

# Watergate Hurts GOP Fund Dinner

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Shadow of the Watergate scandal is looming over a Republican congressional fund-raising dinner as party faithful find it difficult to convince big donors to attend the \$1000-a-plate affair.

Some GOP contributors are saying that shelling out money now in a time of spreading White House scandal is too much to swallow.

Sales for the "New Majority Dinner," scheduled for Wednesday night, are lagging despite the promise of breaking bread with both President Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

The three dinner chairmen went so far as to send letters to potential contributors to once again disassociate the Republican Party from Watergate.

At no time has the Republican National Committee or its financial arm, the Republican National Committee, or the congressional or senatorial committees been accused of any wrong-

doing in their political activities or handling of campaign funds, last year," said the letter.

## *Nixon Should Share Blame-- Inaugural Girl*

CAREY (Ohio) — (UPI) — Vicki Lynne Cole, 18, the girl who gave President Nixon his "Bring Us Together" inaugural theme in 1969, said today the Watergate bugging case has "given me cause to wonder" about the President.

"But it hasn't been proven President Nixon was involved," said Vicki, who carried the sign "Bring Us Together" at a rally during a whistle-stop train campaign tour Nixon made of Ohio in 1968.

"If Nixon had any part in it (Watergate) it would cause me to stop and think," she said.

But even if the President was not directly responsible for the bugging, Miss Cole believes he must share the blame.

"As far as I'm concerned, he shouldn't have let it happen," she said.