

Nixon's Exit At San Jose

San Jose Police Chief Ray Blackmore has asserted that last-minute instructions from the Secret Service left one block of President Nixon's motorcade route without police protection during the demonstration against him October 29.

Most of the eggs and rocks hurled at the motorcade were thrown in the unpoliced block of Park avenue, Blackmore said in a report to the San Jose City Council.

"The reason this block was not covered by police officers was that it was the alternate route for the motorcade to take and was chosen by the Secret Service," Blackmore said.

"We were not instructed to put men there, nor in any way was it indicated that this would be the exit the President was to take. Therefore the area was not policed."

Blackmore said the only decision he could make in the situation was to order in a wedge of officers to clear a path through the crowd to Park avenue after the President emerged from a Repub-

lican rally in San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

The Secret Service took the responsibility of deciding on what route to use from that point, the police chief said.

His 18-page report to the City Council at its session Monday night was a copy of one given the Santa Clara County Grand Jury, which last Thursday ordered a complete investigation of the demonstration.

Blackmore said yesterday he implied no criticism of the Secret Service for ordering the motorcade through an unprotected street. "It was the right move, because no one was hurt," he said.

"No matter how many men you had, you couldn't stop the rock-throwing," he said.

He said two officers from his police force had confirmed White House claims that the presidential car was stoned by demonstrators. He declined to identify the policemen.

Immediately after the incident, Chief Blackmore had said "there were rocks being thrown," but added, "To my knowledge, nothing happened to the President's car."