion had weathered the worst  
part of Watergate and the is-  
sue now had "diminished im-  
portance."

"I have an idea the greatest  
crisis the country faced has  
passed on Watergate," he said  
in a speech to the National Of-  
fice Products Association. Sena-  
tor Baker is the vice chairman  
of the Senate Watergate Com-  
mittee.

Despite that, Mr. Baker said,  
he does not believe the public  
would be satisfied if the Senate  
hearings stopped now. He said  
the prevailing attitude was  
"don't stop, but finish as soon  
as you can."