

ROCKEFELLER SEES DESIRE FOR CANDOR

Says at New Orleans Parley
That Public Seeks Integrity

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NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 5— Governor Rockefeller said today that the country's present "agony" underscored the people's desire for "Government leadership that will place enduring moral principle over immediate political advantage."

Without mentioning the Watergate scandal or any of its figures by name, the Republican Governor said in a speech prepared for a gathering of political scientists that the "cloud presently hanging over the conduct of public affairs" emphasized the public's yearning for frankness and integrity from all levels of government.

The Governor's speech before the convention of the American Political Science Association focused on his role as chairman of a new commission that is studying national problems and goals that might be anticipated in the third century of the United States.

At a news conference before he made the speech at the Fairmont Hotel, Mr. Rockefeller denied that the panel was his "stepping stone" for another run at the White House.

Asked whether he might work with the panel—known as the National Commission on Critical Choices for America—full-time and not run for re-election as Governor next year, Mr. Rockefeller said: "That's not the plan." But he said that, in honesty, he would have to keep this open along with other options.

The idea for the panel originated with the Governor on the state level last year. Mr. Rockefeller said the major areas of study would include the nature of man, the quality of life, major national trends over the next 30 years, world trends and "renewed purpose" for America.