

Nixon Likens Democrats to 'Disorganized Rabble'

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Appeals for Clear Vote of Confidence

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Richard M. Nixon, appealing for a "clear vote of confidence" in the Nov. 5 presidential election, said Monday night the Democrats are a "disorganized rabble" not to be trusted with America's leadership.

The Republican presidential nominee told some 15,000 people at a Pittsburgh rally that on election day the voters will "tell that gang to get packing because new leadership is going to come for the American people."

Nixon campaigned from Albany, N.Y., to Pittsburgh forecasting that his election showing will surprise the pollsters, and asking for victory of a magnitude which will represent a mandate to govern.

Hecklers, perhaps 50 or more in number, taunted Nixon in the Pittsburgh Civic Arena. He gave them his stock response: "At a Nixon meeting, the cheers drown out the hecklers." The crowd roared. "Sock it to 'em," Nixon said, and laughed.

He said Republican victory will restore real leadership. "And believe me, we need it after we see what's going on up there in that balcony," Nixon said with a wave at the chanting demonstrators.

'NIXON EATS GRAPES'

The hecklers shouted slogans of opposition to the Vietnam war and of support for the union

boycott of California-produced grapes. One sign said, "Nixon Eats Grapes."

Closing his speech, Nixon referred to the hecklers again. "I must conclude now because we've got to give them time to get to the train to get to my next rally," he said. "They're my props, you know," he said.

Nixon said the current Democratic administration has written the worst record of any in this century. And he said the turmoil and riots that flared during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago prove that that party cannot handle the task of leading and uniting the nation.

"I say that disorganized rabble is not to be trusted with the new leadership that they presented to the people of the United States at that convention in Chicago."

The Republican presidential nominee talked of polls and election day margins in an apparent attempt to offset a tremor of political nervousness in his campaign organization.

"The Democrats are picking up some," Nixon acknowledged in a talk with newsmen aboard his campaign jet. "But so are we. We're moving ahead too."

On the steps of the State Capitol in Albany, Nixon said he looks for all kinds of political charges from the Democrats in the days ahead.

TRICK OR TREAT

"As we enter this Halloween week, this is trick or treat week and we're going to hear a lot of tricks this week," he told a rally there. "There will be all kinds of charges."

He said the reason is that the Democrats are "afraid they're going to lose. And they're right.

We're going to give them the licking of their lives . . . convention in Chicago," Nixon said. "Give us the mandate and I'm sure that you will not be sorry . . . give us this mandate for change."