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Agnew Blasts 'Permissive' FCC Member

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew yesterday singled out a member of the Federal Communications Commission as the type of "supre-permissive" government officials who have encouraged the country's youth to use marijuana and other drugs.

Agnew did not name the official in his speech to a fund raising luncheon but he made it plain he was referring to Nicholas Johnson, who was appointed to the FCC in 1966 by former president Johnson.

The vice president said he was "surprised and shocked" by Nicholas Johnson's reaction to a speech he made in Las Vegas last week in which Agnew said some "proponents of the drug culture are misusing popular music to get across their message."

"This appointee of a previous administration promptly took the side of the rock musicians and echoed their pronouncements about how

many songs were produced with anti-drug lyrics," Agnew said.

"He went on, however, to espouse the kind of radical liberal philosophy of permissiveness and self-flagellation that has encouraged so many of our young people to turn to pot and worse."

Noting that Shakespeare's Hamlet complained "the time is out of joint," Agnew declared, "The political Hamlets are with us in force—vacillating, waffling, wringing their hands, wallowing in alienation, blaming society for inadequacies in themselves and others.

"These political Hamlets—this little group of unwilling men—still dominate the Senate of the United States . . ."

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Johnson last Thursday told a group of foreign officers that Republicans should stop accepting campaign contributions from liquor and cigarette makers and from corporations whose ads exploit the drug culture.

Johnson said, "one cannot help but wonder how he (Agnew) overlooked Ford's urging, 'Blow your mind,' TWA's taking us 'up, up and away,' the honey company that suggests we 'get high on honey,' the motor bike company that advertises 'a trip on this one is legal.'"

"Perhaps the critical point is that young song writers and performers don't make political campaign contributions, but that Ford, TWA and other drug-image merchandisers do."

The Vice President, in his reply yesterday, quoted Johnson as saying:

"The issue is whether you and the rest of the administration are — to borrow Eldridge Cleaver's phrase — part of the solution or part of the problem. The question is whether you have done anything to alter the repressive, absurd and unjust forces in our society that drive people to drugs."

"There it is, my friends," Agnew said, "in all its pris-

tine majesty. The puddle-minded philosophy of the radical liberals run rampant.

"He does not blame the use of drugs on the weakness of the users. He does not blame the pushers for their skillful enticements to our young. Quoting Eldridge Cleaver, of all people, to make his point he says that it is the repressive, unjust and absurd forces in society that drive people to drugs."

"This is the sort of fatuous nonsense being perpetrated on the American public by the super-permissive officials that have been allowed to take so much control of our government.

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