

Reinecke Won't Resign Unless Forced by Law

California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke, convicted Saturday on federal perjury charges, said yesterday he has "no intention of resigning unless its necessary under the law."

Reinecke's statement followed a two-hour meeting with James R. Pace, chief probation officer for the U.S. District Court in preparation for a pre-sentencing report. No restrictions have been placed on his movements except that he may not leave the country.

Reinecke said he would not take a leave of absence while

his case is being appealed if state law does not require him to step down. The appeal is expected to take up to a year. Reinecke said his office in Sacramento was studying the matter.

In California, the People's Lobby announced it will file a suit to halt payment of Reinecke's salary. The citizen's activist group contended the conviction automatically disqualifies the lieutenant governor from holding office and collecting his salary.