



Birch Society Leader Assails Nixon

Los Angeles

John Birch Society faithful — 2000 of them — gathered over the weekend to hear leader Robert Welch assail President Nixon and announced the society's program for the next 15 years.

Welch, 74, spoke for nearly two hours at the Century Plaza, and was frequently interrupted by tumultuous applause, particularly when he described Mr. Nixon as a "slippery politician" and a would-be dictator.

An impeachment pam-

phlet put out by the right-wing group declared:

out fundamental policies which are directly opposite to the platform promises on which he was elected. And he sometimes gets confused as to whether or not he personally is the government of the United States."

Welch outlined a five-point program which he said the John Birch Society "will help, and even sometimes lead, the American people to accomplish during the next 15 years."

The five points were:

• Restoring "the complete independence of the United

States" by getting the United States out of the United Nations.

• Making U.S. money "freely redeemable in gold at some realistic price" and taking all practical legislative steps to stop "contrived inflation."

• Reducing the number of government agencies and employees by at least 50 per cent.

• Withdrawing "all American troops from every spot on earth that is not American soil, except when and where such troops may be required, as decided by Congress, to protect American lives and properties from criminal vandalism."

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