

Wallace's Impact On Nixon in State

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In one sense, President Nixon should be hoping that Governor George Wallace is treated with all deference and every courtesy in Miami Beach next month.

If he is not — Wallace insiders say —

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the Alabamian almost certainly will make a third party run for the presidency come November.

And this could have fateful consequences for President Nixon in California, a state he won by a bare 223,346 votes over Hubert Humphrey in 1968.

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A Wallace candidacy would serve as a lightning rod for disgruntled voters in both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Mr. Nixon is having lots of trouble with the conservative wing of the GOP in California. Right-wing Representative John Ashbrook of Ohio won about 10 per cent of the vote against the President in the June 6 primary.

When Wallace ran under the banner of the American Independent Party four years ago, his 487,270 vote total was more than double Nixon's margin of victory over Humphrey. Mr. Nixon got 3,467,664 votes to Humphrey's 3,244,318 in 1968.

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Wallace will have a ready-made campaign vehicle in November in the form of the still-surviving American Independent party should he care to use it.

The AIP nominated candidates for Congress and the state legislature in the June 6 primary as well as electing a 180-member unpledged delegation to a party convention scheduled for August.

Keith Green, the Wallace spokesman in San Francisco, says that if the governor doesn't run for President in November that Mr. Nixon will probably get 80 per cent of the Wallace-oriented votes in California and in the five southern states he carried in 1968. These were Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia.