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SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 24—Gov. Ronald Reagan has been saved from possible eviction by the action of 14 wealthy political backers who have purchased the two-story, white brick residence the Governor has been leasing for two years.

The former owner of the 12-room house, Dain Domich, had been reluctant to renew the lease because he wanted to sell. For a while it appeared that the Governor would have to go when the current lease ended on April 1.

The fourteen buyers paid more than \$150,000 for the home. They included Henry Salvatori, a Los Angeles industrialist who was a member of the Reagan favorite-son delegation to last year's Republican National Convention.

Mr. Salvatori said the group planned to lease the house to the Reagans at the same monthly rental they are now paying. He put this figure at \$1,250 a month.

Mr. Reagan and his family moved out of the state's official Executive Mansion near downtown Sacramento shortly after moving in two years ago when he became Governor.

'We Decided to Help'

The 92-year-old Victorian structure, which was the boyhood home of Lincoln Steffens, the journalist, has been called a firetrap by firemen and is surrounded by service stations, motels and other commercial developments on a busy street.

Mr. Salvatori described the group buying the house as "just friends of the Governor."

"We decided to help the Governor out—period," he said in a telephone interview. "It wasn't anything he dictated."

Mr. Salvatori did not name all the individuals involved in the purchase, but he indicated that the plan had originated with Jaquelin H. Hume, a San

Francisco industrialist: Leland M. Kaiser, a San Francisco insurance securities executive, and Holmes Tuttle, a Los Angeles and Arizona automobile dealer.

Mr. Hume, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Tuttle, who were members of the California delegation at last year's Republican convention, were active in behalf of Mr. Reagan during his gubernatorial campaign in 1966.

The Sacramento office of Coldwell, Banker and Company, a real estate concern, identified the other buyers as:

Fritz Burns of Los Angeles.
Charles and Howard Cook, Los Angeles financiers.
Roy P. Crocker, South Pasadena.
Justin Dart, an executive of the Rexall Drug Company.
J. R. and J. S. Fluor, who head the Fluor Corporation, a Los Angeles engineering firm.
Edward H. Gauer, an executive of the Roos-Alkins chain of clothing stores.
Z. Wayne Griffin of Los Angeles.

Earle M. Jorgensen, an officer of the Jorgensen Steel Company.

A California Republican party official said all 14 were major contributors to the party.

The house now being leased

by the Reagans is on a fashionable, tree-lined street two and a half miles east of the Capitol. The residence in on a lot a full block deep and has a swimming pool in its backyard.

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