

**Nixon 'Comeback'?****Andrew Tully**

**"I WISH** the guy would move to Switzerland and stay there," said one Republican senator. "Why shouldn't he come in out of the cold?" asked a former Republican member of the House. "The party could use his political expertise."

The subject was Richard M. Nixon. Reports are filtering out of San Clemente that he'd like to make a comeback by playing a limited role as a sometime adviser to the GOP.

Party stalwarts are divided on what is becoming an intra-party issue. One opinion is that Nixon's return to public life would hurt the GOP by reviving the Watergate issue. The other is that Republican candidates could profit from seeking out Nixon's counsel on foreign policy.

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**EVEN THOSE** who don't want Nixon participating in party affairs wish him no harm. But as one Republican senator put it: "I just think the sooner he's forgotten the better for everybody."

Nevertheless, it's a good bet Nixon will go public again. He should get a ton of headlines next spring from a series of four television interviews with David Frost. And his book will be published next fall.

That is okay. Nixon is expected to gross around \$2-million from these endeavors, and he has never overlooked the importance of being rich. But I hope he'll resist the temptation to destroy the

GOP by sticking his nose in the party's business.

Republicans who say they could use Nixon's advice on any matter are monkeying with a death wish. They are saying that an already badly battered minority party should now assume the added burden of a discredited President.

True, Nixon has been convicted of nothing. But he fled town in disgrace when it became clear the House of Representatives was about to impeach him and the Senate had enough votes to find him guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors." And Nixon would have been tried elsewhere on those charges if President Ford had not wisely decided to pardon him.

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**DAVID WISE'S** knowing book, "The American Police State," should be required reading for those Republicans valiantly trying to rebuild their party. Naming his sources, both human and documentary, Wise details the sordid machinations of what he calls "The government against the people" under Richard Nixon.

For the people's own sake, their client here should be the two-party system which Nixon and his untidy cronies all but wrecked. For the sake of that system, Republicans of all persuasions should unite to make sure that Richard Nixon's future is confined to literature and show biz. Off his record, he'll laugh all the way to the bank.