

'Nixon, Agnew Should Quit'

Washington

Ralph Nader said yesterday that President Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew should leave office, claiming "the country would really be well served if these two officials would resign."

Nader said Mr. Nixon, in handling the Watergate scandal, and Agnew, in unspecified ways, had failed to "manage a great deal of trust in government" and were not "using government for fulfilling the needs of the people."

"I think enough has now been admitted or proved to indicate that Watergate was the massive tip of an iceberg that involved burglary and forgeries and sabotaging the election and selling government to corporate and other business contributors in a sort of mutual game of shakedowns and extortion and bribery," he said.

The public interest lawyer

and consumer advocate said he thought Mr. Nixon consciously tried not to find out about Watergate and the subsequent effort to cover up administration involvement.

"He knew enough not to want to know what was going on and that is a level of unaccountability and irresponsibility that I think should cause a resignation," Nader said.

Nader was interviewed on CBS television's Face the Nation.

Nader also said he would support federal financing of campaigns as a solution to providing candidates with a minimum money base for their campaign. But he also said he favored candidates having to "go to the people" for small contributions and suggested a \$100 or \$1000 limit.

On other issues, Nader said:

- He will continue trying to shut down about 20 atomic power plants on ground that they are unsafe. He proposed halting all use of nuclear energy for power purposes and said solar energy was "the energy of the future," but that it hasn't been developed yet because "the oil industry hasn't claimed title to the sun."

- Airbags, the controversial safety device for automobiles, have been "tested for about 40 million miles" and were "safer than brakes."

United Press