

# Republican Promises Watched

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In winning the presidency, Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew must now stand the test of four year's scrutiny by a watchful nation. If Mr. Nixon does not provide the inspiring leadership so necessary (and so promised), and does not bring a heterogenous mixture of peoples into a more harmonious common determination, he is destined, in 1972 to suffer what will perhaps be the greatest political defeat ever to take place.

The above tasks are perhaps unfair ones to expect from any man. Yet such superhuman efforts are needed and it will be

the man who comes closest to bringing about their realization who will be the man who is sure to enjoy a unique place in our national history.

With a friendly congress, Nixon will be able to halt the rapid growth of government control over the lives of the American people. Such rapid growth, far from being a paranoid fear in the minds of unstable people, is a very real and a very definite trend. As a trend, it is a live threat to individual well-being. And we know that what affects individual well-being affects the well-being of the groups and of societies.

The president-elect offers new hope and definite prospects of success in solving the problems of racial unrest in the nation. His proposal of black help for black people through "black capitalism" is a solid one offering to the black community its first genuine opportunity to overcome prejudices which have thus far stifled most of its efforts. It is my sincere hope that the new congress will approve the tax incentives necessary to bring this about. Such a program will enable the black man to take a proud place among other successful ethnic groups.

Just as President Eisenhower (no great president) concluded the Korean war, inherited from a Democrat administration, I believe and trust that President Nixon will be able to conclude the Vietnam war and to insure that South Vietnam will be independently strong enough to become a bulwark of anti-Bolshevism in Southeast Asia.

Nixon's prospects are bright ones and the nation's hopes are high. I congratulate Richard Nixon and wish him the greatest success in a job that badly needs doing.