GOP Shoo-In For Senate Won't Run

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Senator William B. Saxbe (Rep-Ohio), a tough, plain-spoken man who once compared two White House aides with Nazis and said the President must have "taken leave of his senses" for last year's massive bombing of North Vietnam, announced yesterday that he won't seek re-election to the Senate in 1974.

Saxbe, 57, was considered a shoo-in to win a second term if he chose to run. But he said yesterday he will retire to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, his home town, practice law and run the family cattle-breeding business. He said he hasn't any present intention to run for public office again.

Saxbe declined to speak at any length on why he is turning down virtually certain re-election in order to go back to his little town of Mechanicsburg, except to say, in effect, that he thought he'd be happier there.

But he has repeatedly told

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WILLIAM SAXBE
He plans to retire

friends and associates over the past year that he is frustrated with all the phony political talk, the difficulty of getting anything meaningful done in Washington and the high-and-mighty stance of the White House.

It was Saxbe, long before many others had the courage to say outright what they were saying privately, who several years ago publicly likened former White House aides John Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman to Nazis for what he considered their high-handed tactics in dealing with Congress and the public.

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