

Thomson Scores Major Parties, Says No Choice

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — American Party gubernatorial candidate Meldrim Thomson says there is no choice between Republican and Democratic parties which "sowed their sterile seeds of unity on the barren soil of hypocrisy" at conventions over the weekend.

Speaking to campaign workers Tuesday night, Thomson, who renounced the Republican party after losing a primary bid to Gov. Walter Peterson, said one party platform offered "abortion, the income tax and rank socialism."

The other, he said, offered the voter "meaningless tax promises."

"On the Democratic ship, the captain has been bound in political fetters by a mutinous crew of liberals," Thomson said. "If he cannot sail his party ship, how then will he be able to steer the ship of state?"

On the Republican side, Thomson said, "the captain avidly plays the game of politics with his broad-base tax cronies while the good ship of state founders on the racks of fiscal irresponsibility."

Thomson said only the American Party has taken a strong position in favor of strict economy, total opposition to new taxes and "for decency and strict law enforcement in our schools and on the streets."