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### **Arends Withdraws, Rhodes Is Expected To Get Ford's Post**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UPI) — Representative John J. Rhodes, Republican of Arizona, was given a clear road today to become the House Republican leader if Gerald R. Ford becomes Vice President when his only remaining opponent, Representative Leslie C. Arends, Republican of Illinois, withdrew.

Mr. Ford will not resign his leadership post until he is confirmed by Congress. The elec-

tion of Mr. Rhodes would follow Mr. Ford's confirmation.

Mr. Rhodes is now expected to be the unanimous choice of the 192 Republican House members.

Mr. Arends, who has served in the No. 2 Republican leadership post in the House — party whip — for 20 years, withdrew as a candidate for leader because, he said, "Now more than ever we need unity, not division in the Republican ranks and in the Republican leadership in Congress."

The 63-year-old Mr. Rhodes, serving his 11th consecutive term in Congress, is chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee.

Representative John B. An-

### **Nixon News Conference On TV at 9 Tonight**

President Nixon's news conference tonight will be telecast live on the national networks, starting at 9 P.M.

It will be shown in the metropolitan area on Channels 2, 4, 7 and 13. Regularly scheduled programs will resume at the end of the conference.

derson, Republican of Illinois, who is chairman of the House Republican Conference, withdrew last week from the race. Mr. Anderson is considering running for the Senate next year.