

## Motives Doubted

# Reagan Attacks The War Critics

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California Governor Ronald Reagan said here yesterday that the American people should decide whether "some of the most vocal critics" of President Nixon's Indochina policies are more interested in achieving peace or achieving victory for North Vietnam.

"It's time they declared themselves," Reagan told newsmen at the close of the Republican Governors Spring Conference.

"It seems that as we withdraw our troops from South Vietnam they grow more strident in their attacks."

Reagan said Mr. Nixon's critics are mostly in the Democratic party, but added: "They are not all on their side. Some are in our party. I don't know what their motives are . . . they are so unreasonable in their positions."

### CRITICS

Reagan declined to name any of the critics he had in mind. But on Monday, when he was asked about Congressman Paul N. McCloskey (Rep-San Mateo), perhaps the most vocal GOP critic of Mr. Nixon's policy, the Governor said:

"There is damage any time someone keeps talking the way he has been talking when he doesn't know what he's talking about."

Reagan said that until Mr. Nixon took office, "there was no plan to get our troops out of Vietnam, no training program of any consequence for

a South Vietnamese army to take over the war."

Mr. Nixon, the Governor said, is the first man in a decade to have a plan and a program for ending American participation in the war which he inherited.

Reagan, asked what he felt the GOP has to do to retain the Presidency next year, said a major problem is "finding a way to get the truth to the people about some myths — the myth, for example, that this war is Mr. Nixon's war."

### TRADE

As to the relaxation of trade and travel restrictions between the United States and Communist China, Reagan said:

"I am accepting the President's policy in opening trade with Red China. He has certain facts available to him relating to that issue and since that is the case, we should follow his lead."

Reagan emphasized that he will back Mr. Nixon for re-nomination next year, and said he is notifying individuals in some Southern states to stop any moves to get him into the 1972 race.

"It will become plain to them," he said, "that my out-of-state speaking from now on will be at the request of the White House and the Republican National Committee."

### PANEL

In a panel discussion earlier yesterday, Reagan defended the Nixon administration's stand on the SST, Viet-

nam and law and order.

Reagan later engaged in a brief debate with students Nancy Terrill, of McLean, Va., and Claudith Holmes, of Fredericksburg, Va., who said the discussion by a five-member panel on youth had been ended prematurely.

"They saw the things we were going to get into and they cut us off at the pass," Miss Holmes said.

Reagan told them he felt students are being misled by the history being taught in some colleges.