Reinecke to Be Acting Governor

Sacramento

Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke learned yesterday he will become acting governor of California this weekend, despite his legal problems. He also learned that the Legislature has been asked to impeach him.

Governor Ronald Reagan announced he will leave the state tomorrow evening to speak at a Young Republican Naitonal Federal banquet at Stateline, Nev., and will travel to Seattle, Wash. on Sunday to attend a GOP fund-raising picnic there.

However, Reagan said he will be "in constant communication with the Capitol" during his travels. An aide said Reagan would return immediately "should the possibility of any potential emergency situation arise."

At almost the same hour that was announced, the People's Lobby held a press conference to urge the Legislature to impeach Reinecke.

The activist group holds that Reinecke was disqualified from his state office on July 27 when he was found guilty of perjury.

The lobby already has applied to the Attorney Genral Evelle Younger for permission to bring a lawsuit to remove Reinecke. Younger has promised to make a decision on that request by Monday.

Lobby attorney Roger Diamond said "impeachment by the Assembly is the perfect solution to the problem now facing California by Reinecke's persistent refusal to leave office now."

Chances seem scant, however, the Legislature will act on the organization's impeachment demand.

Assembly Speaker Leo T. McCarthy (Dem-San Francisco), leader of the house which would have to bring the impeachment, said he felt the lieutenant governor's legal status would be resolved by August 30, the date for sentencing.

"If further action of a legislative nature is needed," he said, "we could consider it then."

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