

Citizen Agnew: Hot Property

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Spiro T. Agnew is now worth twice as much on the lecture circuit, claims an agent who was offering him a \$500,000 annual guarantee before he resigned as Vice President.

Robert Walker, head of the American Program Bureau in Chesnut Hill, Mass., estimated that Agnew—who faces Internal Revenue debts, a court fine and attorney fees—can easily earn \$1 million for speaking engagements during the next year.

Walker, who runs one of the largest and most publicized agencies in the country, has been trying to sign Agnew since 1971. He renewed his proposal last week, assuring Agnew's office that he is now "the hottest property in the business."

So far, there has been no reply from Agnew.

Walker is the agent who booked convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr. for a two-month speaking tour that would have earned him \$80,000.

Judge John J. Sirica blocked McCord, but he had no jurisdiction over Mrs. McCord. She has been making speeches on her own and there has been discussion about sending her across the country as a stand-in for her husband.

Inspection Tour

No announcement has been made by the State Department about establishing diplomatic relations with Communist East Germany, but representatives of that country have looked at sites for a possible mission here.

Escorted by a U.S. Protocol Office official, the East Germans last month quietly inspected large

properties which would serve as a combined chancery and ambassadorial residence.

East Germany sent a six-man diplomatic team here in early September, after the U.S. proposed that substantive discussions be held on establishing diplomatic relations.

A State Department spokesman confirmed last week that the group had gone househunting while they were here. Nothing has been bought, he said, describing the inspection as a "look-see" expedition to "determine what is available."

Potpourri

John W. Dean III and his wife, Maureen, have returned to Washington. A reporter spotted Dean on the 10 p.m. shuttle to New York the other night, but he declined to say what business took him to Manhattan . . . Mrs. Dean, who made the wire services and the news magazines when she dyed her hair brown last summer in an effort at anonymity, has apparently decided that blondes have more fun, after all. Her hair is platinum again. . . .

A close friend of Judy Agnew is convinced that she did not have much advance warning that her husband was going to resign. In a telephone conversation only a few hours before he appeared in court in Baltimore, Mrs. Agnew cheerily assured her friend that the future was bright. . . . The White House has offered to find jobs for Agnew staffers who want to stay in government service. . . .

Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, who works long hours and seldom goes to parties, went to a dinner at columnist Tom Braden's the other night honoring Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

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