

Agnew Will Talk in L.A. As Planned

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Vice President Spiro Agnew will "definitely" fulfill his speaking engagement here tomorrow morning, despite the alarms and excursions in Washington.

This promise was made by a spokesman for the National Federation of Republican Women, whose 17th biennial convention opens today at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The beleaguered vice president was "very, very definite" about keeping his date with the GOP women, said Edith Heavener.

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"The only change is that he was originally going to speak at 9:55, and now it's going to be 10:30 a.m.," she said.

In addition to Agnew, the White House is sending Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz to address the more than 2000 delegates expected here.

Butz will speak at the closing luncheon tomorrow.

On today's schedule are two potential candidates for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination.

They are former Treasury Secretary John Connally, of Texas, a recent convert to Republicanism, and California Governor Ronald Reagan.

SPEECHES

Connally will speak at a luncheon today and Reagan at a banquet tonight.

U.S. Senator William Brock of Tennessee, chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and Congressman Robert Michel of Illinois, chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee, will head a panel discussing next year's campaign techniques.

Former U.S. Senator George Murphy of California is in charge of the entertainment portion of the program, and has called on his associates from his days in the motion picture industry to perform.

The federation, with close to 500,000 members (48,000 of them in California — the largest single state unit) is headed by Connie Armitage, a native San Franciscan.

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The organization is "the largest volunteer political association in the world," Mrs. Armitage said.

Janet Johnston of Winters, co-chairman of the Republican National Committee, and presidential counsellor Anne Armstrong of Texas also are on the program.

Among other Californians scheduled to take part are state chairman Gordon Luce of San Diego, Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke, state treasurer Ivy Baker Priest and GOP National Committeeman William Banowsky, president of Pepperdine College.

Nancy Reagan, wife of the governor, is in charge of the hostess committee.

The federation's California unit held its statewide convention in San Francisco earlier this month.