

Agnew Is Guest at Party, Marking Franco's Revolt

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MADRID, July 18 — Vice President and Mrs. Agnew were guests of Generalissimo Franco today at Spain's National Day celebrations in the garden of a palace near Madrid.

On the second day of his three-day official visit to Spain, the Vice President played a few holes of golf in pleasant sunny weather before driving to the palace known as La Granja (The Farm), about 35 miles northwest of Madrid for the annual diplomatic reception.

This year's reception marked the 36th anniversary of the uprising that began the Spanish Civil War and led to the establishment of General Franco's regime.

Special Solemnity

The popular pro-monarchist newspaper ABC said that the presence of Mr. Agnew gave a "special solemnity" to today's celebration.

But an unexpectedly critical view of the vice President was expressed in the large-circulation, church-oriented daily *Ya* (Now.) One of its columnists accused Mr. Agnew of "dangerous oversimplification" on Vietnam, deplored his attacks on the press and described him as a member of the far right.

Mr. Agnew's meeting with general Franco today was his second, although the occasion was purely social.

The setting was the Real Sitio de San Ildefonso de la Granja, an 18th-century palace of Philip V built in French renaissance style. The formal

gardens, dotted with the sculptured fountains that have given the palace the name of "Little Versailles," are an oasis in the bare rugged mountain country of Sierra de Guadarrama.

Night Meeting Back Franco

Guests wore formal afternoon dress for the 7 o'clock reception, which was followed by supper and musical entertainment. The Vice President wore a cutaway and striped pants. Mrs. Agnew wore a dark print dress that came just below the knee and a small dark hat set back on her head.

As the Agnews left the Castellana Hilton Hotel, a Spanish woman in the small crowd that watched said that Mrs. Agnew appeared underdressed for an occasion at which fashionable women guests favor midis and wide-brimmed hats.

Last night, Mr. Agnew called on General Franco at 8 P.M., an unusually late hour for the 78-year-old chief of state to grant an audience. The two men talked for an hour and 20 minutes.

Informants said that the topics included relations between the United States and Spain, the Middle East, aid to underdeveloped countries (with Mr. Agnew remarking how impressed he had been with progress in South Korea), President Nixon's China initiative and the impact on American diplomacy of newspaper publication of the Pentagon papers.

Family Joins Vice President

There was speculation that General Franco's views were sought on the abortive coup in

Morocco, particularly in view of the recent trend toward closer Spanish-Moroccan relations and the growing Soviet influence in the Mediterranean.

What had been the most pressing issue between the United States and Spain, the continued use of Spanish bases by American air and naval forces, was resolved last summer with the signing of a treaty that runs to 1976.

Spain is seen by Washington as a geographically pivotal area, and her friendship has

been sought by a succession of high Administration visitors over the past two years.

Mrs. Agnew and the couple's daughters, 25 years old, and Kimberly, 15, flew in from Rome yesterday to join the Vice President.

After two courtesy calls tomorrow, Mrs. Agnew leaves on Tuesday for a four-day vacation at the Mediterranean golfing resort of Sotogrande, near Gibraltar. Next Saturday he resumes his world diplomatic tour with an official visit to Morocco.