

# Nixon Columbia Speaker

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Former vice President Richard M. Nixon, who has been barnstorming the country for Republican candidates since last spring, was scheduled to appear in Columbia tonight at a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner.

More than 900 persons are expected to join Nixon at the 8 p.m. dinner at the Wade Hampton Hotel. Nixon was in Asheville, N. C., this afternoon.

The dinner is the second in a series of major fund-raising events. A gathering in Charleston earlier this month drew more than 300 persons for an address by Rep. Gerald Ford, R-Mich. About 500 are expected

Thursday night in Spartanburg to hear Sen. Roman Hruska, D-Neb., according to State GOP Chairman Harry S. Dent.

Dent estimated that the state Republican party would net between \$20,000 and \$30,000 from tonight's dinner.

Coming from Indiana for the event is Mrs. Harry Martin, Southern vice president of the National American Legion Woman's Auxiliary. She is also first vice chairwoman of the Dillon County Republican party.

On the political scene Tuesday, GOP senatorial nominee Marshall Parker said at a news conference in Columbia that one way to combat inflation is to

cut out unnecessary spending. He said an example of this is the \$9,000 he said is paid to George Phinney as director of

provide "a maximum educational opportunity for all citizens."

"Education is a necessity, not a luxury, in today's world," West declared. His opponent is Marshall Mays of Greenwood.

Fred LeClercq, Democratic congressional candidate from the 2nd District, called his opponent's reasons for having relatives on his congressional payroll a "pious defense."

Rep. Albert Watson admitted that his brother Claude received \$3,465 for campaign work between February and June. Watson said his sister-in-law, Mary Watson, also worked for him.

Watson said he paid both of his relatives less than what it would have cost to hire someone else.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., told an Aiken group that Sen. Robert Kennedy, D-N.Y., tried to "whitewash" the Communist influence in riots when he was attorney general.

"Don't let anyone tell you that the Communists are not directing the riots," he declared.

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the Laurens County anti-poverty program.

Parker said Phinny works at the job only part-time, and is Ernest Hollings' campaign manager in Laurens County. Parker is opposing the former governor for the U.S. Senate seat.

Phinney, informed of Parker's charge, retorted that "I am devoting 100 per cent of my time" to the anti-poverty job.

"I am somewhat surprised at Mr. Parker, for whom I worked so hard four years ago when he ran for lieutenant governor and who openly sought my assistance in this campaign would make such a statement," he declared.

"If Hollings has a campaign manager in Laurens I don't know who he is," Phinny said.

Hollings is Parker's Democratic opponent.

John C. West, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, told the Honea Path-Belton Lions Club that state and local government are obligated to

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