

## NIXON'S DAMAGED CAR SHOWN OFF

The Secret Service, reacting to reports of possible exaggeration of violence by anti-war demonstrators at President Nixon's appearance at San Jose last Thursday, issued an unusual statement yesterday attesting to damage to the President's limousine. \*

In addition, a group of newsmen was taken to the

Western White House and permitted to inspect the vehicle minutely. It indeed was marred or dented in many places. \*

Lilburn E. Boggs, assistant director of the Secret Service for protective forces, said the visible damage "could only have been caused by rocks or other hard objects."

Arthur Godfrey, deputy agent in charge of presiden-

tial protection, told newsmen that, as a guess, the vehicle was hit about ten times while running the gauntlet of missile-throwing dissidents.

Andrew Hutch, an agent who drove the limousine at San Jose, pointed out to reporters various areas — including two panels of chipped or scratched bullet proof glass — that in his opinion had been hit by solid objects.

Hutch said repeated thuds were audible to occupants of the vehicle as it passed through the demonstrators.

Earlier in the day, White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler issued a statement in which he said "published and broadcast reports of the incident were in no way exaggerated."

"It was a serious and unfortunate incident that I personally hope never would occur against around the President of the United States and those accompanying him," Ziegler said.

Ziegler said, "the President's car and motorcade came under a barrage of rocks."

"At no time was there any suggestion that the immediate safety of the President was in any danger," Ziegler said.

"The immediate perimeter surrounding the President was not penetrated but there is always an element of danger when the President is making a public appearance," added Lilburn E. Boggs, assistant director of Protective Forces which includes the Secret Service.

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