

Ford Talks About '76

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Vice President Gerald R. Ford, while reiterating he does not intend to be a candidate for president in 1976, said yesterday he'd have to face the prospect if he were nominated by the next Republican national convention.

Asked at a luncheon meeting with reporters in the capitol what he would do if the convention so acted, Ford said:

"That's a hard question to answer . . . If those circumstances develop, which I don't think will happen, then I've got a hard decision to make."

Ford repeated that he has no intention of asking any delegate or potential delegate to support his nomination or to talk to any member of the Republican National Committee about the subject, lest "I lose my credibility" as an effective vice-president.

Nevertheless, the statement indicated clearly that Ford has not slammed the door completely on running for President in 1976, if that should be the will of his party, expressed by its official nominating body.

The observation came against the backdrop of his speech before Republican Midwestern leaders in Chicago last Saturday in which, in his boldest show of independence from the White House to date, he sharply at-

He's a Candidate

Vernon, Conn.

Representative Robert Steele (Rep-Conn.), announced yesterday that he will run for governor this year.

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tacked President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign committee.

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