## G.O.P. Governors Show Pessimism on '72 Races

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-Most of the 28 Republican states if the 1972 election were Governors and Governors-elect, held today, with the possible meeting today at this snow-clad resort in the Sawtooth challenged him. Mountains-including six incumbents who were denied re- blanket of fresh snow on the election—are full of political peaks surrounding Sun Valley, complaints, recriminations and the political mood was gloomy. prescriptions for reform.

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about the White House political operation, about the results of the 1970 elections and about the party's prospects in 1970. the party's prospects in 1972.

said his analysis indicated that

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Dec. 14 none of the country's 10 largest

Despite the crisp air and the

Gov. Tom McCall of Oregon, The standing joke, seemingly who said before coming here repeated every hour on the that President Nixon should hour, is that the conference dump Mr. Agnew in 1972, should have been at Death added after his arrival that the alley.

The meeting is like most had had a "nasty" tone, Mr. gatherings of Republican pro- McCall, who was re-elected this is filled with sour remarks year, also said that the Presi-

Two weeks ago, at a little-publicized meeting of Republicized and liberal Republicans lican campaign managers at Francis W. Sargent, who was Calloway Gardens in Georgia, re-elected this fall in Massathe tone was even more bitter, according to the accounts of several of the participants.

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Francis W. Sargent, who was re-elected this fall in Massathe tone was even more bitter, chusetts, said "The storm clouds are gathering for Mr. Nixon in 1972." Gov. David Cargo, who did not seek re-

President Nixon could carry Continued on Page 26, Column 3

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Continued From Page 1, Col. 4 election in New Mexico, said the Republicans had "lost the election because the strategy was completely negative."

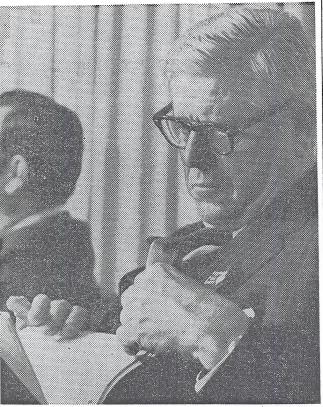
Gov. Dan Evans of Washington said the Administration had tried to "mislead the nation" by its emphasis on law and order issue

Gov. William G. Milliken, who was re-elected in Michigan, said the White House had to said the White House had to stop polarizing and start unify-ing if it wanted to win at the polls. Mr. Milliken has been calling his liberal and moderate Republican colleagues on the telephone the last two weeks urging them to help put the party on a more progressive course. party c

More conservative Republicans, such as Gov. Ronald Rea-gan, who won re-election in California, and Gov. Claude R. California, and Gov. Claude R. Kirk, who was defeated in Florida, said that Mr. Nixon had done well. So did the host Governor, Don Samuelson of Idaho, who was defeated for re-election and who hopes to land a post in the Interior Department part was

partment next year.
Several conservatives, howseveral conservatives, however, remarked privately that they thought Mr. Nixon would have trouble winning re-election. Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb of Indiana told a colleague that the President was in trouble in his state, which gave Mr. Nixon his biggest percentage in the Nixon Administration mitteemen. "Nobody in the production of the committeemen of the committeemen of the committeemen." in 1968.

For all of their grumbling, however, the Governors appeared to have no stomach for an open fight with the President, such as the one that broke out between Democratic Governors and President John-



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squabbles.

an open fight with the President, such as the one that broke out between Democratic Governors and President Johnson at a 1966 conference in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Vice President Agnew, who is unpopular with many of the Governors, some of whom went so far as to ask him to stay out of their states this fall, is due here tomorrow. His trip was scheduled at the last minute, apparently in an attempt to demonstrate White House concern for the feelings of the Governors.

Some Governors will doubtless complain to him at a breakfast meeting Wednesday. But few people here expect the gripes to change anything, and it appears unlikely that much support for a public remonstrance with the President will develop.

There are three main reasons why the evident bitterness is unlikely to be focused in anything official.

First, the Republicans don't like to fight among themselves when the public is watching.

Second, no spokesman is in sight, except possibly Governor McCall, who is considered amaverick by his colleagues. Governor Rockefeller of New York left here today, so he will not be available for the Agnew meeting.

Finally, several of the lameduck Governors, including the molton of Representative the said at Calloway Gardens that the elections had demonstrated that the elections had demonstrated that the elections had demonstrated that Mr. Nixon's margin manager, alluding to Mr. Nixon's margin manager, alluding to Mr. Nixon's margin made ability to help other candidates. Another campaign manager, alluding to Mr. Nixon's margin made ability to help other candidates. Another campaign manager, alluding to Mr. Nixon's morgin man

At the Republican Governors Conference, under way here, there was more talk of poor communications after Representative Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, the outgoing national chairman, told the astounded Governors that Mr. Nixon had chosen former Gov. John B. Connolly Jr. of Texas today as Secretary of the

today as Secretary of the Treasury.

None of the Governors had the slightest idea that the appointment was coming. Mr. Morton's staff did not know. He himself found out only moments before the official announcement.

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