

Reagan Plans An Eastern Swing

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Governor Ronald Reagan will launch his non-candidacy for the presidency next year with a flurry of political appearances in New England, New York, South Carolina and possibly Virginia.

A Reagan aide at the Republican Governors Conference said yesterday that the January schedule will probably set the pattern for out-of-state political activity that Reagan hopes to follow for the rest of 1974.

The purpose of these excursions is to help local GOP candidates, gain support for Reagan around the country and at the same time to gauge whether conditions are favorable for Reagan to

officially declare himself a candidate for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination, sometime after his term as governor ends.

Reagan told newsmen Saturday night, on his way to Memphis from a speaking trip to Mississippi, that his responsibilities in California would have to come ahead of his political future.

To minimize time spent out of the state, Robert Walker, Reagan's chief political aide, said that the governor plans to compress his political excursions into periods of a few days to a week at a time. Walker said Reagan may be making such political trips as often as once a month.

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