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WELCH SEES NIXON AS BOON TO REDS

Scores 2 Major Nominees
—Is Silent on Wallace

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 15—The John Birch Society's executive committee has unanimously endorsed the theory that pro-Communists could operate more successfully with Richard M. Nixon as President than under Hubert H. Humphrey.

This view was advanced by Robert Welch, founder and leader of the Birch Society, in a letter mailed to all society members this week. A postscript notes that the executive committee endorsed the message at a meeting in Boston on Sept. 14.

The Birch statement attacked both the Republican and Democratic Presidential candidates. It made no direct reference to George C. Wallace of the American Independent Party.

Members of the Birch Society have been active in the Wallace campaign in a number of states. Mr. Wallace has said that he is not a member himself, but he refuses to repudiate the support of members on the theory that the group's anti-Communist position is laudable.

In his letter, Mr. Welch uses the term "insiders" to describe the men "who run the show in this country" and who, during the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations, "used their influence to move us steadily and directly down the road to Communism by steps taken in the name of progress and reform."

Understanding Urged

"The insiders think they can accomplish far more for the Communist movement, far more safely, with an Eisenhower-type Administration, this time under Richard Nixon, than they could with a Kennedy or a Humphrey as President," the Birch leader wrote.

"And they can, unless there is sufficient understanding of what is taking place. But such an Administration will have to move more subtly and at first more cautiously than would a Johnson-type regime. Fortunately, this provides the time for us to create that understanding."

The Welch theory is that these "insiders" move the country toward Communism fairly openly during Democratic Administrations. Then, when anti-Communism rises, they shift to Republican leadership that undertakes the same program covertly.

Mr. Welch implied that the "insiders," sensing a "new revulsion" against the nation's Democratic leaders by 1968, had helped to insure a Republican victory by maneuvering President Johnson's withdrawal and Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassination.

Institute Discloses Letter

"In 1968, they did not want a Lyndon Johnson or a Robert Kennedy to be elected." The Birch leader wrote, "and were willing to take rather extreme measures to prevent it."

Copies of Mr. Welch's letter were made available by the Institute for American Democracy, an organization dedicated to a study of charges made by extremist groups, particularly those on the right wing.

Mr. Welch did not write off all Nixon backers as Communist-oriented, despite his estimate of the climate of a Nixon Administration. He said there were "a lot of influential patriots supporting Nixon who think that his election will automatically bring many good conservatives into government."

Much of Mr. Welch's letter was devoted to an appeal for contributions to the Birch Society. He reported that the society and two affiliated publishing corporations had taken in \$320,000 during the first six months of 1968, but that this would not cover the deficits of the previous two years.

Particularly needed, the Birch leader said, were checks of \$8,000 to \$100,000 each.