

Agnew to Debate With Students On the David Frost TV Show

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ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. Sept. 15 — Vice President Agnew said today he would confront a group of "militant students" on a national television program in an attempt to persuade them that they should work within the political system.

Producers of the program, the David Frost Show, said in New York, however, that the six college students who would debate with Mr. Agnew would not be militants but "representatives from different campuses who are critics of the Administration."

The Vice President disclosed plans for the television debate during a news conference in the Hilton Hotel here this afternoon. He DID not give details of the program, but it was learned that it would be the Frost show.

A spokesman for Mr. Frost said that the 90-minute show would be taped Monday in New York and televised in most major cities the following Friday, Sept. 25.

The Vice President said he wanted a chance to tell students that "we can't govern by referendum every Monday morning" and that a minority opposed to the policies of a duly-elected President did not have the right to "harrass him."

Hope for Accord

"I have some hope," Mr. Agnew said, "that in a calm studio environment there can be demonstrated the fact that there is a greater accord in opinion between some of these militant students and people such as myself."

At the same time, he described it as "a chance to counter one another head on," and political observers saw it as an opportunity for the Vice President to dramatize on national television the differences in philosophy he has made the focal point of his Congressional campaigning.

During his appearances on behalf of Republican candidates in Illinois, Wyoming, California, Nevada and New Mexico, the Vice President has emphasized that the "primary issue" will be whether the policies of the United States are going to be made by its elected officials or in the streets."

At each opportunity, Mr. Agnew has urged voters to cast out of office any Senator who accepts the support of "radical elements" or is himself a "radical liberal."

Students Are Critical

Student critics are among those who most frequently castigate the Vice President for his platform rhetoric. Mr. Agnew said in the news conference, "The one thing I don't want to do is change the way I'm expressing myself because I find it receives approval in most of the places I go."

It was not clear why Mr. Agnew described the student participants in the Frost program as "militant." Marcia Stein, a spokesman for the producer, said they would be selected for their ability to articulate disagreements with the Administration and would represent a geographic cross section of the country.

"We're not going to have the ultra-extremists, or even the extremists," she added.

The Vice President was in Albuquerque to address a fundraising rally on behalf of Anderson Carter, the Republican who is seeking to unseat Senator Joseph M. Montoya, a Democrat.

Mr. Agnew's wife, Judy, and 14-year-old daughter, Kim, who had been accompanying him since last Thursday, returned today to Washington so that Kim may enter National Cathedral School tomorrow.