

UROC Won't Ask Nixon to Resign

By Drew McKillips

The governors of the conservative United Republicans of California (UROC) voted yesterday to table a resolution urging President Nixon to resign.

The motion to table was passed, 12 to 7, after a heated floor debate during which Mr. Nixon was both praised and damned.

The argument became so vehement that at one point, chairman Walter Hintzen of Santa Barbara threatened to have San Francisco member Tom Spinosa "thrown out of the room" unless he stopped interrupting the debate.

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When Spinosa was finally allowed to speak, he vigorously defended the President and said: "I don't believe Mr. Nixon had a hand in the scandal, but if he did I think he was justified in what he did."

Spinosa said: "This resolution is playing right into the hands of our enemies. I don't believe we should let a strong body like this oppose the President of the United States, no matter who he is.

"Are we going to leave the ship like a bunch of rats?"

George Brokate, who sponsored the resolution to urge Nixon's resignation, got a round of applause when he told the crowd of about 100 in the room: "The free world is losing confidence in the ability of President Nixon to govern at this time.

"The leaders of the world no longer want to sit in the

Oval Office of the White House and be taped."

"We've heard about rats leaving a sinking ship," said W. D. Isely of Westend (San Bernardino county), "but so would people leave if they have any sense."

Brokate, a Newport Beach delegate, pledged he would bring the issue up again at the governor's next meeting, scheduled for December 1 in Santa Cruz.

In a matter closer to home, the governors voted unanimously to go on record against the selection of Welfare Secretary Caspar W.

Weinberger "as the Republican nominee for any office in California."

Weinberger is former California Republican state chairman and has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor in 1974.

The resolution said that certain Republican Party leaders consider Weinberger a conservative, but that he is a "co-founder of the ultra-liberal California Republican League."

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The resolution also said charged that Weinberger "has supported such notorious liberals as Nelson Rockefeller, Pete McCloskey, Milton Marks and Norton Simon."

On another tack, 18 of the 22 governors signed a sarcastic telegram to Nixon that read:

"In light of recent developments and revelations regarding your administration, we the undersigned Governors of the United Republicans of California wish to thank you warmly for not including conservatives in the Administration."

Two of the governors were absent and two declined to sign the telegram.

The staunchly rightwing group also unanimously passed a resolution strongly censuring Red China and calling on the U.S. to cease cultivating its friendship.

About 150 persons attended the convention at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville.

UROC has some 12,000 members and is the largest Republican volunteer organization in California.