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Conservative Leaders Dump Nixon

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Eleven leaders of conservative political organizations and publications said today they are suspending their support of the Nixon administration.

Their statement criticized Nixon overtures to Red China "done in the absence of any public concessions by Red China to American and western causes."

It also cited "his failure to call public attention to the deteriorated military position in conventional and strategic arms" and what it called Nixon failures to respond to Soviet advances into the Mediterranean and to warn against West German policies.

The signers included the chairman and vice chairman

of the New York Conservative Party, the executive director of the Young Americans for Freedom, two officers of the American Conservative Union and the three top officials of the National Review, including editor-in-chief William F. Buckley Jr.

The statement said "We do not plan at the moment to encourage formal political opposition to President Nixon in the forthcoming primaries, but we propose to keep all options open in the light of political developments in the next months."

It claimed the defection "is an act of loyalty to the Nixon we supported in 1968." The signers said they would seek out others to decide how best to "effectively register our protests."

The statement briefly touched on domestic matters, but said these "pale into insignificance alongside the tendencies of the administration in foreign policy."

At the same time, FACT, a newsletter of the Democratic National Committee, condemned the administration, to mollify conservative criticism of the President's

planned trip to China, "has initiated and will intensify a domestic strategy of conservative appeasement."