

Nixon Tells Young GOP
'Never Quit, Keep Faith'

Washington

To chants of "three more years!" from Young Republicans, President Nixon yesterday exhorted GOP candidates to fight for victory in November and predicted there will be a Republican in the White House through 1984.

"Never quit, never quit — always go on and fight for those things you believe in," the President told 600 cheering, whistling partisans at a Young Republican leadership conference at a Wash-

ington hotel.

In a veiled reference to Watergate and the cloud it has cast over Republican chances at the polls this fall, Mr. Nixon advised his listeners to "keep your faith, keep your confidence," even when tempted to become disillusioned with politics.

"Mistakes are made," Mr. Nixon said. "Mistakes are made by people who are in your own party. They are made by other people in political life, and there is a tendency to throw up your

hands and say, 'Oh, I am not going to have anything to do with it.'

"You see what that would mean, however. Then you leave it to those who don't care about those mistakes so much, and the answer, therefore, if you think there are things wrong with our political system, and there are things that are wrong with it, then get in and do something about it."

The President had the crowd roaring when he predicted there will be a Republican in the White House "for the next three years, and eight years after that, because we're going to be there for a long time."

The audience began their "three more years!" chant, reminiscent of Mr. Nixon's 1972 re-election slogan, "four more years."

The President beamed and held up three fingers.

Mr. Nixon praised his administration's past achievements and foresaw progress in the rest of his term in "world peace, relieving tensions in the Middle East and on the home front, moving forward toward prosperity without war and inflation."

Mr. Nixon's public pep talk to party faithful followed a meeting with Republican congressional leaders at the White House Wednesday, at which the President reportedly said he was aware of his public unpopularity and that GOP candidates should feel free to campaign independently.

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