

## Agnew: Guard Overreacted

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UPI)—Vice President Agnew said tonight that National Guardsmen had "overreacted" in the fatal shooting of four students at Kent State University.

Mr. Agnew appeared on the taping of a television show with David Frost in a studio of station KTTV in Los Angeles. The show will be broadcast next Wednesday night.

Mr. Agnew was asked whether guardsmen might not be held responsible for "murder" if it was established that no shots were fired at them first.

"Yes, but not first-degree murder," Mr. Agnew replied. "There was no premeditation but apparently an overreaction in the heat of anger."

Mr. Agnew said he felt there would have been no shooting had not militants hurled rocks and attacked the guardsmen.

Mr. Frost asked whether there might not have been any demonstration had not students been upset over the movement of United States troops into Cambodia.

Mr. Agnew replied that was possible but suggested that certain elements were ready to riot over almost anything, including the length of haircuts.

Mr. Frost asked him about Interior Secretary Walter J. Hickel's letter to the President suggesting that Mr. Agnew's speeches had contributed to a lack of communication between the younger people and the Administration.

Mr. Agnew said he did not believe his "old friend," Mr. Hickel, had read his speeches completely.

The Vice President said the opinions of younger people were being heard.

"But the fact that they are heard does not necessarily mean they must be heeded," he said.