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## NEWS RELEASE

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Republicans took over control of a majority of the 50 State Houses in the country with the upset victory of Louie B. Nunn over Democrat Henry Ward in Kentucky's gubernatorial election yesterday.

The Kentucky win will give the Republicans 26 out of the 50 governorships and mark the first time since 1955 that Republican Governors have outnumbered their Democratic counterparts. (Then there were 30 Republican Governors in the 48 states.)

Republicans will govern in states with some 58 percent of the nation's population. The influence of the Republican Governors is apparent when it is realized that these 26 states have a total of 302 electoral votes. Only 270 electoral votes will be needed to elect the presidential ticket next year.

Yesterday's Kentucky victory continued the Republican trend at the State House level that was so apparent in the 1966 election when Republicans captured 10 State Capitols formerly controlled by the Democrats and were victorious in capturing or retaining the governorships in seven of the 10 largest states. (New York, California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts and Florida.)

These 26 states will have 760 out of the 1,333 delegates at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach in August. The number needed to nominate the presidential candidate is 667.

Colorado Governor John A. Love, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, issued the following statement:

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"The gubernatorial election results in Kentucky and Mississippi yesterday disclosed Republicans have retained their 1966 momentum and will win additional governorships in next year's elections.

"While these elections were decided on state issues there was widespread evidence of disenchantment and dissatisfaction with the Democratic party at the state and national levels. Governor-elect Lou Nunn's upset victory over Henry Ward in Kentucky was achieved by his vigorous campaign against the entrenched Democratic administration in that state. This marks the first time in 20 years that Kentucky can boast of a Republican governor.

"The issue-oriented campaign waged by Rubel Phillips in Mississippi and the number of votes cast on his behalf shows the continued growth of the Republican party in the south. It indicates a bright future for the Republican party in a region - which until this decade has been considered hopeless territory for Republican candidates."

(BIOGRAPHY OF GOVERNOR-ELECT LOUIE B. NUNN IS ENCLOSED.)

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GOVERNOR-ELECT OF KENTUCKY

In 1953 Louie B. Nunn was elected Judge of Barren County, the first and only Republican ever elected to a county-wide office in that Democrat stronghold. His accomplishments in that office helped gain for him recognition as Barren County's outstanding young man in 1956...one of the "Three Outstanding Young Men of Kentucky" selected by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce that same year. During this time he became active in statewide politics and successfully managed the Eisenhower-Cooper-Morton Campaign of 1956, and followed with the successful Cooper and Morton campaigns in 1960 and 1962.

In 1963 Louie B. Nunn came within a scant 13,000 votes of being elected the first Republican Governor in 20 years.

Immediately following his widely acclaimed term as an outstanding Judge of Barren County, he was appointed City Attorney by the Glasgow City Council, a position he resigned in 1958 to resume his law practice and take a more active part in Kentucky's growth.

Judge Nunn was born March 8, 1924, at Park, Kentucky. His parents were farmers and operated a general store. He majored in business administration at Bowling Green Business University, attended the University of Cincinnati, and after three years' army service in the infantry during World War II, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1950.

A dedicated leader in civic and community activities, Judge Nunn is Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons in the First Christian Church of Glasgow, the youngest chairman in the history of the church, and teaches the Senior Youth Sunday School Class. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, a Past Commander of Barren County Post American Legion, and has served as President of Glasgow PTA, Vice President of Glasgow Rotary Club, Vice President of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, and District President of the Kentucky Welfare Association.

Judge Nunn married Buella Cornelius Aspley, and they have five children.

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