

Cool It, Agnew Tells GOP

Washington

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew told Republicans yesterday they must guard against "being stampeded into protesting entirely too much" about their party's involvement in the Watergate affair.

"It is understandable that those of us who are subjected to the incessant drum beat of publicity given to Watergate tend to feel coerced by the seeming weight of it all and to crouch anew each day for

ever stronger words of condemnation and disassociation from alleged and insinuated wrongdoing, lest we be thought to protest too little," the Vice President said.

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the Bull Elephants Club, Agnew urged caution and told Republicans that their party's ideals still stand.

"Republicans must not allow the content of their speeches, statements, and even private conversations

to be controlled by those who are literally obsessed with one subject," Agnew said.

He said some of those obsessed with Watergate have never wished the Republican party anything but ill and have never liked President Nixon.

"It's time, gentlemen, that we went back to work" Agnew said, asserting the Nixon administration is prepared to offer solutions "to the real, as opposed to the manufactured problems of our times." *Associated Press*