

Agnew Lauds Sen. Russell in Ga.

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ALBANY, Ga., Oct. 28—Vice President Agnew came here to praise Georgia Republicans today and wound up pouring his most lavish endorsements on a Democrat, Sen. Richard Russell.

He had a couple of nice words for the Republican gubernatorial candidate, Hal Suit, who didn't want much conspicuous national GOP attention anyway.

And he said good things

about Georgia's two Republican congressmen, who, it turned out, were campaigning elsewhere when the Vice President's airplane swept in.

Such peculiarities are an accepted part of Republican campaigning in rural south Georgia where any visitor from Washington is still a trifle suspect.

Russell is the most unassailable Democrat in the state and Agnew described him today as "one of the greatest Americans that the Senate of

the United States has ever had. "Richard Russell's way is not the way of the Ted Kennedys and the Ed Muskies and the Birch Bayhs and the George McGoverns . . . the people whom I characterize as radical liberals who dominate the councils of the Democratic Party in Washington," he told an airport crowd of several hundred people.

Little Disagreement

Russell's philosophies, he added, are "on all fours with the beliefs of your great pres-

ident, Richard Nixon." When Richard Russell and Richard Nixon sit down, I want to assure you of one thing—there is very little disagreement between them."

It was more difficult dealing with Suit, the Atlanta television newscaster who is running for governor as a Republican. Ever since Agnew's visit was announced, Suit's opponent, Jimmy Carter, has been denouncing the intrusion of a "big-shot outsider."

Agnew's prepared text did not mention Suit's name, although the vice president finally did say he hoped and believed Suit would be elected governor.

"I'm not here to tell you who to vote for," said Agnew. "But I'm here to let you know what this national Republican administration is trying to accomplish and how much we think of your fine candidates."

Suit explained Agnew's presence by saying that thousands of Georgians had asked him to bring the vice president into the state.

Renewed Attack

Here and in Birmingham, Ala., tonight, Agnew renewed his attack on "radical liberals" and pleaded for their expulsion from the Senate, although neither state elects a senator this year.

In Birmingham, he also hinted again that after the election he intends to pursue his personal campaign against national television commentators.

He called them the "super-sensitive, self-annointed, supercilious electronic barons of opinion."

He added, "Later on, when the campaigning is done, I expect to say more about these Monday morning quarterbacks . . . these infallibles of the tube."