

Nixon Visits Area And Pledges Fight On 'Big Spenders'

Campaigns Through Suburbs and Meets G.O.P. Leaders at Governor's Estate

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Tarrytown, N.Y., Oct 23 - President Nixon today attacked Congressional "big spenders" and pledged, as he campaigned through New York City suburbs, to veto this week a number of "spending bills."

"In the name of the taxpayers and the consumers of America I say the time has come to stand up to the big spenders," the President declared in a statement issued by his press office at the start of a 50-mile motorcade through 13 Westchester communities.

The motorcade highlighted a campaign day in which the President also spoke to 200 Republican leaders from 11 Northeastern states at Governor Rockefeller's estate at Pocantico Hills and addressed rallies at the Nassau Coliseum and at Long Island-MacArthur Airport in Suffolk County before flying back to Washington.

The motorcade and the two rallies are likely to constitute the President's traditional campaign appearances in New York for the remaining two weeks of the Presidential campaign.

Choices Weighed Carefully

Westchester, Suffolk and Nassau, three suburban counties, were selected for the Nixon campaigning because they are heavily Republican and thus could insure sizable crowds and ready accessibility to New York City's vast media facilities.

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Mr. Nixon had won all three counties in 1968, but he fell short of the normal Republican pluralities in Westchester and Nassau.

The obviously well-organized motorcade, which included seven press buses and five open trucks for photographers, stretched for several blocks as it wound its way through Westchester like a circus caravan for three and a half hours this afternoon.

The crowds ranged from small knots of people at intersections in residential areas to about 10,000 gathered at Getty Square in Yonkers. There were few stretches of road that didn't have at least some greeters on hand and throughout the day the President was seen by tens of thousands.

Among the President's greeters were sizable numbers of supporters of Senator George

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McGovern. These people generally took up highly visible positions. They often shouted such slogans as "No more war" and "Stop the bombing." At several points, the McGovern backers' signs outnumbered those of the Nixon supporters.

The most serious incident requiring police action occurred before the motorcade reached New Rochelle. The police arrested a youth they identified as Sean Farrell, who allegedly had a sawed-off shotgun in his car. New Rochelle police said that they had had advance information and had set up surveillance of the youth, who they said was in his early 20's.

Village Key Presented

The President, who was accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, got out of his limousine six times during the motorcade to shake hands with onlookers. But, he spoke only once, when he was persuaded to go to the steps of the Tuckahoe Village Hall to receive the key to the vil-

lage from Mayor Robert D'Agostino.

The President, speaking for about 30 seconds, said that he was impressed by the warmth of the receptions.

In contrast, his statement was hardly warm toward the Democratic - controlled Congress, which recessed last week without enacting the \$250-billion debt limit the President had requested.

He accused Congress of "a spending spree in which the Federal budget was ballooned dangerously by big spenders oblivious to higher prices and higher taxes."

"I am going to use every weapon at my command," the President said, "to hold spending in this fiscal year as close

as possible to \$250-billion so that we will not have a new wave of crippling inflation and there will be no need for higher taxes."

He pledged "a number of vetoes" in the coming week and to hold down appropriations in bills that he felt he must sign for policy reasons.

Separate Status Due

The Presidential statement would presumably be welcomed in the generally conservative suburbs.

The President also told Nassau and Suffolk officials in another statement that the area would be separated from New York City for Federal statistical purposes, a move that could result in greater Federal aid for the two counties, where property taxes have been soaring.

The President was escorted throughout the day by Gover-

nor and Mrs. Rockefeller, as well as by other state officials.

However, Mr. Rockefeller and two Westchester Republican Congressional candidates who are involved in hard campaigns — Representative Peter Peyser and District Attorney Carl A. Vergari—did not ride with the President. They were in cars ahead of Mr. Nixon's limousine separated from the President and the rest of the caravan by a White House staff bus.

Mr. Vergari and Mr. Peyser were among those greetin the President when Air Force 1 landed at Westchester County Airport, but the general public was not admitted to the area and even photographers had to use long-lens cameras to photograph the President's arrival.

Mr. Nixon did give a glancing nod of approval to Mr. Vergari and Mr. Peyser at the Pocantico Hills reception, but the audience was composed exclusively of G.O.P. leaders, New York.

The President has downplayed endorsements of local Republican candidates in other areas of the country in an apparent effort not to alienate Democrats who are supporting his candidacy.

An aide of Mr. Peyser said that he was satisfied that the President's appearance in Westchester would rebound to the congressman's benefit in his contest with Representative Richard L. Ottinger. Mr. Vergari is challenging Representative Ogdne Reid, who switched to the Democratic party earlier this year.

Governor Rockefeller has helped raise money for both candidates in his home county. He was particularly angered when Mr. Reid switched parties despite the Governor's attempts to dissuade him.

Buckley's Car Empty

A noticeable absentee during the motorcade was Senator James L. Buckley. A car bearing his name started out in the motorcade empty but was soon driven away. An aide of the Senator said that he wanted "a day off" after a week of campaigning for the President and Congressional candidates in New York.

However, Conservative party sources said that Mr. Buckley objected to a plan to ride in a car with Senator Jacob K. Javits. Mr. Javits rode eventually with Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.