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Agnew Aide Doubts New Press Attacks

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Vice President Agnew has no desire to keep up his criticism of the news media, and very likely will let the matter drop, a spokesman said yesterday.

"I don't think he wants to harp on it," said Herbert Thompson, Agnew's press secretary. "He has achieved what he wanted—a stimulation of discussion that very likely wouldn't have taken place without him. It is not his style or method to continue something like this in one speech after another."

The vice president's next scheduled address will be Dec. 11 at a conference of Republican governors in Hot Springs, Ark. There, Thompson said, Agnew will most likely speak on an entirely different subject.

(In New York, the president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Frank Stanton, said Agnew's disavowals of a desire for censorship are meaningless.

"Reprisals no less damaging to the media and no less dangerous to our fundamental freedoms than censorship are readily available to the government—economic, legal and psychological," Stanton said. He was speaking to the International Radio and Television Society at the Plaza Hotel.)

WTOP-TV will televise Stanton's speech at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.