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Agnew's Error on Cornell Stirs Dispute

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ITHACA, N.Y., April 29—A series of charges and counter-charges between Cornell University and Vice President Agnew's office was touched off today by an erroneous reference to Cornell in a speech by Mr. Agnew last night.

In his speech at a Republican fund-raising dinner in Hollywood, Fla., the Vice President attacked acts of student violence at various universities and cited among them students at Cornell "who, wielding pipes and tire chains, beat a dormitory president into unconsciousness."

Replying today in a telegram to Mr. Agnew, Dr. Dale R. Corson, president of Cornell, said that "no such incident has

ever occurred at Cornell University" and added:

"It is incredible that the Vice President of the United States should make such a public statement for which there is no basis in fact. The damage you do through such irresponsible and widely publicized statements is irreparable. May I ask how you propose to make such amends as it is possible to make?"

This brought from Herbert L. Thompson, Mr. Agnew's press secretary, an acknowledgment that the beating incident had occurred at the University of Connecticut rather than Cornell. But Mr. Thompson then proceeded in his telegram to enumerate a number of violent student actions at Cornell.

"University authorities had

to obtain restraining orders to prohibit violence, that these orders were tested by S.D.S. [Students for a Democratic Society] and the Black Liberation Front with no action taken against them," he said.

Later today, Dr. Corson issued a statement declaring that Mr. Thompson's statement "displays both inaccuracies and disrespect for the judicial process." Dr. Corson said that Cornell had recently obtained a temporary restraining order from the state Supreme Court but that "it was not tested by violent action" by anyone.

"I look forward to the personal effort of the Vice President of the United States both to establish the facts on which he bases his public remarks and to set the record straight," Dr. Corson added.

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 murdered ahead."

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