

'Dump Nixon' Group

McCloskey

Will Challenge

NEW HAVEN (Conn.) — (UPI) — Rep. Ogden R. Reid (R-N.Y.) said yesterday he sees a "pretty strong" possibility that Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R-San Mateo County) would challenge President Nixon in the New Hampshire primary.

Reid's remark followed a report that McCloskey will meet privately in Washington next Sunday with a group of other Republican dissidents, including Rep. Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan and former Senator Charles E. Goodell of New York, major GOP contributors and state party leaders to lay the groundwork for a national "Dump Nixon" campaign.

McCloskey plans to visit New Hampshire early next month to lay the groundwork for his entry into the state's first-in-the-nation primary next March.

Marine Vet

McCloskey, a decorated Marine veteran in the Korean War, has said he would challenge Nixon if there is no change in the administration's Vietnam war policy.

McCloskey, who visited Vietnam and Laos last month on his third trip to the war scene, opposes continued U.S. bombing as well as ground operations by U.S. troops.

Reid, barnstorming with a group of congressional doves, said that because of the trip and other "recent events, I would guess the likelihood is pretty strong that he would enter into the New Hampshire primary."

Rhode Island

McCloskey began setting up a skeleton organization in Rhode Island, which will hold its first presidential primary next year, when he visited Providence the day after his return from Southeast Asia

to address a "Dump Nixon" rally organized by former Democratic Rep. Allard K. Lowenstein of New York, architect of the successful "Dump Johnson" campaign of 1968.

Norton Simon, the California industrialist who challenged former Senator George Murphy in California's Republican primary last year, has \$7.5 million from a sale of his paintings, antiques and objects last week to finance McCloskey's operations.

Reid, a member of the Committee for Peace and New Priorities organized by leading congressional doves, was interviewed on a radio station.