

G.O.P. Buys Time on TV For Nixon Talk on Protest

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Oct. 30—The Republican National Committee today purchased a half hour of nationwide television time for a speech tonight by President Nixon on the stoning of his motorcade in San Jose, Calif.

Commenting on the decision to buy the time, the White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, said, "There has been a great amount of reaction and interest to the situation that occurred last night."

The President's speech, at the Anaheim, Calif., Convention Center, was to be televised live in California and on a delayed basis in the rest of the nation by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In a strongly worded statement issued here late last night, Mr. Nixon said, "The time has come to take the gloves off and speak to this kind of behavior in a forthright way."

His comments were made three hours after antiwar demonstrators in San Jose pelted his limousine with eggs and stones.

The statement declared, "Freedom of speech and freedom of assembly cannot exist when people who peacefully attend rallies are attacked by flying rocks."

Read by Ziegler

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, read the statement to reporters at El Toro Marine Base here, after the President's arrival by plane from San Jose.

Mr. Ziegler said that a team of Secret Service "intelligence" experts had stayed behind in San Jose to reconstruct the incident. Local policemen also joined the investigation. There were reports that four men were arrested last night, but Mr. Ziegler could supply no further details.

Judging from the press secretary's comments, Mr. Nixon has suffered no emotional after-effects from the incident, in which he narrowly missed being hit by a thrown object. The angry antiwar demonstrators later pelted his car with eggs,

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PROTECTING NIXON IN SAN JOSE Thursday night, armed police block demonstrators shouting and throwing eggs and stones. Incident occurred as Mr. Nixon, at right in car rear, left Municipal Auditorium soon after 8 P.M.

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spat upon Secret Service men and threw stones at cars and buses in the Presidential motorcade.

The Presidential staff, though, was shaken by the most serious physical attack on the Presidential entourage in Mr. Nixon's 21 months in office.

Questions on Security

The episode may have important political implications. It has already raised several questions here about the security precautions taken to protect the President. Some newsmen had advance warning that there would be trouble, so presumably the Secret Service, which was said to have plainclothes operatives circulating in the crowd, had similar information.

The White House was unable to explain why the demonstrators had been allowed to mass so close to the motorcade. Usually, they are kept behind barricades erected in advance some distance away from the motorcade route.

Politically, some Republican strategists here believe that the incident has given a lift to the campaigns of Senator George

Murphy and Gov. Ronald Reagan. Both men were in the Presidential limousine when it was struck. They have been running on tough law-and-order platforms aimed at youthful "permissiveness," and both issued tough statements deploring the violence shortly after the episode.

The incident has also raised the question of why the President did not take an alternative route away from the auditorium—although it is not clear now whether there was one—or why, if there was not an alternative route, he was allowed to emerge from the auditorium to confront such an obviously restless crowd until a path had been secured.

In the last few weeks, Mr. Nixon has confronted demonstrators at many rallies, and indeed has seemed to welcome them as foils for his attacks on permissiveness and violence. Perhaps, some observers here think, he or his aides sensed the same opportunity last night, even though the demonstrators were obviously tougher and more numerous than the small groups he has faced before.

Mr. Ziegler would say only that the White House had some hints that there might be trouble but had no real idea of what the hecklers would do, and no good way of predicting their behavior.

As reconstructed here today, the stage was set for the incident when demonstrators—estimated by the Secret Service to number 900 in all and by some reporters at twice that figure—massed in two lines on either side of the roadway leading to the entrance of the San Jose Municipal Auditorium about an hour before the President's arrival.

They did not throw any objects when he arrived but waved their peace signs and taunted him with chants that, at least to the ears of those in the press buses following behind, were uninformally obscene.

Mr. Nixon entered the hall, where there were no demonstrators, and made his standard campaign speech on behalf of the candidacies of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Reagan, who shared the platform with him.

In the speech Mr. Nixon referred to the hecklers he had seen in his cross-country campaigning as "the radical violent few" who did not represent the "majority" of young people.

As he was speaking, several newsmen went outside to mingle with the demonstrators. Two Canadian reporters—Ray Heard of The Montreal Star and Bruce Garvey of The Toronto

Star—reported later that they had talked to one unidentified youth in his early twenties who said:

"We're going to stone that President and some of you guys, too."

Mr. Heard also said, however, that "about 95 per cent" of the youths seemed to be "sincere young citizens" who were in a good-natured frame of mind and who wished only to talk to the President or one of his senior aides about national problems and the war in Indochina.

When the ceremonies in the auditorium finished about 30 minutes later, Mr. Nixon emerged from the auditorium and started to walk toward his limousine. Four eggs were hurled in his direction but did not touch him. Mr. Ziegler later said that small stone had been thrown and had narrowly missed the President.

At this point, Mr. Nixon climbed on top of the hood of his limousine and gave his familiar campaign gesture, a

"V" sign with both hands. According to a later account by Marty Schramm, White House correspondent for Newsday, who was standing below the President, Mr. Nixon smiled and said to no one in particular:

"That's what they hate to see."

Mr. Ziegler said last night, however, that the President had not intended to taunt or defy the demonstrators but thought he had seen a "friendly face" and simply wanted to wave to them.

Time to Regroup

Mr. Nixon then got down off the car and held a brief interview with local newsmen. By then the road ahead was jammed with angry youths. Local policemen had tried to clear a path by wedging through the crowd before the President emerged from the auditorium, but his decision to climb aboard the car and then talk with newsmen apparently gave the demonstrators time to regroup.

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