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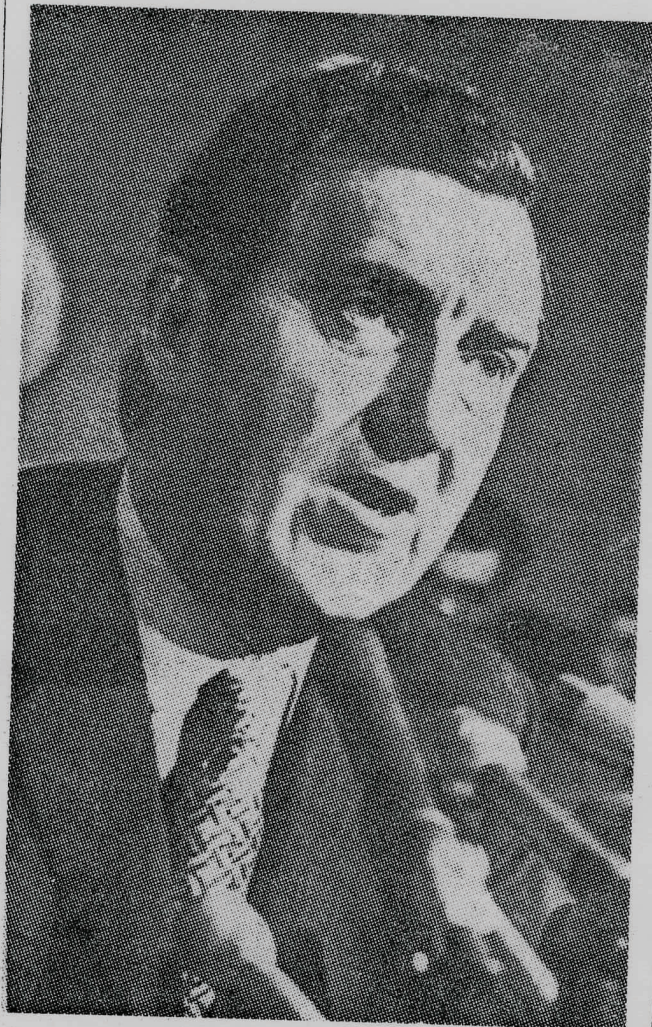
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Discloses Program

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, Friday at a news conference discloses his comprehensive program for fighting pollution, with stress on a stronger role for government. Muskie is chairman of the Senate subcommittee on air and water pollution. (AP Wirephoto)

Muskie Calls For Heavy Federal Commitment To Fight Pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edmund Muskie urged Friday a start this year on heavy federal spending to fight pollution. And he questioned the scope of President Nixon's plans in this field.

The Maine Democrat said \$2 billion should be spent in fiscal 1971 starting next July 1 and \$3.5 billion in fiscal 1972 "because we cannot afford to spend less. The environment will not wait for our priorities to re-order themselves."

Nixon in his State of the Union message Thursday said he will propose to Congress "a \$10-billion nationwide clean-waters program to put modern municipal waste-treatment plants in every place in America where they are needed . . . and to do it now."

But Muskie, who heads a Senate subcommittee on air and water pollution, told newsmen Friday:

"It seems increasingly clear he's talking about total cost. Well, if it is total cost of which he speaks, then the program he has in mind is not the program that he described in his rhetoric yesterday in which he said he is going to propose the most costly

and expensive program in this connection that's ever been presented.

"The program he has in mind falls short of the program that the Congress . . . authorized in 1966, because . . . he is speaking of a \$10-billion over-all program

to which the federal government would contribute \$4 billion, not \$10 billion—\$4 billion spread over nine years, and not five years as implied in the State of the Union message."

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Demos Plan Equal-Time Response To President

By WALTER R. MEARS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats, a majority striving to stay in Congress, decided Friday to produce an equal-time response on Feb. 8 to President Nixon's State of the Union message.

They said they will not attempt a rebuttal—and Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott said Nixon already has outflanked the Democrats on all the issues.

A caucus of Senate Democrats agreed that the party should use

the radio-television broadcast time its leaders sought in advance for a series of interviews with voters from across the nation.

"This is not a Democratic rebuttal," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the party whip. "I like to think of it as a view of the state of the union through the eyes of the people

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