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World Leaders Hit Printing Of Pentagon Papers, Agnew Says

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said Sunday world leaders have told him they are "just appalled" at publication of the Pentagon papers on Vietnam. He said they feel the United States cannot continue as a world power if every secret "is leaked to the papers."

Agnew was asked if he has received any reaction on the papers from the leaders with whom he has conferred so far in six Asian and African nations. He replied: "You bet I have. At every stop. They're just appalled."

"Every leader I've talked to is appalled by the idea that a

private businessman who is a newspaper editor can assume unto himself the power to declassify papers."

Asked if the publication of the papers in The New York Times and elsewhere, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, has hampered his talks, Agnew said, it hadn't because "they have confidence that I felt the same way they did," and would not reveal secret matters.

In discussing the reaction to the Pentagon papers' controversy, Agnew said the point made to him was not whether the papers should have been declassified but whether a private person outside the govern-

ment should decide for himself to declassify it. Agnew said he favors more declassification of non-security material.

The incident, the vice president added, would make it more difficult for a president to get full and candid advice from his advisers for fear a portion of the advice, or merely a summary of views, might later be leaked and printed.

Except for a brief talk in a hotel ballroom to more than 500 Americans in the Ethiopian capital, Agnew had no official schedule from the only full day of his visit to Addis Ababa. He met Saturday with Emperor Haile Selassie and other leaders.

Asked by reporters about the lack of contact with the people of the countries he is visiting, other than officials, Agnew said this was because "my basic mission is diplomatic."

"If I come to play a constructive and a rewarding role on this trip," he added, "it will be due to what I do in these meetings rather than out on the street or at some housing project."

The vice president was asked if the attempted coup against King Hassan II of Morocco would interfere with his plans to visit that north African nation from July 24 to 26.

"As of now," he replied, "my plans are unchanged."