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'Dump Nixon'

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Groups within the conservative oriented California Republican Assembly are urging the organization to join a "dump Nixon" movement, its president said yesterday.

Hugh S. Koford of Castro Valley, state president of the volunteer CRA, stated the anti-Nixon groups are urging "preliminary support of either an uncommitted delegation or a delegation pledged to Ohio Congressman John Ashbrook as the Republican candidate for President.

Ashbrook already has strong support within the ultra-conservative United Republicans of California, preparatory to its annual convention in May.

ISSUE

Koford predicted that the delegation issue will be discussed at the coming Oakland meeting of the officers and directors of CRA, January 28-29-30.

Final action, however, will not be taken until the annual state convention of CRA at

Rickey's Hyatt House in Palo Alto, April 7-9.

The CRA president said invitations have been sent to the President, San Mateo Congressman Paul N. McCloskey Jr. and Congressman Ashbrook to make presentations at the convention.

LEADERS

At the coming officers and directors meeting at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, one of President Nixon's principal political lieutenants, Harry Dent, will be a speaker. So will Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke and others.

Koford has named a 15-member committee of CRA leaders to seek a meeting with President Nixon to discuss his policies.

If CRA puts a delegation on the June presidential primary ballot, it will be in opposition to the Nixon delegation to be headed by Governor Ronald Reagan. CRA has supported Reagan in the past for the governorship.

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