

Governor Winds Up Own Race

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PASADENA — Republican campaign workers, escorting Governor Reagan through Saturday shopping center crowds, predicted that the backlash to the San Jose violence will spell victory for a number of GOP candidates in tight races.

The Governor, generally rated as a winner, declined to publicly share this optimism.

On the last weekend before the election, he foraged for votes for himself and his "Republican Team '70," at an outdoor rally, in interviews under smoggy skies, and even among parents attending the Pasadena Boys' Club dedication.

Murphy On Up-Beat

The rock-throwing, mainly directed at President Nixon Thursday night, seemed to give an immediate up-beat to Senator George Murphy's outlook. The Republican Senator predicted in Los Angeles he will beat Democratic Congressman John V. Tunney by 500,000 votes — which if true would confound California pollsters.

Asked whether violence helps or hurts Republican candidates, Reagan said:

"I have no way of knowing. I do know it hurts our country and our state. If it does that, it doesn't matter if it helps some politicians."

Would the Governor comment on the statement by his Democratic rival, Assemblyman Jess Unruh, that violence undoubtedly helps the GOP?

Disagrees

"I disagree with that just as I disagree with his follow up statement in which he implies by innuendo that the

violence might have been incited or planned," the Governor replied.

He continued:

"At least he made a point of saying he would not discount this."

However, in a San Francisco interview the morning after the San Jose incident, Governor Reagan indicated that he and President Nixon taunted some of the youthful demonstrators who had pelt-

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ed the President's car with stones and eggs.

"We gave them the peace sign back through the window, because we know nothing infuriates them more," Governor Reagan said.

This came immediately after President Nixon had stood atop the bullet proof car, his arms upraised, stabbing the night air with two-fingered "V's."

Angered Crowd

President Nixon told an aide he knew this act angered the crowd. Yesterday, however, Governor Reagan denied in Burbank he is trying to exploit violence.

"But," he said, "you cannot stand up in public and pretend it did not happen. People in the audience expect you to make some reference to the violence."

A reporter reminded the Governor that he and others had criticized the news media for ignoring the well-behaved people inside the halls and had "accused us of selling papers when we concentrated on the noisy people outside."

Governor Reagan then was asked if he could understand why the GOP might now be accused of buying votes by paying for the broadcast of President Nixon's Anaheim speech Friday night in which he denounced the demonstrators.

'Still News'

"Yes," Governor Reagan replied. "As long as it's a campaign year. But let me say this:

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"My criticism of the coverage of some of the disturbances has not been from that standpoint.

"Thank Heaven, it still is news. It's different. Yes, man bites dog still is news. That little band that is doing things is far afield from anything we accepted.

"Heaven help us if the time comes that when a youngster does something right, that becomes the headline news."

The Governor said major criticism is that cameras usually concentrated on youngsters clubbed or shoved by police but take few pictures of peace officers knocked to the ground by demonstrators.

Discounts Repression

He discounted the threat of a program of national repression.

"How can anyone fear that repression is practiced in this country?" Governor Reagan said. "In San Jose they were throwing lethal weapons. They were attacking the person of the President of the United States.

"How many countries could that have taken place in without massed gun fire in return? Or without the mobilizing of forces that would have advanced on them and fired weapons? I think this country is in little danger of repressive measures."

Suburban Cheers

At El Mirada, a shopping center, Governor Reagan got an enthusiastic reception from 700 suburbanites. There were a few boos with the cheers. They came from a group of teen-agers.

One heckler waved a poster picture of Reagan. It showed him with a Hitler mustache and hair style.

A few others jiggled "Vote for Tunney" signs.

'Misled by Profs'

The Governor seemed to

enjoy the heckling. Nattily attired in a brownish green suit, white shirt, and large knotted green tie, the Governor said he thought some of the youths were being misled by their professors.

"There's a small band of professors who don't teach you how to think on all sides of a question," the Governor said, "but have been indoctrinating you with their viewpoint."

This drew loud applause from the obvious parents in the crowd.

A youngster shouted: "How about legalizing marijuana?"

'Crutches'

Reagan replied: "I answered that once before when a young man said people my age have their own crutch."

His voice taking on a sharp edge, the Governor said:

"Okay, so my generation has a crutch and it's martinis. So what makes your generation so noble? It's got a crutch — marijuana!"

The Governor intends to rest at his fashionable Pacific Palisades home today breaking the campaign respite with but a single television appearance in Los Angeles.

Tomorrow he will take part in a day long "fly-around" with "Get Out the Vote" rallies involving all GOP candidates for state-wide offices. Their airport stops will include San Francisco International at 10:30 a.m.