

## Percey Makes A Pledge

Senator Charles H. Percy, who is looking for the Republican presidential nomination in 1976, told a San Francisco press conference yesterday that he will devote all his congressional energy to restoring a special prosecutor force to investigate possible White House wrong-doing.

"Once again the faith of the American people in their government has been assaulted," the Illinois senator said.

Asked whether impeachment proceedings should be brought against President Nixon, Percy would say only that decision lies with the House of Representatives, not the Senate, which would act as a jury in the matter.

Percy said the White House investigation may now be conducted by a special prosecutor appointed by the federal courts or "the more effective course may be for the Congress to empower a special prosecutor force."

"For my part, I intend to do all I can to restore, in appropriate jurisdiction, the special prosecutor, his staff and all of the papers and documents developed by them over the past several months."

Percy interrupted a pri-



SEN. CHARLES PERCY  
A Bay Area visitor

vate visit in the Bay Area to hold the press conference in the Fairmont Hotel. He was the author of the Senate resolution last May, calling for an independent prosecutor to investigate Watergate.

"What is at stake here is whether the elected officials of a democracy are more important than the people," he said.