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RICHARD NIXON WILL VISIT SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA---Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon will address a major fund raising dinner sponsored by the South Carolina Republican Party at 8 p.m., Sept. 28, in the Wade Hampton Hotel Ballroom here, GOP Leader Drake Edens announced today.

Edens, National GOP Vice Chairman, who serves on the National Republican Co-ordinating Committee with Nixon, said, "We are extremely fortunate that Mr. Nixon has enthusiastically agreed to speak for us here in Columbia."

"He is, without question," said Edens, "the leading national GOP figure at this time; and we appreciate his interest and support of our efforts here in South Carolina."

The dinner, expected to draw 500 persons, is sponsored by the GOP Second Congressional District Organization but people from all over the state are expected to attend.

A Greater Columbia Area ticket sales campaign was launched at a kickoff luncheon in Columbia today with Gayle O. Averyt as coordinator.

Tickets are also available at GOP State Headquarters on Harden Street and the Richland County Headquarters on Santee Street in Columbia, and through the local Republican organizations in each county throughout South Carolina.

The Columbia GOP dinner will be the second of three major fund raising affairs being scheduled in South Carolina. In Charleston, House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford will keynote a fund raising dinner the evening of Sept. 16 in the Francis Marion Hotel.

First District GOP Chairman Arthur Ravenel of Charleston and Sixth District Chairman Ed Young of Florence are co-chairmen of the Charleston dinner.

Another such fund raising affair by Republicans is being planned for the Piedmont area and it is anticipated that a nationally known GOP figure will keynote that function.