

Nixon Exhorts Republicans

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President Nixon, backed by Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Vice President Gerald R. Ford, emotionally appealed to Republicans yesterday not to become disillusioned by administration mistakes or by special election defeats.

Spurred on by a cheering crowd of 500 Young Republicans, in convention at the Shoreham Hotel, who chanted "three more years" when he appeared, the President urged party workers to "keep your faith, keep your confidence."

"You learn from your defeats and then you go on to fight again, never quit, never quit," Mr. Nixon said. "Always go on and fight for those things you believe in."

Goldwater, speaking to the same audience two hours later, drew loud applause when he said that Mr. Nixon would neither resign nor be impeached.

However, the Arizona senator criticized the administration's \$304 billion proposed budget as an ill-advised attempt by the President to appease his "would-be impeachers." Such criticism, Goldwater added did not affect his basic support for Mr. Nixon or his friendship with him.

"He knows when the chips

are down he can depend on me," Goldwater said.

Goldwater said that Mr. Nixon's latest budget discarded all of the administration's previous "ax-wielding austerity plans for reducing the size and cost of the federal establishment."

He pictured this "splurge of extravagance with the taxpayer's money" as an attempt by the White House to appease the President's liberal critics. Goldwater said this overlooks the historic personal opposition Mr. Nixon of "liberal-to-radical leaders," which he traced back to the Alger Hiss case.

"If the President's advisers believe that any progress can be made toward appeasing Mr. Nixon's would-be impeachers by compromising economic policy, they are badly mistaken," Goldwater said.

Except for Goldwater's criticism of the budget, most of the day's activities had the appearance of a pep rally intended to stimulate Republican workers to take a vigorous role in this year's election campaigns.

Ford, in a question-and-answer session, predicted an improving energy and economic picture that he said would lead to a "totally different political situation" in the November campaigns.

While conceding that Watergate played a part in the elec-

tion of a Democrat to the Michigan congressional district he had represented for 25 years, Ford said that "adverse economic conditions" were primarily responsible for the Republican defeat.

Ford was cheered when he finished with a prediction that Mr. Nixon would serve as President for three more years. The President went Ford one better in his own speech, saying that he would finish out his term and that a Republican would occupy the White House until 1985.

In an apparent reference to the Watergate scandal which has plagued his second term, Mr. Nixon said there is "a

tendency to become disillusioned with politics" when "mistakes are made by people who are in your own party."

The President said that to withdraw from politics because of this would be to leave it "to those who don't care about those mistakes so much."

Mr. Nixon said that Republicans should not wait until they had "a sure thing" to seek elective office.

"Show me a candidate who is not a hungry candidate, show me a candidate who isn't willing to take a risk and risk all, even risk losing, and I will show you a lousy candidate," the President said.