

YAF Votes Fund To Oppose Nixon

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HOUSTON, Sept. 5—The national convention of Young Americans for Freedom adjourned today after voting to raise \$750,000 to back a conservative challenge to President Nixon's re-election in 1972.

Earlier, in a Saturday session that ran well past midnight, the delegates chose Vice President Agnew as a 1972 presidential candidate, with Sen. James L. Buckley (Cons-R-N.Y.) as a running mate.

Re-elected YAF National Chairman, Ronald Docksai, said the organization would be "prudent" in whatever political tactics it chooses for 1972. "But," he added, "conservatives will lose everything we gained if we remain politically passive with an administration which too often promotes, implements and boasts of policies which a radical democratic administration would not have the audacity to present to a free American people."

Throughout the weekend meeting, conservative speakers have assailed Mr. Nixon's scheduled trip to Communist China, his alleged neglect of defense needs, his support of welfare reforms and his economic policies of wage-price controls and deficit spending. When New Jersey delegate

Thomas Lamont made a nominating speech for the President last night, in which he said Mr. Nixon deserved conservative support for withdrawing U.S. troops from Vietnam, "without losing an inch of territory to the Communists," and for naming two conservatives to the Supreme Court, the convention exploded in boos and catcalls.

The delegates let off steam with a series of mock favorite-son nominations, encouraged by the organization's leaders. The list of pseudo-candidates included cartoonist Al Capp, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley (D), Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa) the celebrated economist, who was nominated by a delegate who said, "in your heart, you know he's cheap," and the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, whose nominator said he had "lived up to the adage, Better Dead Than Red." shenanigans, all the humorist favorite-sons were withdrawn, and the delegates made the choice between Agnew, Reagan and Mr. Nixon.

Agnew's nomination was made by acclamation after Puerto Rico put him well over the necessary majority with 938 votes. At the time, Mr. Nixon had 41 votes by unofficial ballots.