

He Won't Cool It

# Agnew Makes New Attack on Press

## He Talks of 'Cancer' on Campuses

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Vice President Spiro Agnew renewed his attack on his critics within the news media last night, dismissing statements by editorial writers and columnists that he and President Nixon had contributed to recent campus disorders with their public comments.

The Vice President also compared campus rioters to enemy soldiers and demanded the expulsion from college of the "hard core" faculty members and students "who want to overturn the system for the sake of chaos alone."

In remarks prepared for a \$500-a-plate Republican dinner at Houston's Shamrock Hilton Hotel, where dozens of protesters had gathered to jeer him, Agnew said he had no intention of toning down his remarks, as his critics have suggested. And he noted that President Nixon has not asked him to do so.

"I intend to be heard above the din even if it means raising my voice," Agnew said.

The Vice President said that much of the fanning of the "frenzy" that followed President Nixon's order to move troops into Cambodia was done by eastern editorialists and columnists.

He said that among those he blamed are James Reston, Tom Wicker and Anthony Lewis of the New York Times, I.F. Stone, publisher of a weekly Washington newsletter, and Hugh Sidey of Life magazine.

Agnew said a Washington Post editorial seemingly had questioned the President's sanity by referring to his Cambodian action as "irrational."

"For pure unbridled invective, you will have to look far to beat that of the excitable columnist, TV commentator

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and former ambassador to Finland, Carl T. Rowan," the Vice President said.

Agnew said that Rowan, a Negro, had referred to him as "a dumb joke" and as "an aberration of history."

He recounted to the audience a description of a cartoon by Herbert Block of the Washington Post that showed a national guardsmen at Kent State University in Ohio with ammunition for his rifle, the bullets labeled with

excerpts from statements by the President and the Vice President, including Mr. Nixon's labeling of campus dissenters as "bums."

The Vice President said that the situation has become so frenzied "it was not even safe to visit the South." He said that the Atlanta Constitution had called it "a shame and disgrace" that the Vice President had been invited to dedicate a monument on Stone Mountain near Atlanta earlier this month.

Agnew also singled out for

criticism editorials in the New York Times and the New Republic and columns in the New York Post by Pete Hamill and Harriet Van Horne. He cited the Arkansas Gazette's "position on the extreme left," but said the Gazette's rhetoric had not matched that of the Atlanta Constitution.

Agnew said that the recent campus disorders that followed the invasion of Cambodia had been "shattering" but that these disorders were endorsed by only a "hard core" minority of students and faculty.

"It is my opinion that the hard core of faculty and students should be identified and dismissed from the otherwise healthy body of the college campuses lest they, like a cancer, destroy it," he said.

Daily, said the Vice President, he is being told to "cool it" by various columnists

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and TV and radio commentators.

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"I have sworn I will uphold the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic," he said. "Those who would tear our country apart and try to bring down its government are enemies, whether here or abroad, whether destroying libraries and classrooms on a college campus or firing at American troops from a rice paddy in Southeast Asia.

"I have an obligation to all the people of the United States to call things as I see them, and I have an obligation to the President to support his actions in the best manner I can. I choose my own words and I set the tone of my speeches. As he said at a recent press conference, I am responsible for what I say and I intend to be heard."

Agnew said that some members of the President's official family had joined in urging a softening of his words, but he did not mention any of them by name. He said that Senators who had attacked the President's actions were "well intentioned but misguided" and he called them "isolationists."

The Vice President said he was sorry he did not have time to describe radio and television advice which he had been getting and which he will continue to ignore.

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