

# Nixon Wants to Re-Enter GOP

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Sen. Barry Goldwater said yesterday former President Nixon told him he would like to get back into politics to help the Republican Party. 23 JAN

Goldwater said he met with Nixon in San Clemente, Calif., last Thursday and discussed the possibility of Nixon someday returning to "the political arena" as a spokesman for the GOP.

The Arizona Republican said he had lunch at Nixon's oceanside retreat, and that the former President "talked of his desire to get back into the political arena — not as a candidate — but as a party spokesman.

"We discussed whether he would be accepted back into the party's affairs," Goldwater said, "and I told him I thought he would be.

"My mail shows there's no lessening of interest in him within the party," Goldwater said. "After all, he had millions who voted for him.

"Of course there is the question of when his health would permit it," Goldwater said. "But he felt that when it does he might get out and try to be of some help" to Republican candidates and the party generally.

"It's not going to happen the day after tomorrow, or next month or even next year," Goldwater said, "but as time goes on I think Watergate will gradually be put behind us.

"And I have a suspicion that as time goes on he'll be available for the Republican Party," Goldwater added.

Goldwater said Nixon still was suffering from phlebitis, which almost

took his life, and still "can't walk very well."

"He seemed to be quite cheerful and is well aware of what's going on. He's clearly kept abreast of everything that's been happening."

Goldwater said he didn't "sense any bitterness" on Nixon's part, "none at all.

"He's concerned now with the job of writing a book and telling his side of the story" about Watergate.

Goldwater also said that Vice President Rockefeller would have "no chance" of winning the 1976 GOP presidential nomination in the event President Ford decided not to seek election to a full term.

"You'd have the united effort of the conservatives in the party against

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him," Goldwater said. "I don't think he'd have any chance at all."

Goldwater also called for "a real proven politician" to be placed in the job of Republican national chairman, a post now held by Mary Louise Smith.

He said the post required "a dynamic political leader, someone who is politically savvy and is an experienced politician."

Goldwater said he believed Mr. Ford would run for a full term next year and that most conservatives will support him.

### Doctor Says Nixon Is Looking Improved

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 28 (UPI) — Former President Nixon "looking physically improved" for the first time

since his last hospital stay, may be well enough next month to take occasional trips by car, helicopter or even airplane, his personal physician said today.

Dr. John C. Lungren, in an interview at his medical offices here, said Nixon swims in a pool once a day, takes numerous short walks and spends time in his office doing desk work.

Lungren examined Nixon at his San Clemente estate for 70 minutes last Friday. 24 JAN

"He still tires and fatigues very easily," the doctor said. "But for the first time since he left the hospital last November, he has shown a definite improvement in his physical appearance. He is holding his weight at a very good level.

Nixon nearly died last Oct. 29 when he went into shock following surgery to correct his phlebitis condition.

Since his release from the hospital, he has been kept under a strict program of anticoagulation—to thin the blood in his phlebitis-ridden leg—and restricted physical activity, which prevented his travel to testify at the Watergate cover-up trial in Washington.

The doctor said that Nixon is able to have more visitors and that his fluctuating blood pressure, of great concern to doctors during his hospitalization, no longer poses an immediate threat.

Nixon may eventually be able to lead a normal, active life for a man of his age, but will require constant medical watching, the doctor said.