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Reagan Appeals to Nixon To Go Before Congress

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6—Gov. Ronald Reagan said today that President Nixon should resign and that "the constitutional process" should "go forward" toward further disclosures, including an appearance by the President before Congress where members would question him and total truth be sought.

Describing himself a "deeply disturbed, shocked and saddened," the Governor said he opposed resignation and wanted Mr. Nixon to go before Congress to tell "the whole truth—once and for all."

This turnaround put Mr. Reagan in company with other leading Republicans in this state who have defended President Nixon vigorously for two years, but now have abandoned their defense of him.

These include Representative Charles E. Wiggins, whose district includes the California cities of Yorba Linda, where Mr. Nixon was born, and Whittier, where he grew up, and who was one of the most forceful Republican defenders of the President on the House Judi-

ciary Committee. Mr. Wiggins said, "The magnificent career in public service of Richard Nixon must be terminated involuntarily."

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Also the Republican nominee for United States Senator, State Senator H. L. Richardson, said of the President, "In all probability he'll be impeached, and it's better for the people of this country if he resigns right now."

The party nominee for Governor, Houston I. Flournoy, said it appeared to him inevitable that Mr. Nixon would be impeached in the House and would probably be convicted in the Senate, so "under these circumstances, I think he should resign."

In Sacramento today, Mr. Reagan issued a statement and then was questioned by reporters for half an hour. The Governor, who was a candidate in opposition to Mr. Nixon for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1968, said, "Until yesterday, I was not convinced that evidence of an impeachable offense had been pre-



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Gov. Ronald Reagan at his news conference yesterday in Sacramento, Calif.

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He said he changed his mind when it was "revealed that neither Congress nor the American people had been told the entire truth about Watergate."

Asked if he felt betrayed because earlier statements by Mr. Nixon that all had been revealed were now shown to be false, he said it was "too soon to make any such statement."

Mr. Nixon's statement yesterday makes him believe, Mr. Reagan said, that "it is abso-

lutely imperative that he go before the Congress immediately and make a full disclosure of all information he has on this matter, answering any and all questions the members may have."

In response to questions, he said several times that "I think the process should go forward," and finally explained, "I am saying I don't believe resignation is a proper resolution of the issue."