

Doubts Student Ire on Cambodia

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Cool It, Agnew Advises Press

Associated Press

Vice President Agnew said yesterday that if there is any rhetoric-cooling to be done it should be started by the newspapers. And he discounted the possibility that there is a deep-seated student hostility to the U.S. military thrust into Cambodia.

Agnew said he thinks it would be desirable to have some cooling of the rhetoric on today's issues "and the first place it should begin is on the editorial pages of some of the Eastern newspapers."

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The Vice President was interviewed on the Metro-media Radio News program "Profile" (WTTG-TV, WASH-FM) taped in advance for radio and TV broadcast yesterday.

He said that in criticizing

what he termed "a certain segment in society who will persist in antisocial conduct . . . my purpose is not to rationalize, accept or condone their illegal action but to separate them effectively from the society that can work together and go ahead in the interests of the United States."

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Agnew Bids Newspapers Cool Rhetoric

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Asked if he feels that he has attempted with his words to build a fence around those he opposes, Agnew replied, "You mean the criminal insane and those people? Yes, I think that's fair."

Agnew asserted that President Nixon has "absolutely not" asked him to speak more softly "and I will continue to speak out."

As for the widespread campus protests and last weekend's demonstration in Washington against the Cambodian action, Agnew said:

"I certainly don't agree that the demonstrations that took place in Washington and some of the demonstrations that have taken place on the campus are really indicative of . . . deep-seated student hostility on the Cambodian decision."

"I think that much of the Cambodian decision was misunderstood and the facts of it are just coming out."

Fullbright Questioned

Sen. W. Fullbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was asked whether he agrees with Agnew's belief that there is no deep-seated hostility on the campuses to the Cambodian decision.

"The Vice President is afflicted with myopia," Fullbright said. "He doesn't see very deeply in any of these things. He is a new man in the Washington scene. You shouldn't hold it against him. He has much to learn."

Fullbright was questioned on the television-radio program "Issues and Answers" (ABC, WMAL).

Agnew predicted that Vietnam will not be a major issue in the 1972 presidential campaign but that foreign policy will.