

Agnew Blames 'Great Society'

HUNTINGTON (N.Y.) — (AP) — Vice President Agnew declared to fellow Republicans today that the Democratic Great Society of the middle 1960s is to blame for inflation.

Agnew said, however, that the Nixon administration will make every effort "to taper off inflation without the kind of recession that usually follows the kind of spree we were on in the Sixties."

His remarks were in a speech prepared for the Suffolk County Republican luncheon.

Agnew said the stock market, which has fallen badly during the last month, is an accurate measurement of investor confidence and has an effect on both consumer and capital spending plans.

"But it is also true that Wall Street is capable of over-reacting in both directions," he said, adding that Wall Street has predicted more recessions than have actually occurred.

He said that businessmen he had spoken to recently have made it clear that the Cambodian situation has been a big influence in the market slide.

He said that they have feared that the United States has widened the war, that the withdrawals of troops from Vietnam might be discontinued and that the Cambodian operation will add to the budget and thus to the inflationary spiral.

"These fears are totally unfounded," he said.