

McGovern Charge

Political 'Sabotage' Is Laid to President

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. George McGovern charged today that the Nixon administration has hired 50 people "to sabotage and corrupt our political process" but only 13 to develop peacetime jobs.

In a speech prepared for a meeting discussing how to convert defense and aerospace plants to peacetime pursuits, the Democratic presidential nominee said that only 13 of the 2.7 million federal employees are working on that problem.

But, comparing that to published reports alleging a widespread Republican effort to sabotage Democratic candidates, he said, "They hired 50 people to conduct some of the shabbiest undercover operations in the history of American politics."

Noting a story in Sunday's Washington Post declaring that Dwight Chapin, a top White House aide, received information in that operation, McGovern declared, "The Republican team of saboteurs has a contact who is at Mr. Nixon's elbow every single day, someone who has constant access to the President.

"But aerospace workers who are concerned about job

security don't have a contact anywhere in the White House, or even in the Executive Office Building next door," he added.

McGovern said "our government is so obsessed with political advantage and so obedient to the privileged few that it has no time to consider your concerns."

And he charged that "Republican scaremongers" are contending that his economic proposals will cost jobs when his conversion plan is designed to insure a job for every defense and aerospace worker laid off because of military cutbacks.

McGovern is scheduled to make his fourth campaign trip to Texas today, still hoping to match Hubert H. Humphrey's 1968 feat of winning the biggest of the 11 states of the Old Confederacy.

Despite polls showing President Nixon well ahead for the 26 Texas electoral votes, McGovern's strategists say that record black and Chicano registration, and an all-out effort by labor leaders in a flight back to the Democratic party may be able to turn the tide in the three weeks remaining before the Nov 7 election.