

# Reagan Shrugs Off ITT Case

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Governor Ronald Reagan said yesterday he thought neither San Diego nor the Republican party had suffered as a result of the ITT controversy.

Indeed, Reagan told reporters at his press conference, he believed San Diego had gained from the prospect of having the Republican National Convention this August.

"I hear that their convention bureau has a great stimulant with regard to interest in conventions in San Diego," Reagan said.

"This usually happens when a national political convention picks a city. . . They have had several times the number of requests they normally have."

Reagan also dismissed a Life magazine article charging the Nixon administration had intervened in quashing charges against prominent San Diego Republicans.

"You have to remember Life is the magazine that bought Irving's story on Hughes," Reagan said, picking up a line that Vice President Spiro T. Agnew had used earlier.

Asked whether he regarded Life's story as a hoax comparable to Clifford Ir-

ving's faked interviews with Howard Hughes, Reagan said, "No, I'm just reminding you about Life's editorial policy. . .

"I haven't read the Life article so I don't know what all the fuss is about. And I doubt that I will get around to reading it."

The governor said he thought much of the current attack on Mr. Nixon came from Democratic National Chairman Lawrence O'Brien's desire to create political issues that would damage the President's chances for re-election.

"I think Lawrence O'Brien would make what you order for breakfast a political is-

sue if he had his way," Reagan said.

The governor declared his own support for President Nixon and praised the recent trip to China.

"He went to establish communications with mainland China and he accomplished his mission," Reagan said.

The governor said he no longer thought it worthwhile to press the Legislature to pass a resolution expressing approval of the Nixon peace proposals to end the war in Vietnam.

"I think the time has passed in which it could have been of great value," the governor said.