Q. Who controls national Republican Party politics? T.B., Window Rock, Ariz.

A. Most probably Attorney General John Mitchell who told Sen. Sam Ervin at his confirmation before the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 14, 1969:

"Senator, I would hope that my activities of a political nature have ended with the campaign. I might say that this was my first entry into a political campaign, and I trust it will be my last. From the termination of the campaign and henceforth, my duties and functions will be related to the Justice Department, and as the legal and not the political adviser to the President." Panude (2)11/71

Q. Why is it that except for Daniel Moynihan and Henry Kissinger, President Nixon has failed to attract topflight academic talent to his Administration?-Danny Lewis, Marblehead, Mass.

A. Most academicians, it is fair to say, are politically and philosophically more liberal than the Nixon-

Agnew Administration.