

Demos Say Nixon Will Dump Spiro

WASHINGTON — (CDN)

— Is Spiro through in '72?

Yes, says the Democratic National Committee, declaring that President Nixon is going to dump Vice President Agnew from the ticket as an "unbearable albatross."

Fact, a biweekly publication of the Democratic Party, said Agnew's 31-day global trip — "a round-the-world golfing tour" — is the latest evidence of Agnew's decline and eventual fall.

While Defense Secretary Melvin Laird and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger were doing the vital diplomatic work in foreign capitals, the Democrats said, Agnew was told to avoid serious discussions.

"Consequently the Vice President putted his way through Asia, sliced through the Middle East and hooked into Africa," the publication said.

It came to this conclusion:

"The script calls for the most graceful departure possible. This surely would be a heartfelt declaration by the Vice President that he does not choose to run."