

Shriver Urges a Law On Political Sabotage

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BROWNSVILLE, T e x a s, Oct. 25—Democratic vice presidential candidate Sargent Shriver today asked that the Federal Campaign Expenditure Act be amended to make "spying, subversion or sabotage" in a political campaign a crime.

He also asked for an amendment to the Voting Rights Act to provide injunctive relief as well as triple damages and costs for any candidate or campaign committee victimized by sabotage.

He asked for issuance of a prompt presidential executive order requiring "a full report on any such activity in political campaigns this year."

Shriver again struck at the use of former CIA agents by President Nixon's re-election committee, calling it a "frightening and deplorable development in our free system of government."

"No man who is trained by our country in the techniques of espionage can be permitted to feel that the same work can be performed to undermine vital institutions of our society," he said.

Shriver called for the legislation while campaigning in Texas, where he repeatedly charged that Republicans together with former Texas Gov. John Connally, who is heading Democrats for Nixon, are waging a "smear campaign" against George McGovern on issues such as amnesty, welfare and abortion.

Shriver told an audience of about 2,000 at an outdoor rally at the Denton County courthouse today that he was tired of "super patriots who were never in a battle" criticizing McGovern on his amnesty position.

He claimed that McGovern's stand on amnesty was the same as President Nixon's. He said McGovern would not grant amnesty until the war is over, "the prisoners are brought home and the veterans are taken care of in a way that President Nixon has not done."

He told the cheering crowd,

"George McGovern did not sit in some supply depot playing poker while the war was going on," in reference to President Nixon, who Shriver claims learned to play poker while he was on duty with the Navy.

Shriver was not as tough on Connally as he had been the day before in Chicago when he called him a "turncoat," but today he labelled Connally a "plutocrat who belongs with the millionaire Republicans".

Shriver said he talked to former President Johnson on the phone this morning. When asked why Johnson was not campaigning for the ticket, Shriver said, "Johnson's not well enough to do it. He'd love to campaign for us but he only feels well in the morning. In the afternoon he doesn't feel very well and often returns to his bed. Otherwise I'm sure he'd be out on the hustings for us."