

Ford's Night in S.F.-- Two Private Gatherings

By George Murphy

Vice President Gerald Ford attended two very private functions in San Francisco last night.

Ford met with supporters in the St. Francis Hotel and at the World Trade Center for cocktails and dinner, respectively.

"No interviews," he said firmly to a reporter who asked him a question.

The vice president's press secretary said reporters and photographers would be allowed into the two functions "only as a photo event."

Paul Miltich, the press secretary, said he believed the vice president would tell the two groups about his worries that November's congressional elections may bring about a "legislative dictatorship."

This means, Miltich said, that should the Democrats elect "50 to 100 new con-

gressmen" Mr. Nixon could veto a bill to no avail.

Ford's first, social event here was a cocktail reception at the California West Room of the St. Francis, given by the San Francisco Republican Boosters, a group that raises funds for Republican congressional candidates.

There, the vice-president posed for pictures with Tom Caylor, the Republican congressional nominee from the new Fifth District, which includes Marin county and part of San Francisco.

Later, Ford attended the dinner for 300 persons at the World Trade Center.

Today Ford will leave San Francisco for Los Angeles, where he is to address a luncheon meeting of yet another boosters club. After that he will fly to Monterey for a weekend of golf at Pebble Beach.

The vice president has scheduled a press conference for tomorrow morning on the Monterey Peninsula.

Earlier yesterday in a press convention in San Diego, speech to the national Jay-Ford spoke out on President Nixon's Middle East journey.

"The Israelis and Arabs

... were willing to give peace a chance. We have come to a sorry pass if the people in the Middle East have become more pro-American than we Americans are pro-American.

"We may look so hard at the trees of Watergate that we lose sight of the forest of America and our national future. Let the passions arising from Watergate not become a cop-out from the work essential for our continuity and sense of purpose as a great republic.

"Let us be human enough to admit that we are not perfect."