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Agnew Flies To Reassure Asian States

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SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Aug. 22 — President Nixon sent Vice President Agnew off today on his second Asian tour in less than a year to emphasize that the United States is not withdrawing from Asia and will provide the means to help Asian nations defend themselves.

The President conferred with Agnew for an hour and 20 minutes. The two then walked together to a helicopter waiting to take the Vice President to El Toro Marine Air Base, where he took off for South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and South Vietnam.

Also attending the meeting were Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Henry A. Kissinger, assistant for national security affairs.

Appearing together before television cameras, both the President and Vice President emphasized that the Nixon Doctrine does not foreshadow a withdrawal of American forces from the Pacific.

One reason for the Vice President's trip is to reassure the South Korean government that the reduction of American forces there does not mean diminished interest or support, it was understood.

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Agnew will be "having very substantive conversations" with heads of state in the countries he visits, Mr. Nixon said, and will be taking "from me personal messages, but substantive messages, on our bilateral relations with each nation."

The Nixon Doctrine, the President said, does not have as its goal "withdrawing from Asia but providing the means whereby the United States will help other nations help themselves against aggression."

When Agnew spoke, he emphasized that the Nixon Doctrine expresses "our dedication to retaining the American presence in Asia and living up to our treaty obligations there."

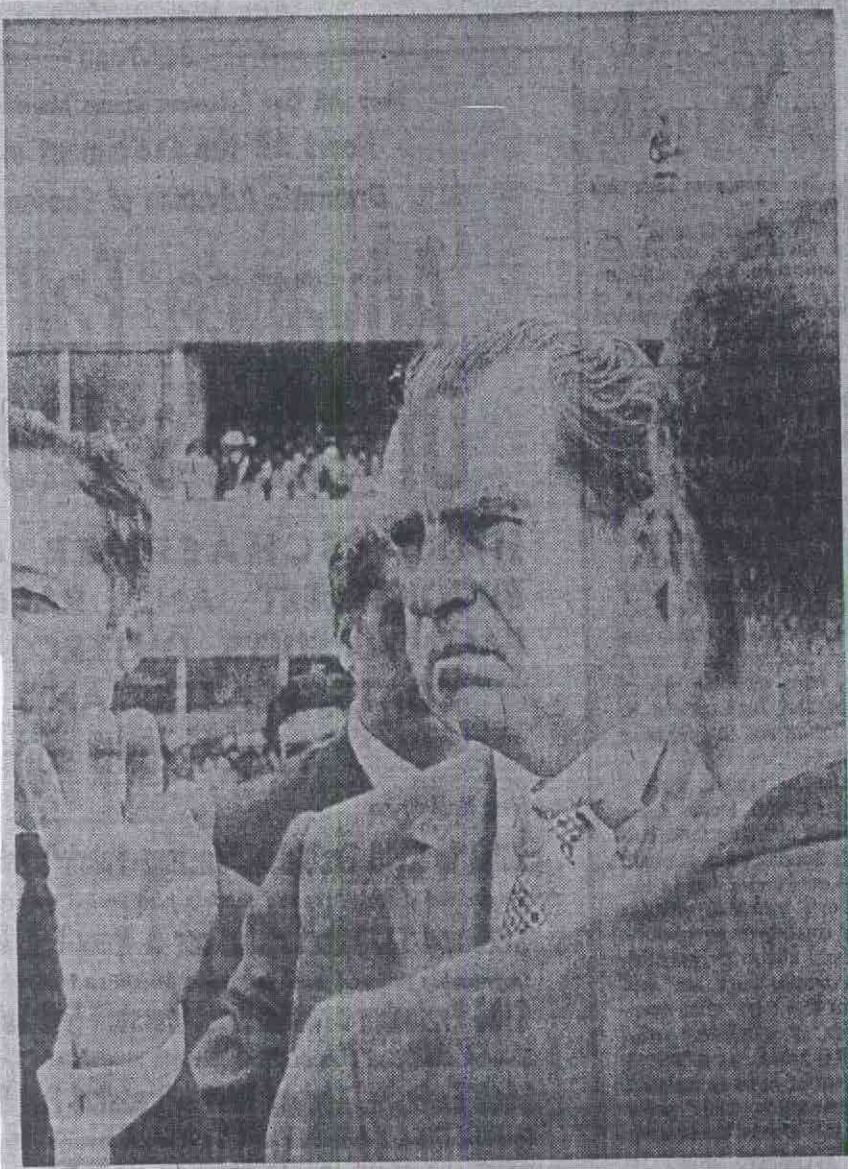
He went on to say that his trip signifies "a distinct reaffirmation of our conviction that the American presence in Southeast Asia is something that we are determined to maintain and that our friends can depend upon that."

The Vice President made his first Asian tour eight months ago.

Asked about reports that Agnew would also visit Cambodia, White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said that there was no plan at the moment for him to do so. A high official said he would be surprised if the Vice President did so.

Agnew is due to return here Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 and report to the President on his trip. After Labor Day, the Vice President will become the chief campaigner for GOP congressional and gubernatorial candidates.

When Ziegler was asked for comment on a Senate amendment designed to prevent mili-



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President Nixon gives the "okay" sign as he leaves Mexico after top-level talks.

tary aid to Cambodia, he said that "we would be opposed to any law to limit the President's flexibility in Southeast Asia."

Ziegler said that plans call for providing additional aid to Cambodia, but he said it would be in small arms and not in sophisticated equipment requiring American advisers.

The President arrived here late Friday following a two-day conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz.

They will meet again in San Diego on Sept. 3 when Mr. Nixon will give a state dinner.

On Monday, the President will participate in a foreign policy briefing for some 60 editors from Western states. He also will meet with the "quadriad," his chief economic advisers. They are Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy; Federal Reserve Board Chairman Arthur F. Burns; Paul W. McCracken, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; and George P. Shultz, director of the office of management and Budget.