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Reagan Responds on Violence at San Jose

Governor Reagan, touching down in San Francisco for a last news conference here today, spent most of the time fielding questions about the recent violence in San Jose, but reminded newsmen he didn't bring the subject up.

"We spent a lot of time talking on this because you asked the questions. This is not a deliberate attempt to capitalize on a violent incident for political purposes."

The Governor arrived late after the chartered plane carrying him, Sen. George Murphy and other Republican candidates on a round-the-state campaign finale was held up by the crash of a small plane that jammed air traffic at San Francisco International Airport.

'A Riot' — Murphy

Reagan said in response to questions on the violence in San Jose, "I can't really believe that any political advantage would come to either party from what we should all be ashamed of. There is

no place for a thing like that anywhere in America."

Murphy, asked by newsmen if rocks were really thrown, and if they actually hit the car that he, the Governor and President Nixon were riding in, responded:

"It sounded like we were inside a bass drum."

Murphy called the incident a full-fledged riot. He said:

"The crowd was wild-eyed and all steamed up. They would have torn us to pieces without knowing what they were doing."

'Dishonest Charges'

Murphy charged that his opponent, Congressman John Tunney, "has conducted the most dishonest campaign I have seen in my 35 years in public life. He has made a total of 13 dishonest charges . . ."

Traveling with the Governor and Murphy were Evelle Younger, candidate for attorney general, and a number of sports figures, among them John Brodie and Archie Moore.

Younger said of his opponent, Assistant Attorney General Charles A. O'Brien, that he didn't think the office of California Attorney General "should be turned over to anyone without the proper qualifications."

He was running on his record as District Attorney of Los Angeles County, Younger said.

Reagan said of news stories hinting that the San Jose violence had been planned:

"Believe me, if I ever plan anything, it won't involve throwing rocks at my head."

Sacramento

The Governor and his party were to fly next to Sacramento, then to Fresno and to Burbank.

He started in San Diego this morning, where he actually telephoned two registered Republicans from campaign headquarters to solicit their votes, and to urge them to volunteer to help get out the vote tomorrow.

Both declined politely to become campaign workers but said they will vote.

He also met, at another campaign headquarters, former Stanford football star, Dr. Bill McColl, who said at least 40 doctors are taking the day off tomorrow to march and solicit votes.

Football

Reagan said, when asked about polls which show him leading:

"It's like just before the kickoff. You always have butterflies no matter how heavily you're favored. I wish I could tell you how scared I am. I played on a college football team where we won only half our games and I thought I was a winner then. Now we are in what they call the deathwatch. You wonder if you've plugged all the loopholes."

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Gov. Reagan, who was in the car with Mr. Nixon, said on Saturday night [31 Oct] "We gave them the peace sign through the window because we knew that nothing infuriates them more."