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There is also unrest in GOP ranks

No one has to be told that disension is rife in the Democratic hierarchy following the landslide loss of presidential candidate George McGovern. What is also becoming apparent is the deep unrest within the Republican party. The Nov. 7 presidential election was a watershed for both parties.

The basis for the Republican party problems is the way Mr. Nixon won his landslide victory. Republican congressmen and governors believe that, in many cases, the President could have done much more on behalf of other candidates. They are critical of his aloofness during the campaign.

Many Republicans are also bitter with the way the Committee to Re-elect the President handled the massive GOP war chest. All for the President and none for candidates running back home, they grumble.

For whatever reasons, Republicans, other than President Nixon, didn't do very well. They lost two Senate seats and fell far short of

winning a majority in the House. There had been that pre-election dream of controlling Congress.

The 1972 presidential election is likely to have a profound effect on the direction of the Republican party and on President Nixon's success in dealing with Congress.

Partly because of his campaign coolness, the President is likely to suffer from what seems to be an increasingly independent mood among GOP congressmen. The almost solid Republican support Mr. Nixon enjoyed during his first term in office may be missing on the tough issues. It does not help that Mr. Nixon is a lame duck President.

Mr. Nixon, moreover, did not help his cause with many congressmen, Republicans and Democrats by refusing to allot all the funds voted by the Congress for sewage treatment plants. Republicans wanted implementation of the legislation fully as much as Democrats.