

Brown's Speech Here About 'Moral Fabric'

Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr., an unannounced candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said here last night the "criminals responsible for Watergate" have "jeopardized the moral fabric of our democracy."

Speaking at a \$100-a-plate dinner attended by more than 800 persons at the Hyatt Regency, Brown said:

"A democracy cannot survive without the support and confidence of its citizens. The Washington scandals have undermined that confidence and we must act now to repair the massive damage done to our nation by politicians who obviously

are not dedicated to the principles on which our country was founded."

Brown, who is expected to make his candidacy official early next year, added:

"It is a tragic fact that our public officials sometimes lose sight of what America is all about. We have killed people while saying we were trying to save them and some Nixon administration officials have even stooped to criminal activity in an effort to elect a President."

He urged his audience to join in "establishing a new standard of morality" for government officials.