

Goldwater's Angry Talk

Washington

Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) charged yesterday that the Washington Post had committed an "act of treason" by printing secret FBI documents that appear to contradict Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's denials that he initiated wiretaps on government officials and newsmen.

"It's obvious that any information that the government has can be obtained by the Washington Post or any other newspaper that wants to pay the price," Goldwater told reporters after delivering a Senate speech in defense of Kissinger.

"This is plain, outright treason and I won't stand for it," he added.

Benjamin C. Bradley, executive editor of the Washington Post, replied in a statement, "That's really an outrageous charge. We neither stole the documents nor bought them.

"We have a right to look at any information given to us by responsible government officials, whether it's a senator or a president or a bureaucrat," Bradley went on. "And we have a responsibility to print all information that is relevant and newsworthy."

Reports published in the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Boston Globe yesterday seemed to sharply contradict Kissinger's sworn testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he did not order wiretaps

placed on the telephones of his aides in an attempt to stem four major news leaks in 1969.

In his Senate speech, Goldwater urged Kissinger to "lay the case out in a plain and simple fashion, so that any newsmen will be able to understand it . . . what I mean is that it is time we decide once and for all whether it is more important to protect secret information relative to our government, or more important to provide more circulation for newspapers, more view-

ers and listeners to the electronic media, and more money and adulation for people willing to turn against their government."

After making his charge about treason, Goldwater told a reporter: "I'm not blaming anybody, because if a guy like (Daniel) Ellsberg can get away with it, if I were a newsmen I'd feel I could print anything I could lay my hands on, but as a senator . . . I'm going to raise all the noise I can."

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