

AGNEW HAS DOUBT ABOUT VISIT BY KY

In Indianapolis, He Says the Trip 'May Be a Mistake'

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Vice President Agnew said today that he did not believe the impending visit of Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam to Washington "is going to serve a useful purpose." He said that such a visit "may be a mistake."

The Vice President's statement, made at an airport news conference as he arrived in Indianapolis for a political rally, was the strongest evidence yet that the Administration was officially discouraging the appearance by Mr. Ky at a "March for Victory" rally on Oct. 3.

Earlier in Washington, the Rev. Carl McIntire, the fundamentalist radio preacher who is organizing the rally, made public a telegram inviting Mr. Agnew to welcome Mr. Ky at a reception on Oct. 1 and to accompany him to the rally two days later.

Mr. McIntire's telegram said that the South Vietnamese official would speak for his country, "and it is possible that his rhetoric will be similar to yours as he pleads for his people and desires that we hasten the day of victory."

Free Speech Cited

A spokesman for Mr. Agnew said that the Vice President had not received Mr. McIntire's communication.

The Vice President said today that the significance of the Ky visit was being "grossly overplayed."

"We do have free speech in this country," he said, "and it would be very improper to forbid or repress his appearance, but I don't think it's going to serve a useful purpose in the United States, this particular forum."

At a Republican rally at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds, the Vice President attacked Senator Vance Hartke, the Indiana Democrat seeking re-election this fall, for voting "the radical-liberals of the party into power" and for attempting to cut off aid to South Vietnam. He said that the "radical-liberals of the party" would "bring the war in Vietnam to a premature end" and "bring the American people to a premature end."