

Stress 'Prosperity' In 1974 Campaigns, Ford Advises G.O.P.

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Led by Vice President Ford, Republican leaders urged party members yesterday to take the offensive in the battles for Congressional seats this year by stressing the Nixon policy of "peace and prosperity" and the "failings" of the Democratic-led Congress.

Mr. Ford told 1,000 members of the Women's National Republican Club and their guests at a luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel that the Republican record on peace and prosperity was good and that the people would support a President who had "achieved" them.

He also declared that the "extreme liberal wing of the Democratic party" was seeking a smashing victory this year so the Democrats could override any Presidential veto.

Reagan Offers Advice

Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, also a guest at the luncheon, said that the Democrats wanted to make Watergate "the entire issue," but that the people should be reminded that the Democrats controlled Congress and that Congress was responsible for many of the nation's ills.

In a message to the club, President Nixon said that there had been talk in recent years of "new" politics but that this was "essentially traditional Republican politics."

"It is a desire to renew a heritage founded in the inherent right of the individual to be free, and in the belief that good government must encourage without ever encumbering, must strive always to assist, but never to direct or dictate," Mr. Nixon asserted.

Mrs. Eisenhower Honored

His elder daughter, Mrs. Tricia Nixon Cox, accepted for her

sister, Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower, the club's "Republican woman of the year" citation. Mrs. Eisenhower has been recuperating from an operation. The club also gave its "distinguished political service award" to Mr. Ford and to Mr. Reagan and its "affectionate honor award" to State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.

In an address of welcome,

Governor Wilson cited legislation enacted in this state to expand the rights of women and said that Republican successes in this predominantly Democratic state were attributable in large measure to women.

More than 100 members of the Attica Brigade staged a demonstration across from the hotel against President Nixon and other Republican leaders.