

State Republicans Ask Nixon to Quit

Sacramento

The state Republican nominees for governor and U.S. senator said yesterday President Nixon should resign.

"This is unbelievable," Houston I. Flournoy said after Mr. Nixon disclosed he had withheld tapes he acknowledged were damaging to his case.

State Senator H. L. (Bill) Richardson (Rep-Arcadia) said minutes later:

"In all probability he'll be impeached and it's better for the people of this country if he resigns right now. This country isn't predicated on one-man rule."

Flournoy's Democratic opponent, Edmund G. Brown Jr., however, declared in a statement issued in Los Angeles that "an impeachment trial is needed . . . A resignation at this time would serve as one more coverup."

Flournoy, the state controller seeking to succeed Governor Ronald Reagan, said in a statement "it would seem that the President has been deceiving the House Judiciary Committee,

the public and his own attorneys for a long time."

"It is inevitable now that he will be impeached by the House and very probably convicted in the Senate," Flournoy said in a statement issued in response to newsmen's questions.

The impeachment process will subject the nation to more turmoil, weaken the economy and diminish the public's confidence in public leaders, he said.

"Under these circumstances, I think he should resign," Flournoy said.

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