

Reagan Shift on Reinecke Issue

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Governor Ronald Reagan said yesterday he does not want Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke to resign before his sentencing, now scheduled for August 30.

Last Friday, Reagan indicated he thought it would be better if Reinecke resigned now.

"The lieutenant governor told me yesterday of the post-trial motions that his attorneys are making . . . which would conceivably result in a reversal of the verdict," Reagan said yesterday. "I have no right to ask him to step down, which is an irretrievable movement.

"He has no intention of holding office if those post-trial motions fail," stressed Reagan, noting that the appeals process is not involved. "What we are talking about is post-trial motions (to dismiss the verdict) that might be ruled upon favorably prior to August 30 the scheduled sentencing date), that could throw out the last trial."

Reagan admitted he still has "concerns" over legal ramifications flowing from significant state acts involving Reinecke.

The governor said Reinecke would continue to be welcome at his cabinet meetings, but admitted he is "reviewing my plans" on out-of-state travel.

If Reagan left the state, as he is now scheduled to do Sunday and Monday, Reinecke would become acting governor.

Asked about possible re-

placements for Reinecke, Reagan refused to speculate. But he admitted that state Senator John Harmer, (Rep-Glendale), the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor, is "a candidate to be considered."

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