

Job Hunters

GOP Losers Get Little Ford Aid

Washington

Defeated Republican congressmen and their aides are going to the White House for jobs but feel President Ford is giving them the cold shoulder, congressional informants said yesterday.

About 25 GOP congressmen who lost their seat to Democrats on November 5 and about 50 of their administrative assistants are job hunting. Aides say that within a few months, Mr. Ford will shake up the cabinet he inherited from Richard M. Nixon.

John W. Hushen, Mr. Ford's deputy press secretary, said "we are trying to be of assistance where we can, but there is no mandatory placement program for defeated congressmen."

Some congressional aides went to the White House recently to discuss possible presidential appointments. Instead of seeing William Walker, head of White House personnel, the sources said, "they were shunted off to two of Walker's underlings."

The aides asked about the "job bank," a highly publicized computer list of administration openings. They were told it had been sent to Mr. Nixon in San Clemente.

The informants say Mr. Ford has not called his former colleagues personally to offer any positions "or consolation." They said President Lyndon B. Johnson, "did a lot of calling and at least stroked" the losers after the 1966 Democratic setback.

"They have an 'I don't give a damn' attitude" said one congressional aide. "The people who carried water for the elephant won't be around if Ford wants to win an election in two years. If Ford lets the men experienced in politics go down the drain there won't be anyone to help him."

One example cited was representative Earl F. Landgrebe (Rep-Ind.), who constantly supported both Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford but "hasn't been offered anything."

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