

# Nixon Hit on GOP Losses

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A conservative Republican congressman believes President Nixon and his re-election committee must bear the blame for the failure of the Nixon landslide to carry more Republicans into office.

Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio) charged yesterday that GOP candidates were "starved" for funds because the President's committee

took the lion's share of campaign donations.

He also complained that some Republicans running for congress "were clearly spurned" in favor of Democratic incumbents "who had been helpful to the President in his first-term programs."

Brown, generally identified with the conservative wing of House Republicans, predicted that Nixon "is going to have trouble with the 93rd Congress" which

convenes in January.

He said Nixon may not retain dominance over the party because he will be a lame duck President and many Republicans got no help from him in the campaign.

Republicans must eventually find new leadership, Brown said, and it may be in the form of an "assertion of some counterpoint leadership (which) may come sooner than later."