Gov. Reagan's White House hopes ended

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Ford took the oath of office. ident collapsed when Gerald pressure campaign for pres-Governor Reagan's low

vately admits that he no 63-year-old Governor priwho told the Examiner the level California Republicans in his future. longer sees the White House This is the view of top-

Southern California party supported and defended Nix-Nixon's staying in office," a 1976 has been predicated on nor was one of the few who source noted. on to the end." "Everything "The Goverregarding

atives reportedly are no cabinet" and other conservthe Governor's "kitchen another Reagan presidential longer earmarking funds for

Now wealthy members of

al of rank and file party loyalty, could ease the financial candidates for Congress and distress of the current GOP state offices. This, coupled with a reviv-

Ford looks like a sure winner, leading many Republi At the moment, President

> be a contested California GOP presidential primary in 1976. cans to believe there won't

Reagan as Ford's likely choice for vice president, for this would amount to "setting up" a potential rival. Few Republicans view

forma list, a more probable California vice presidential prospect might be former Treasury Secretary George Among others on the long

vice president of the Bechtel Corporation in San Francis-

Shultz as former dean of the ble shooter for President be a valuable economic trouate school of business, could University of Chicago graduministration scandals, Unblemished by Nixon Ad-

Reagan told newsmen it

P. Shultz, who left the Nixon would be difficult for him to Cabinet in May to become refuse the vice presidency if vice president of the Bechtel offered, but he suggested in-

staff. larged his personal political The Governor recently en-

other out-of-state party functions are part of an early nied that fund-raisers and search for GOP support. Reagan has publicly de-

Reagan, who challenged

stead that Ford tap Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

anyone who would just say, 'I want that job' and start out to get it." self or actually understand could never conceive of my-

thest thing from my mind." to, the Governor told news-On Tuesday in Sacramen-"No, that's the far-

f nomination, said here re-cently, "It's too early to even let yourself think of such a thing as running for Nixon — for the 1968 GOP president in 1976 . . . I collapse of the Nixon presidency. trip to Seattle today had been planned long before the Reagan's GOP speaking

U.S. senator, in 1976. scale, unless he decides to He will be out of office in Tunney, California's junior challenge Democrat John V. January with perhaps no sense of the political term. lame duck in more than one more electoral peaks to Today the Governor is a