

Democrats Splinter U.S., Agnew Charges

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MANCHESTER, N.H., June 13—Vice President Agnew said tonight the Democrats have "a remarkable knack for dividing Americans into competing activist segments."

Commenting on the Democrats' Miami Beach convention, he said: "... their philosophy is divisive, pitting generation against generation, race against race, sex against sex and class against class."

The Vice President flailed away at "instant historians," naming Arthur Schlesinger, "and other partisan flacks in academe and the media."

Agnew spoke to more than 2,000 New Hampshire Republicans at a fund raising affair.

"Tonight I want to talk to you about the challenge posed not by our Democratic opposition per se but by their allies in the liberal media," he said.

"Now understand, by liberal media I mean a relatively little group compared to the total number of newsmen in the country... but,

unfortunately as some members of the media admit, fairness has become an increasingly rare commodity in recent years."

He gave as an example of what he called unfair news coverage the reporting on the New Hampshire presidential primary vote last March.

"True, the President's vote overwhelmed that of his potential Democratic opposition. Even the write-in vote for the Vice President was larger than the vote given any single Democratic contender for the presidency—in spite of the fact that their names were printed on the ballots."

"Yet, thanks to the partisan predilection of the liberal media, the significance of the President's primary vote was submerged in a sea of biased journalistic commentary."

Agnew said, "We might hope that the fair, objective segments of the media will themselves redouble their efforts to redraft, even to a limited degree, the imbalance of their liberal colleagues."