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meeting today at this snow-exception of Florida. Nobody clad resort in the Sawtooth challenged him. Mountains-including six incumbents who were denied re- blanket of fresh snow on the election—are full of political peaks surrounding Sun Valley, complaints, recriminations and the political mood was gloomy. prescriptions for reform.

repeated every hour on the hour, is that the conference dump Mr. Agnew in 1972, should have been at Death added after his arrival that the Valley.

gatherings of Republican pro- McCall, who was re-elected this is filled with sour remarks year, also said that the Presiabout the White House political operation, about the results of the 1970 elections and about the party's prospects in 1970

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said his analysis indicated that President Nixon could carry Continued on Page 26, Column 3

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Dec. 14 none of the country's 10 largest -Most of the 28 Republican states if the 1972 election were Governors and Governors-elect, held today, with the possible

Despite the crisp air and the Gov. Tom McCall of Oregon, The standing joke, seemingly who said before coming here alley. The meeting is like most Republican's 1970 campaign had had a "nasty" tone. Mr.

Two weeks ago, at a little-publicized meeting of Repub-lican campaign lican campaign managers at Calloway Gardens in Georgia, the tone was even more bitter, according to the accounts of several of the participants. Or prominent party worker Calloway Gardens in Georgia, re-elected this fall in Massa-chusetts, said "The storm clouds are gathering for Mr. Nixon in 1972." Gov. David Cargo, who did not seek re-

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Continued From Page 1, Col. 4 election in New Mexico, said the Republicans had "lost the election because the strategy was completely negative."

Gov. Dan Evans of Washington said the Administration had tried to "mislead the nation" by its emphasis on law and order issue

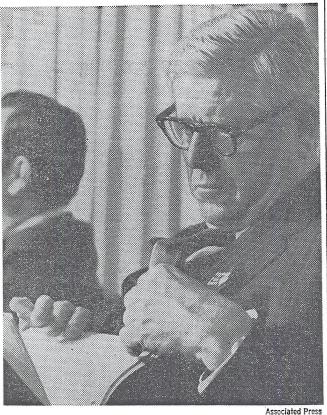
Gov. William G. Milliken, who was re-elected in Michigan, said the White House had to said the White House had to stop polarizing and start unify-ing if it wanted to win at the polls. Mr. Milliken has been calling his liberal and moderate Republican colleagues on the telephone the last two weeks urging them to help put the party on a more progressive course. party course.

More conservative Republicans, such as Gov. Ronald Rea-gan, who won re-election in California, and Gov. Claude R. California, and Gov. Claude R. Kirk, who was defeated in Florida, said that Mr. Nixon had done well. So did the host Governor, Don Samuelson of Idaho, who was defeated for re-election and who hopes to land a post in the Interior De-partment next was

partment next year. Several conservatives, how Several conservatives, how-ever, remarksd privately that they thought Mr. Nixon would have trouble winning re-elec-tion. Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb of Indiana told a colleague that the President was in trouble in his state, which gave Mr. Nixon his biggest percentage in the Nixon Administration mitteemen. "Nobody in the ord therefore want to avoid White House knows or cares in 1968.

For all of their grumbling, however, the Governors ap-peared to have no stomach for an open fight with the Presi-dent, such as the one that broke out between Democratic Governors and President John-

an open fight with the President, such as the one that dent, such as the one that forke out between Democratic Governors and President John-son at a 1966 conference in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Vice President Agnew, who is unpopular with many of the Governors, some of whom went is of ar as to ask him to stay out of their states this fall, is due here tomorrow. His trip was scheduled at the last min te, apparently in an attempt to demonstrate White House concern for the feelings of the Governors. Some Governors will doubt-less complain to him at a breakfast meeting Wednesday. Strance with the President will develop. Strance with the President will develop. Strance with the President will develop. There are three main rea-tis unlikely to be focused in anything official. First, the Republicans don't is support for a public remon-strance with the President will develop. Second, no spokesman is in anything official. First, the Republicans don't is support, according to the sight, except possibly Governorr Work left here today, so he will not be available for the agnew meeting. Finally, several of the lame-outgoing chairman of the or "We intend to elect a Re-"We intend to elect a Re-"We intend to elect a Re-



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At the Republican Governors Conference, under way here, there was more talk of poor communications after Repre-sentative Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, the outgoing na-tional chairman, told the astounded Governors that Mr. Nixon had chosen former Gov. John B. Connolly Jr. of Texas today as Secretary of the

today as Secretary of the Treasury. None of the Governors had the slightest idea that the ap-pointment was coming. Mr. Morton's staff did not know. He himself found out only mo-ments before the official an-pownement. nouncement.