

Ripon Society Rakes 'New Majority' Scandal

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.) —(UPI) — The Ripon Society, a Liberal-Republican group, accused President Nixon yesterday of ignoring his own party in favor of a "New Majority Party" epitomized by White House aide H. R. Haldeman.

The GOP group said it was inviting the White House, "after it has cleaned up its internal problems — to rejoin the Republican Party."

The group blamed the New Majority Party for the "scandals that are now damaging the Republican Party." And said, "It is this New Majority Party, not the Republican Party, that is responsible for ITT, Vesco, and the indifference to integrity that pervades official statements from the White House."

It added that Haldeman "more than any other presidential aide, epitomizes the condescending White House attitude toward the rest of the Republican Party."

"Republican progressives have long felt locked out of the White House by the President's staff. But in the last year, that feeling has spread to most Republicans on Capitol Hill and indeed to most GOP state chairmen and governors."

"That is why," said the editorial, "many Republicans are rooting for the axe of the Watergate scandal to fall on the head of H. R. Haldeman."

Ripon called on the President to accept the leadership of the GOP and argued that this would require a change in the White House's attitude and the solicitation of ideas from all segments of the party.