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## Ervin Links Watergate

### To the Lust for Power

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—The men who brought about Watergate and then tried to cover it up were consumed by a lust for power, Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. said today.

That lust "blinded them to the laws of God as well as to the laws and ethics of man," said the North Carolina Democrat who directed the Senate's Watergate investigation.

Proposed laws resulting from the investigation will minimize the danger of future Watergates, he predicted. But they would not guarantee integrity in politics and government, he added.

His comments came in remarks prepared for the annual prayer breakfast of the American Bar Association. He made no reference to former President Richard M. Nixon in his text.