

White House Disclaims Agnew View

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was expressing his view of a "goal the Republican Party would seek" in the 1972 elections when he pledged a new effort to rid Congress of "radical liberals," the White House said yesterday.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler was asked whether Agnew was speaking for the White House when he referred to radical liberals in an El Paso, Tex., speech Tuesday and said: "Come 1972, be assured, we intend to strengthen the hand of the President during the second Nixon administration by removing most, if not all, of these afflicted souls . . ."

Ziegler responded that "obviously the Vice President was expressing his view about what he feels would be a goal the Republican Party would seek in terms of the next election."

Agnew used the "radical-liberal" description extensively in the 1970 election campaign and applied it to, among others, Republican Charles Goodell, who lost his bid for reelection to the Senate from New York.

After saying Agnew was expressing his own view and not that of the White House, Ziegler turned aside other questions, saying, "I'm not going to explore it any further."