

Nixon Says GOP Can Win

Washington

President Nixon told Republican contributors last night that GOP candidates can win in the fall despite apparent hard times.

Avoiding any direct reference to Watergate and current GOP electoral reverses,

Mr. Nixon told a \$1000 - a-plate fund - raising dinner that Republican candidates who run on his administration's record can win in November.

"Never bet on what the situation is in the spring, because in the fall it's going to be different," Mr. Nixon

said. "And it's going to be different this year because in the fall we're going to win."

Mr. Nixon said the issues of world peace and the domestic economy would be the decisive factors in the November election and predicted the administration would score well on both points.

"I can tell you on the first issue of peace, this administration and candidates who support this administration's policy will have a strong case to take to the people in the fall," Mr. Nixon said.

Mr. Nixon drew enthusiastic response from the packed ballroom at a Washington hotel, including one-minute standing ovations at his introduction, at the start

of his speech and at the conclusion. He was interrupted several times by applause.

Only a third or less of the audience, however, were ticket - buying contributors, with the rest getting in free to fill out the crowd.

Senator William Brock (Rep - Tenn.), chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, estimated the dinner would gross \$700,000 to \$800,000 which would be the lowest in memory for one of these annual GOP congressional fund - raisers.

The speech concluded with a heavy emphasis on foreign affairs with Mr. Nixon claiming "the beginning of a peace that will last."

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