

# Agnew deal called best ever

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NIAGARA, Ky. (AP) — For the first time, in an interview with the Louisville Courier Journal, Walter J. Dilbeck, Jr. has discussed his relationship with his new business partner Spiro T. Agnew.

The Evansville, Ind. businessman who lives on a sprawling estate at Niagara, Ky., just across the Ohio River from Evansville, said in a story appearing in the Sunday editions of the Courier Journal & Times hiring Agnew "was the best deal I ever made."

"He's opened up more doors than I need," said Dilbeck. "There's no doubt our joint venture will make millions. We've already made a helluva lot of money."

Dilbeck and Agnew have nearly completed a pair of multi-million dollar deals in Kentucky. One calls for development of homes and high rise apartments with Mideast oil money on Lake Barkley

and the other involves the sale of an Eastern Kentucky coal mine to Japanese interests.

He predicted Agnew "will make more money his first year with me than he did in his whole career as a politician. . . There's no doubt about him becoming a millionaire. I expect him to make it himself. He's working for his money."

Dilbeck is paying Agnew \$100,000 a year for the next four years and the former vice president additional is to receive one-third of the profits of the partnership this year and one-half the next three years.

Operating on a grand scale, wearing rings with diamonds the size of marbles, Dilbeck drops the names of politicians and show business stars repeatedly like they were old friends. He donates thousands of dollars to his political favorites-both Republicans and

Democrats.

Dilbeck said he buys "15 new Oldsmobiles every year for my family."

He recently spend \$15,000 painting the white, plank fences that surround his 320-acre farm and put up \$140,000 to send 57 old war buddies and friends to the sites of his war exploits in Germany last fall although he couldn't make the trip.