

Ford Has Harsh Words For 'Great Society'

Washington

Vice presidential nominee Gerald R. Ford yesterday pledged a "hard-nosed" approach in revamping Great Society programs of the 1960s "upon which we had squandered so much national treasure."

The House Republican leader, buoyed by the 92 to 3 Senate vote Tuesday confirming his nomination, also predicted in a speech before a convention of the American Life Insurance Association that "we will lick the energy crisis."

Ford, who described him-

self in hearings on his nomination as a fiscal conservative, told the group, "We should reduce federal spending for massive, unworkable programs that swallow your hard-earned tax dollars in the form of ever increasing taxes."

"Such programs, as we all know, became the order of the day during the 60s," said Ford, referring to such programs as aid to education and stepped-up health and welfare spending passed as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society projects.

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