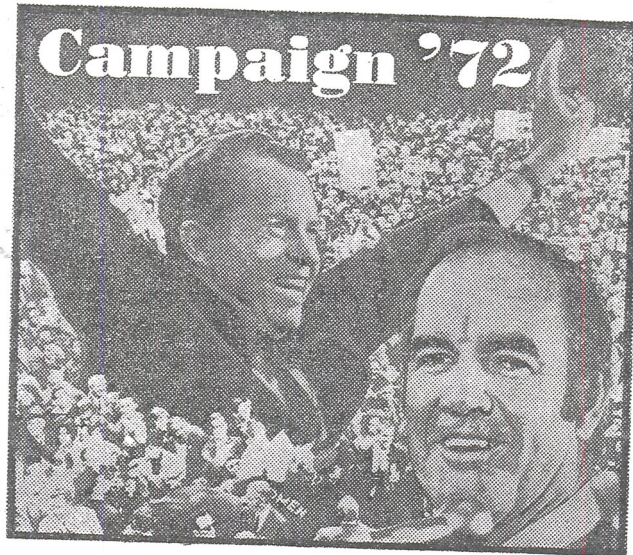


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Klein Predicts Nixon Will Carry 45 States

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Herbert G. Klein, President Nixon's communications director, predicted yesterday that Mr. Nixon would carry at least 45 states in Tuesday's election.

He forecast a large majority for Mr. Nixon in South Dakota—Democrat George McGovern's home state—and said the GOP has a chance of winning control of the Senate by picking up five seats.

The only five states that Klein did not predict a Nixon victory were Massachusetts, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin and California—the latter Mr. Nixon's home state.

While saying Massachusetts and West Virginia would be the "toughest" for Mr. Nixon, Klein said he felt more confident about Michigan and California, although he would not go so far as to predict Mr. Nixon would not lose them.

Wisconsin, he said, will be close.

In Senate races, he said the contests in Texas, Tennessee, Michigan and South Dakota would be close. But he predicted Republican incumbent Sens. John Tower of Texas, Howard Baker of Tennessee and Robert Griffin of Michigan would retain their seats.

Klein also described as tight the contest between Republican Robert Hirsch and Democratic Rep. James G. Abourezk for the seat vacated by ailing Sen. Karl Mundt of South Dakota.

He also said Mr. Nixon, by going into Oklahoma and Rhode Island today and North Carolina and New Mexico Saturday enroute to California, would help put over the Republican senatorial candidates in those states.