## GOP presidential hopefuls use fund raiser to test waters might be able draw enough Democratic crossovers and independent voters to win back the presidency. "One group to which I would appeal in 1980 is the blacks," he said.

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A fund raiser for former U.S. Sen.
Robert Griffin should have been a
grand gathering.
Republican presidential aspirants
John Connally, a former three-term
Texas governor, and John B. Anderson,
an Illinois conglessamen, were on hand
in Dearborn to make some early campaign noise in electroally-important
Michigan as well as to help Griffin pay
off a \$180,000 campaign debt.
Other presidential hopefuls such as
Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and
Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas were also
to have been on hand, but a storm that
dumped mean'y two feet of snow on
Washington D.C. grounded both.
For the two that made It, It was a
clash of styles.

CONNALLY, who party regulars say has a Texas-sized ego, charged President Carter with lack of leadership in both foreign and domestic affairs.

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AFTER FOCUSING much of a press
onference on foreign affairs, Connally, a former Democrat, addressed the
topic of infaitation." President Carter
would call it (his budget proposals) a
lean, austere budget. I don't know
what's lean or austere about it." The
\$331 billion budget will add \$43 billion
to the national debt, he said, and will
result in double-digit inflation.
"All we have to do is take five cents
out of every government dollar," the
former Nixon treasury secretary said,
pointing out that \$25 billion could be
saved thereby.
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fense Department's budget by five percent, Connally
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be spared the funific Consally is a firm
supporter of defense spending.
"The secretary of the Department
of Health, Education and Welfare admits that there's \$5 to \$7 billion in
waste in his department. The General
Services Administration estimates
there's \$25 billion in waste in the government.

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"We have to cut out the waste and corruption," he said.

To do so, he said, as president he would pressure department heads and agencies into budget cuts.

Reminded that President Carter has been unable to make good on his promises to pressure government departments for efficient operations, Connally replied, "He said a lot of things. He hasn't tried hard enough." He effrained, however, from saying why he would be more successful in his attempts.

ANDERSON, AN intellectual veteran of 19 years in the lower house, faulted to Congress for the failure to control initation.

The chairman of the House Republican Conference, Anderson called a proposed constitutional convention aimed at adding an amendment demanding a balanced federal budget a "cop out."

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"Congress can do it if it has the will.
I would accept statutory restraints, but a constitutional amendment would be copping out on the real responsibility of Congress," Anderson said. It is Anderson who breaks the mold

of conservative-leaning presidential hopefuls who have fallen in line behind former California Gov. Ronald Reagan. He said he is the one candidate who

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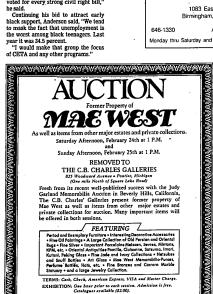
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