

# Agnew Says He Is Victim of 'Hate' Campaign

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CHICAGO, Oct. 19 — Vice President Agnew portrayed himself today as the victim of a "hate" campaign, abetted by the nation's press.

Mr. Agnew also accused the Democratic senatorial candidate in Illinois, Adlai E. Stevenson 3d, of besmirching the "great name" of his father, the late Adlai Stevenson, former Presidential candidate and Ambassador to the United Nations.

Appearing before a large crowd at a \$250-a-plate fundraising dinner here, the Vice President said his opponents had reacted to his criticisms by calling him everything from "an emissary of hate" to a "racist."

He said that, whereas his own utterances had been examined and cross-examined at every turn, the nation's press had failed to subject the "libelous mouthings" of his opponents to equally strict standards.

## Charges Listed

Mr. Agnew contended that Representative Richard L. Ottinger of Westchester, the Democratic candidate for the Senate in New York, had called him an "emissary of hate"; that Dr. Benjamin Spock, the pediatrician and antiwar activist, had labeled him a "racist"; that officials of the Americans for Democratic Action had charged him with dispensing "the politics of hate," and that, here in Illinois, Mr. Stevenson had called him a "peddler of hate."

"These charges are not reported as demagoguery, not name-calling, not ethnic slurs, not divisiveness, not 'escalation of the rhetoric,'" the Vice President said. "We hear no whimpering about polarization from this mudslinging. And why not? Because we are led to believe radical liberals just never stoop to scurrility."

Mr. Agnew went on to say that he found it "meaningful" that the press had given what he called "radical liberals" a "free throw with their charges of malevolence and racism. No quotations, no facts — only libelous mouthings, which are faithfully broadcast by the media."

## Renews Attack

The Vice President, who has been subjected to mounting criticism, both editorially and by the targets of his own rhetoric, then renewed an attack on Mr. Stevenson that he started in Springfield, Ill., at the beginning of his campaign in September. Mr. Stevenson is thought to be ahead of his opponent, incumbent Senator Ralph T. Smith, a Republican, who sat next to Mr. Agnew at the head table tonight.

Mr. Agnew again recalled Mr. Stevenson's portrayal of Chicago policemen after the Democratic National Convention in 1968 as "storm troopers in blue." The Vice President called the policemen "sentinels in blue" and thanked them for their "friendly escort into this great city."

But Mr. Agnew criticized Mr. Stevenson less for his alleged

sins of the past than for what the Vice President said was Mr. Stevenson's efforts to erase the stigma of his earlier mistakes.

Mr. Agnew contended that the Democratic candidate had engaged in "pathetic contortions" designed to camouflage his earlier criticism of the Chicago police and "becloud his liberalism." Mr. Agnew was apparently referring to Mr. Stevenson's recent addition to his staff of Thomas Foran, former United States Attorney and prosecutor of the Chicago Seven.

## 'Demeaned His Name'

Mr. Agnew also accused Mr. Stevenson of refusing to seek peace by working "wholeheartedly with America's allies" and said he had instead regularly denounced the Saigon regime. The Vice President added:

"By putting vote-mongering ahead of long-held leftist convictions, by placing a yen for publicity ahead of the nation's striving for an honorable peace, by smearing others in public life, I say that Adlai 3d has demeaned his great name, and the people of Illinois will drive that home on Nov. 3."

Mr. Agnew went on to say that there was hope for economic stability if the voters would throw "political profligates" out of Congress, and hope for progress in the war on crime "if you and your countrymen join in stopping the permissiveness that has sheltered and cultivated social weeds in America."

Mr. Agnew also touched on what he termed "social permis-

siveness" when he drew a distinction between the press coverage given a right-wing attack on Lyndon B. Johnson when he was a Vice-Presidential candidate during the 1960 campaign in Texas, and the coverage given a rock-throwing incident involving President Nixon in Vermont last Saturday.

## 'Shower of Rocks'

He said the press had responded to the attack on Mr. Johnson with heavy coverage and moral outrage, but had either buried or failed to mention the fact that, last Saturday, "the President of the United States was the target of a shower of rocks thrown by young radical thugs."

Most reporters who witnessed the incident were able to establish that only two or three rocks had been thrown, and could not identify those who threw them. There were apparently no arrests.

The Vice President did not directly criticize the press for its alleged failure to report the incident properly, reserving his contempt for those who had helped "create the atmosphere of permissiveness" that he said had made such behavior possible.

"Any public man, of any party, who has helped to create the atmosphere of permissiveness—where this kind of obscene outrageous conduct has become so commonplace that it is no longer news—that public man should go down to humiliating political defeat in the election on Nov. 3," Mr. Agnew said.