

Agnew at Bay

by Tom Wicker

Washington, Sept. 20 - The Nixon Administration, as a derisive saying goes, is "all heart." It was willing to let Ernest Fitzgerald "bleed for a while." It was willing to let the pathetically loyal Pat Gray "twist slowly, slowly in the wind." Its list of political hulks, scrapped when necessary, runs from John Sears and Bob Ellsworth, who were among the earliest Nixon comeback workers, to John Mitchell, once something of a "father figure" to Mr. Nixon himself.

Now the pattern of this Administration's statements, non-statements, suggestions, hints and leaks makes it reasonable to conclude that Vice President Agnew, too, has been strung up to twist and bleed, the latest human sacrifice to the insatiable Nixonian god of political power.

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