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Brown will skip parley of western governors

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SACRAMENTO — Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and the Ford administration's Domestic Council will meet with governors and other top officials of western states Tuesday in Los Angeles to discuss economic, environmental and social problems, but Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. won't be there.

He'll be in Los Angeles but will be talking to physicians about malpractice insurance problems, instead. The malpractice meeting was scheduled late last week. Brown's office indicated he never planned to attend the session of the Domestic Council.

The governor's press secretary, William Stall, said Brown "felt there wasn't that much that could be contributed or learned in the very, very brief time" the council has for the meeting.

Among those attending will be Govs. Dan Evans of Washington, Raul

Castro of Arizona and George Ariyoshi of Hawaii. Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas will represent Alaska. Govs. Earl Ruth of American Samoa and Ricardo Bordallo of Guam also plan to be present. The governors of Oregon, Nevada and Idaho, like the governor of California, plan to be elsewhere.

Martin Glick, director of employment development, will be the top California official at the conference.

Brown will participate tomorrow night in Los Angeles in an unusual benefit in behalf of Immaculate Heart College of Los Angeles. He will join columnist William F. Buckley and former University of California President Clark Kerr in a debate on education.

Singer Joni Mitchell will perform before and after the Brown-Buckley-Kerr debate. The \$50-a-person benefit is being staged by producer Bill Graham.