

State GOP Chiefs Back Rockefeller

New York

Republican chairmen from 11 Northeast states yesterday endorsed former New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller as their choice for vice president of the United States.

Neither Rockefeller nor President Ford was consulted in advance of the endorsement, said a spokesman for the group, Edmund Pendleton, GOP chairman of the District of Columbia.

In a statement issued following the endorsement announcement, Rockefeller reiterated a comment he made over the weekend that "this is a decision that President Ford must make in the light of his own judgment, plans and requirements."

"I am naturally complimented by this expression from our Republican party leaders of the Northeast," he added.

Associated Press

Loan to Egypt

Cairo

The World Bank has agreed to lend Egypt \$1285 million, Al Akhbar newspaper said yesterday.

Reuters

Ford's Call

White House Bid To Black Caucus

Washington

Representative Charles Rangel (Dem-N.Y.) said yesterday that President Ford had called him to request a meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus.

Rangel is chairman of the 16-member caucus.

"The new President's invitation to me and the other members of the Congressional Black Caucus is indicative of the seriousness of his intention to open his administration to the advice and counsel of those of us who represent people whose views and needs were ignored by the Nixon administration," Rangel said.

Rangel said that Mr. Ford told him presidential aide Alexander Haig would be calling him in the next few days to set up the meeting with the black House leaders "within the next two weeks."

As a result of the call, Rangel said the Black Cau-

cus members would attend last night's address to a joint session of Congress by Mr. Ford, though they had unofficially boycotted such addresses by Mr. Nixon.

The boycott of Mr. Nixon's addresses to Congress grew out of caucus members' frustration in their attempts to meet with Mr. Nixon and disillusionment with what they felt was Mr. Nixon's neglect of the needs of blacks.

Rangel said Mr. Ford called him and began by thanking Rangel for a telegram he had sent to the President congratulating Mr. Ford for promising candor and openness and reaching out to all segments of society.

Ford then suggested the meeting.

"No one had asked him for the meeting. He took the initiative," an aide to Rangel said.

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