

Brown Presses Dismissal Of Vietnam War Critic

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Feb. 17—Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, who, in his phrase, is "running scared" for a third term, made a conditional peace overture to the California Democratic Council today on the eve of the volunteer political organization's yearly convention.

The Governor said through an aide that he will fly here Sunday to accept the Council's endorsement if the delegates depose their president, Simon Casady. The Governor and other official State Party leaders have demanded Casady's resignation because of his speeches criticizing President Johnson's Vietnam war policy and rapping California Congressmen who support it.

Casady has refused to resign. He said the independ-

ence of the 35,000-member CDC—generally rated as the Nation's most articulate army of precinct workers—is at stake.

Casady did agree, however, to stand for a vote of confidence before the Bakersfield convention. This may not come before midnight Saturday. He promised to step down if he loses.