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Agnew Calls For Nixon Re-Election

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said yesterday that President Nixon deserves re-election in 1972 but also needs a Congress that will carry out his policies.

Agnew gave a political pep talk to the Republican National Committee on the closing day of a four-day conference to plan for the 1972 national convention and campaign.

Agnew said the President is important but that "he can't function without a Congress that will support him."

He predicted that administration programs would get much "political scrutiny" from the Democratic-controlled Congress next year with a resulting slowdown in government. The President needs "the kind of Congress that will put his policies into effect," he said.

Agnew said Mr. Nixon was entitled to re-election as the only man who could handle programs needed to carry the contrary through the last third of the 20th century.

He said the GOP now is in "extremely good shape" despite a few defections. Without mentioning by name Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York—Republican turned Democrat—he referred to "a prominent New Yorker who traded his elephant and made an ass of himself."

As for opposition by many labor leaders to the administration's New Economic Policy, Agnew said that "having the AFL-CIO leaders against you is not tantamount to having the working man against you."

Agnew was introduced by Sen. Robert J. Dole of Kansas, GOP national chairman as "my choice for Vice President in 1968 and my choice for Vice President in 1972."