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GERALD FORD
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Ford to Address Leaders of GOP

By George Murphy

Republican Party leaders in California open their spring convention in San Jose today.

Vice President Gerald Ford, Governor Ronald Reagan and U.S. Senator James Buckley of New York will speak.

Of particular interest will be the attitude the convention takes toward Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke, who wants the party's gubernatorial nomination.

This will be the first major GOP conclave since Reinecke was indicted by a federal grand jury on three counts of felony perjury.

A campaign aide said yesterday, "we're going to turn this into an Ed Reinecke convention."

Reinecke's principal opponent for the nomination, Controller Houston I. Flournoy, will also be on hand. The candidates for all statewide offices will appear before a forum at the LeBaron

He's on The Ballet

Frankfort, Ky.

Franklin Circuit Judge Henry Meigs yesterday ordered Senator Marlow Cook's name on the ballot as a GOP candidate for reelection in the May 28 primary election.

Secretary of State Thelma Stovall had refused to certify Cook's name because his filing papers had been incomplete.

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Hotel this afternoon.

The reception given Buckley by the convention will also be closely watched, since Buckley is the first major conservative to have called for President Nixon's resignation.

Buckley is scheduled to speak at the LeBaron about 11 a.m. tomorrow, which brings up suspicions that Ford is attempting to steal his thunder.

The vice president, who will address the convention at about 3 p.m. tomorrow, will, at the time Buckley is speaking, be participating in a discussion of the future of the Republican Party at the San Jose Hyatt House.

Also taking part in the discussion will be Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, of Palo Alto, and Congressman John Roussetot, of San Marino 2.