

Verdict Delights Reagan

Houston

Governor Ronald Reagan of California said yesterday he thinks the Stans-Mitchell verdict will help President Nixon in his fight to regain confidence in the court of public opinion.

"Obviously I'm delighted," Reagan said when told that former Nixon cabinet members Maurice Stans and John Mitchell had been acquitted in their New York perjury-conspiracy trial.

"This is an example of that American system of ours at work," said Reagan, a potential Republican presidential candidate in 1976.

Reagan, in Houston to address a Republican dinner last night, said there has been a tendency by many Americans to assume persons are guilty merely because they have been accused or indicted.

Asked how the Stans-Mitchell decision might assist the President, Reagan said, "It possibly might make a lot of people who have that tendency to accept accusations as guilt to be a little more patient and let the judicial process go forward."

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