

Leading Democrats Back Pro-Panther, Says Agnew

V-P Asks Californians to Repudiate Dellums

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said Thursday night that leading Democrats are fawning over "an enthusiastic backer and supporter of the Black Panther party."

In a prepared speech opening his Southern campaign swing, Agnew singled out Ronald Dellums, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Oakland, Calif., district, and called on Democratic voters to repudiate Dellums and all who aid him.

In Arkansas, he addressed a Republican rally televised within the state. Referring to Dellums, he said:

"This out and out radical was the sole beneficiary of a special fund-raising cocktail party last week hosted by none other than Sens. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Harold Hughes of Iowa, Birch Bayh of Indiana, Fred Harris of Oklahoma, Walter Mondale of Minnesota, Alan Cranston of California and George McGovern of South Dakota."

Such democratic leaders, he said, "instead of running the radicals out of their party, embrace them, fawn over them, identify with them and raise money for them...They shall answer to history for what they have done to the Democratic party."

Agnew said Dellums was keynote speaker two years ago at a birthday party for Black Panther Defense Minister Huey P. Newton, at which Eldridge Cleaver, Bobby Seale and H. Rap Brown also appeared.

Agnew said he came to Arkansas to speak for Republican Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and Rep. John Hammerschmidt, only Republican congressman from Arkansas, both of whom are seeking reelection.

But he took time to say he thinks Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., "has gone off and left the people of Arkansas."

"I become convinced that he has become too enamored of eastern press advertising," Ag-

new said of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman who has been a leading critic of Vietnam policy.

"I become convinced that he has gone to too many Georgetown parties.

"And I become convinced that, when the opportunity again presents itself, the people of this state will afford him full opportunity to reflect in private life on the error of his ways."

Fulbright's term does not end for four more years.

And Now, Spiro's Tennis Racket

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew Thursday autographed a tennis racket for the annual WYES bid-by-phone auction.

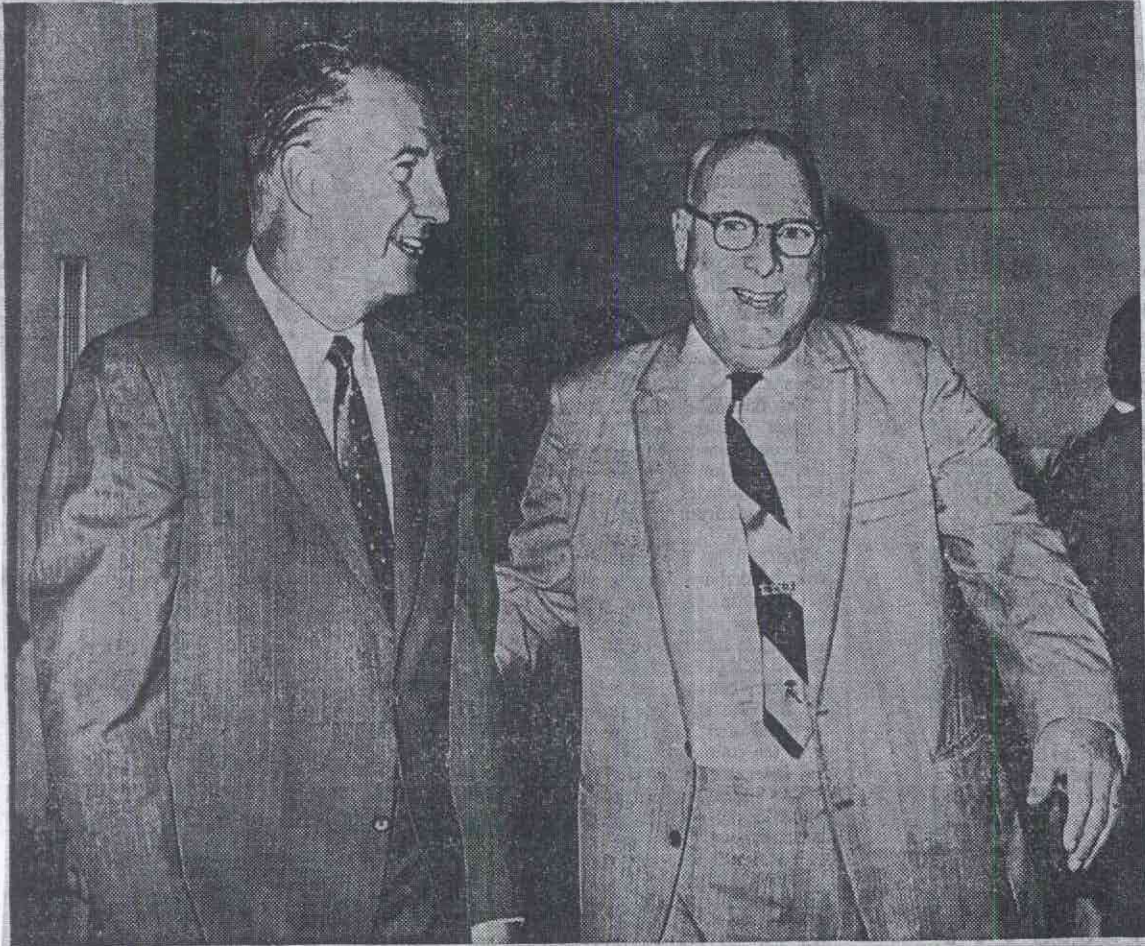
The vice president's game was noted last May when he accidentally hit his tennis partner, Peace Corps Director Joseph Blatchford, with a wild serve.

Agnew and Blatchford were playing against Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Lowell P. Weiker Jr. (R-Conn.)

Agnew's racket signature and a pair of vice presidential seal cufflinks will be featured in the week-long WYES auction Nov. 8-14 along with memorabilia of other notables, such as Phyllis Diller's boots, Clark Gable's shirt, Bob Hope's sports jacket and a check for 39 cents from Jack Benny.

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Publisher Welcomes Vice President to Conference



ASHTON PHELPS, president and publisher of The Times-Picayune Publishing Corporation, escorts Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to the conference room at the company

plant Thursday. The vice president met with the editorial boards of The Times-Picayune and New Orleans States-Item.

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