

NIXON BLASTS 'UNRULY MOB'

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon, the target of rocks, bricks, bottles, eggs, red flags and other missiles hurled by antiwar demonstrators in his native state, says he was attacked by "an unruly mob that represents the worst in America."

Nixon, riding away from a Republican rally last night in the San Francisco bay city of San Jose, was besieged by hundreds of obscenity-shouting protesters. With him in his limousine were California Gov. Ronald Reagan and U.S. Sen. George Murphy.

Later, after the President arrived at the Western White House in San Clemente, a fire caused smoke damage in the oceanside villa and forced a pajama-clad Nixon to evacuate. Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the blaze was caused by heat conducted downward from the fireplace in Nixon's second-floor study to wood within the hollow wall of the dining room below.

THE SAN JOSE violence was the most serious aimed at any president in

this country since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Emerging from an auditorium where GOP partisans had given him a warm reception, Nixon climbed atop the hood of his limousine in the glare of photo floodlights.

Facing directly toward his noisy opponents about 50 yards away, he thrust his jaw forward and flung both arms upward. With his fingers, he formed "V" symbols, waving toward the crowd.

Most of the demonstrators were young persons, hundreds of whom had rallied at the San Jose State College campus for a march to the auditorium.

The mobbing of the Nixon motorcade lasted perhaps five minutes as his car moved through a narrow opening that had been cleared in the crowd by helmeted riot police.

HIS LIMOUSINE and other vehicles in the cavalcade were hit repeatedly by large rocks and other objects. Several persons, including a Secret Service agent, a newsman and a television cameraman, suffered minor injuries.

The second auto behind Nixon's vehicle stalled when, after it was hit by a rock, its policeman-driver slammed on the brakes. This produced a chain reaction crash of six cars—none seriously damaged—that brought a loud cheer from the crowd pushing in on each side.

A bus carrying members of Nixon's staff and local political dignitaries had four windows smashed by rocks.

One of the occupants, showered by glass fragments, was Rose Mary Woods, Nixon's personal secretary, who ducked to the floor and exclaimed, "Just like Caracas!" Nixon was stoned in the Venezuelan capital in 1958, when he was vice president.

ANOTHER BUS carrying members of the White House press corps emerged from the melee with seven shattered windows.

Four of the demonstrators were arrested including one for investigation of assaulting a policeman and another for investigation of inciting to riot.

In a statement issued after he ar-

rived here for a five-day stay at his oceanfront home, Nixon said:

"The stoning at San Jose is an example of the viciousness of the lawless elements in our society. This was no outburst by a single individual. This was the action of an unruly mob that represents the worst in America."

ZIEGLER SAID Nixon told him, "It is time for this kind of disgraceful action to stop."

Lawrence F. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said in Washington "all Americans, regardless of party or political philosophy" must deplore and condemn the treatment given the President. O'Brien's statement added:

"THE OFFICE of President of the United States commands and deserves respect and dignity. These ugly tactics must not be allowed to obscure the real issues in American today."

In his statement, the President said, "I will discuss what America must do to end the wave of violence and terrorism by the radical, antidemocratic element in our society."

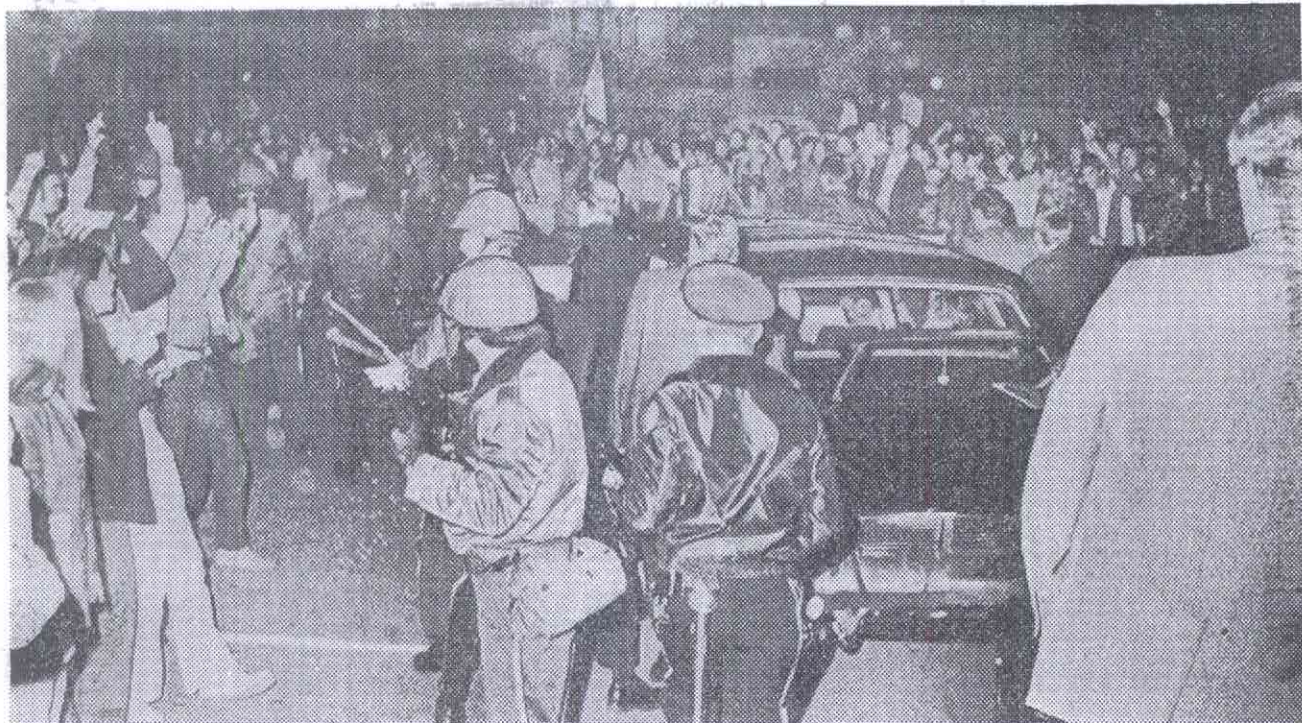
He did not say when and where he would take up the question but it was assumed he might deal with it in addressing a Republican rally tonight in Anaheim, 35 miles north of San Clemente.

Nixon arrived in California after campaigning yesterday for the Republican Senate candidates in Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

NIXON PLUGGED hard in San Jose for the re-election of Murphy, who trails Democratic challenger Rep. John V. Tunney in latest statewide polls.

Murphy was asked what effect he thought the mob action in San Jose would have on his campaign.

"I don't see how it could hurt any," he replied. "These are the things I have been working against."



Night Assault: Helmeted police shield President Nixon's limousine as it pulls away from San Jose Auditorium through jeering crowd of demonstrators. (AP Wirephoto.)