

Rep. Reuss Urges Nixon to Resign

Washington

Henry S. Reuss (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday that President Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew should consider resigning and letting Speaker Carl Albert head a coalition government.

Reuss said if the Watergate case had occurred in a European country there would be no question of the government in power continuing in office.

"Over there a crisis such as ours would be resolved by a legislative vote of no confidence and the prompt creation of a new government," he said in a CBS radio interview.

"The plain fact is that Mr. Nixon, whatever his involvement in the Watergate, has presided over a corrupt government. The plain fact is



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HENRY S. REUSS
A coalition government

that he has waited an unconscionably long time to do anything about it. A third

plain fact is that he has forfeited public confidence."

Reuss said since Mr. Nixon, has accepted full responsibility for his administration he should consider resigning. So should Agnew, as a member of the administration, although he has not been implicated in the Watergate case, he said.

"Under our system this would automatically elevate to the presidency Speaker Albert, a man of unquestioned integrity," Reuss said.

But since the Republicans are unlikely to want to turn the administration over to the Democrats, he said, Albert should try to establish a bipartisan government, with Republicans in half the Cabinet posts and in key advisory positions.

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