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Hatfield Says There May Be No '72 Nixon Slate if

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WASHINGTON, June 28—Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Republican of Oregon, said today that unless the war was ended and the economy improved "there just may not be a Nixon-Agnew ticket in 1972."

He said that the Republican party "may turn to some other leadership" or that President Nixon might even follow the lead of President Johnson by withdrawing as a candidate.

"I'm not making these as predictions," he said. "But I want to make very clear that Mr. Nixon has to deliver."

Senator Hatfield, a leading Republican liberal, has frequently criticized the Nixon Administration but never before as broadly as in today's interview on Metromedia radio news.

He accused President Nixon of leading the Republican party

toward "possible disaster" by veering toward the right. He particularly criticized the President's so-called "Southern strategy," designed to capture the South for the Republicans.

"All of this other activity of entertaining the hard hats at the White House, the kind of appointments that are made, the Southern appointments, the Southern strategy, all of this represents a rightward move on the part of the present Republican leadership," he said.

Many Seen Excluded

This rightward movement, he continued, "excludes black people, it excludes the young people, it excludes most of those within the small business group perhaps, and labor, and ethnic groups of all kinds."

Senator Hatfield also accused Vice President Agnew of splitting the country through recent speeches assailing war

critics, young people and the news media.

However, the Senator said that the Vice President was not speaking independently of the Administration.

"This is Mr. Nixon speaking," he said. "The Vice President has no great authority."

The Senator said that on the basis of "the present direction" taken by the Administration, he was "skeptical" that President Nixon would be able to end the war and restore the economy.

But he said that he had "every hope that Mr. Nixon will be able to accomplish these goals."

He suggested that the chief beneficiary within the Republican party of a "dump Nixon" move in 1972 would be Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, a leading conservative.

"There's no secret that Gov-

ernor Reagan and the President are not the closest of political friends," he said, adding that some delegates who voted to nominate Mr. Nixon in 1968 would have preferred Governor Reagan as a Presidential candidate.

Senator Hatfield was one of the first Republican liberals to support Mr. Nixon's nomination

War Goes On

in 1968. He based his endorsement largely on a belief that Mr. Nixon would be best suited to bring an end to the war in Southeast Asia.

Senator Hatfield also supported Mr. Nixon for President in 1960 and made one of the nominating speeches for him at that year's Republican National Convention.