

Lawmaker Asks Probe Of Try to Stone Nixon

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—A California legislator has proposed that the Senate select committee investigating political espionage extend its inquiry into the attempted stoning of President Nixon that occurred here during the 1970 election campaign. *

The incident was subsequently cited repeatedly by the President and other Republican spokesmen in behalf of the GOP's "law and order" campaign in the 1970 elections.

"The circumstances of the incident gave rise to suspicion that deliberate incitement may have been involved," said Democratic State Sen. Alfred E. Alquist in a telegram Thursday to Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N.C.).

At his 1970 speech here in behalf of then-incumbent Sen.

George Murphy, the President was greeted by cursing, rock-throwing demonstrators who smashed the windows on a White House press bus as Mr. Nixon was leaving the auditorium. Some Democrats said afterward that security was conspicuously lacking around the auditorium and also accused the President of provoking the demonstrators by standing on the presidential car and giving them a peace sign.

San Jose police chief Ray Blackmore, who has since retired, said the area around the auditorium was not controlled by police officers because of instructions the city police had received from federal authorities.

In the months after the San Jose demonstration, Alquist tried unsuccessfully to get a Santa Clara County grand jury to make a full dress investigation of the incident. The grand jury began a preliminary inquiry but abandoned it when informed that it lacked the authority to subpoena federal witnesses.

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