

Reagan Predicts New GOP Landslide

Salt Lake City

Ronald Reagan predicted yesterday that this fall's presidential election will be another Republican landslide, paralleling 1972.

The former California governor said at a news conference, "It's almost Senator George McGovern all over again for the Democrats."

He said the campaign will bring out the varying positions between the two major parties, "giving voters a true choice this time. The Democrats have adopted a liberal platform and selected liberal candidates. We will give the voters a choice."

Reagan held two meetings with delegates and his backers after his arrival. He is scheduled to deliver the keynote speech this morning at the Utah state convention. The 20 delegates and 20 alternate delegates to the August 16 GOP convention in Kansas City will be elected this evening.

Reagan is favored to pick up all but two or three of the Utah delegates.

On his flight here from Harrisburg, Pa., Reagan said he was satisfied with his two-day trip to heavily pro-Ford New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

It was in Harrisburg, that Reagan for the first time before delegates began openly raising Watergate as one of the more likely Democratic issues against Ford in the fall.

Noting that Democrats at their national convention in New York this week had repeatedly raised Watergate in their speeches, Reagan said: "all they talked about were the Nixon-Agnew-Ford years, as they put it. Well, I wasn't there. If I'm the nominee they've got to change the game plan. I was out in California."

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