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Warns of Threat to Freedom

PHOENIX — (AP) — Warning that Americans are in danger of losing their freedom to "haters," President Nixon declared yesterday that the time has come to take a tough-minded approach to violence.

The new approach, he said, would include tougher laws, firmer justice in the courtroom and a new and stern attitude by the American people to deal with terroristic dissent.

What is not needed, he declared, is bluster and repression.

Several thousand — including a few mostly silent dissidents — turned out to welcome Nixon in Phoenix. Other greeters waved banners and signs with such legends as "No Rocks Here" and "We Don't Want to Know the Way to San Jose."

San Jose Stoning

This was a reference to the stoning of the President's campaign motorcade in San Jose Thursday night.

More thousands turned out to welcome Nixon in Albuquerque, N.M.—at the airport, along a motorcade route and in a crowded high school gymnasium.

After departure from Albuquerque, his day's schedule in the four-state windup political swing called for visits to Nevada and Utah.

Prior to Nixon's arrival in Salt Lake City, a four-block "candlelight patriotic parade" was to wind its way through the downtown section, ending outside the Mormon tabernacle where the crowd was to listen to speakers while waiting for the President.

Parade

Children in Halloween costumes, marching bands, Scottish bagpipers, veterans and ROTC groups, the Young Americans for Freedom and Young Republicans all planned to march in the parade.

Upon landing in Phoenix, Nixon made public a telegram he had sent to Bill Langin, president of the student body at San Jose State Col-

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lege, who had wired him to say the student body disapproved of Thursday night's attack.

The President extended "my very best wishes" to the students and stated:

"You can be sure that I was totally aware of the fact that only a small number of San Jose students participated, that a substantial number of those who created the disturbance were from outside of the city..."

Some antiwar protesters told reporters that security guards had taken away their

tickets to get into the hangar, forcing them to stand on the sunny runway outside, far removed from the speakers' stand.

Statement

Before Nixon arrived, the master of ceremonies, cowboy singer Rex Allen, told the crowd to wave their pro-Nixon placards in front of the television cameras so they could be seen throughout the nation later in the day.

Nixon's remarks, delivered to a Republican rally at the airport in Phoenix, represented the climactic statement of his personal campaign in behalf of GOP candidates.

His message to those who will cast ballots next Tuesday:

"Nobody is going to tear this country down as long as you are ready to cast your vote to build this country up."

Referring to the San Jose stoning, Nixon said, "Never before in this campaign was there such an atmosphere of hatred."

'Hoodlums'

And he said of his attackers, estimated by police at about 1000:

"Let's recognize them for what they are: not romantic revolutionaries, but the same thugs and hoodlums that have always plagued a good people." He went on:

"The major reason they increasingly terrorize decent citizens can be summed up in a single word: appeasement. When you permit an imbalance to exist that favors the accused over the victim, you are inviting more violence and breeding more bullies.

"For too long, the strength of freedom in our society has been eroded by a creeping permissiveness — in our legislatures, in our courts, in our family life, in our universities . . . the time has come to draw the line. The time has come for the great silent majority of Americans, of all ages and of every political persuasion, to stand up and be counted against appeasement of the rock throwers and obscenity shouters."

In what he termed a "personal note," Nixon stated his own reaction to shouts and missiles tossed in his direction during the campaign:

"The terrorists of the far left would like nothing better than to make the President of the United States a prisoner in the White House. Let me set them straight: As long as I am President, no band of violent thugs is going to keep me from going out and speaking with the American people wherever I want to go. This is a free country, and I fully intend to share that freedom with my fellow citizens."

For a decade, the Chief Executive said, the forces of permissiveness have been dominant and have "obviously failed."

As part of what he termed

"the new approach to violence," Nixon listed three areas in which he said changes are needed:

• "New and strong laws that will give the peace forces new muscle to deal with the criminal forces" and the election of Congress members "who will work for laws that will put the terrorists where they belong — not roaming around civil society, but behind bars."

• Judges "who have an awareness of the rights of the victim as well as the rights of the accused" and men in the Senate "who will give those strong judges a vote of confidence."

• "A new attitude on the part of the American people." He added: "'Law and order' are not code words for racism or repression. 'Law and order' are code words for freedom from fear. This

new attitude means that college administrators must stop caving in to the demands of the radical few,

and it means that moderate students must take a position that says to the violent: 'Hit the books or hit the road.'"