

Agnew: 'I'd Had Enough'

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**Vice President Says He Attacked Protesters
On His Own, Not as Mouthpiece for Nixon**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP)—Vice President Agnew says he spoke out against protest movements because "like the great silent majority, I had had enough," and not because President Nixon told him to.

In a guest editorial titled "I Did It on My Own," written for the current issue of *Life* magazine, Agnew asserted:

"Protest is generally negative in content. It is against some person or thing. It does not offer constructive alternatives and is not conducive to creating the thoughtful atmosphere where positive answers may be formulated."

Agnew, in his editorial, did not refer to his Des Moines, Iowa, speech criticizing the television networks nor to his Montgomery, Ala., speech criticizing the press.

Limiting himself to the speech in which he attacked protest movements in general and the Vietnam Moratorium in particular, the Vice President said, "I did not make my speech at New Orleans to accommodate the President or even the American people. I made it to fulfill my own conviction that a political leader should lead, should point out problems where problems exist

and dangers where dangers exist."

He said that "the most often asked question of the past weeks has been, 'What set the Vice President off?' The most frequently suggested answer is 'the President.'

"That is the easy answer. It certainly would be an obvious explanation in keeping with the traditional job description. But it is not the answer.

"The reason I spoke out was because like the great silent majority I had had enough. I had endured the didactic inadequacies of the garrulous in silence, hoping for the best but witnessing the worst for many months. And because I am an elected official, I felt I owed it to those I serve to speak the truth."

Agnew said that "protest has become a policy and program unto itself. This is negativism at its quintessence."

As for the antiwar moratorium, Agnew repeated his view that "it is not only negative in content but brutally counterproductive. It encourages the North Vietnamese government to escalate the fighting and fortifies their recalcitrance at the bargaining table in Paris. It undermines the policies of the President of the United States—the only man who has the power and

the responsibility to make peace."

Broadcaster Doubts Agnew Intimidation

United Press International

The head of a broadcasters' group said yesterday that when Vice President Agnew criticized the television networks, "He was, in a sense, taking on all of broadcasting."

Willard Walbridge, board chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters, said, however, he did not interpret the speech as an intimidation of the news media or of broadcasting itself.

He said, "Although broadcasting news on a network level was criticized," station affiliates across the nation "have the final say on what goes into their markets, so if indeed the Vice President were seeking to limit his criticism to the networks, he was, in a sense, taking on all of broadcasting."

Walbridge said on the CBS television interview "Face the Nation" (WTOP) that "most network affiliates around the country . . . accept the network news as one more source of opinion. They themselves put on three to four times as much local, national and regional news as they accept from the networks."