

AIDE SAYS NIXON RESPECTS BLACKS

Dissociates the White House
From Agnew's Remarks

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WASHINGTON, July 19—The White House dissociated President Nixon today from Vice President Agnew's complaint that "querulous" black leaders in the United States do not compare favorably with black officials in Africa.

The Vice President, who made the remarks to reporters on his way to Madrid from the Congo, did not identify the black Americans he had in mind. He said that those who seemed bent on "querulous complaint and constant recrimination against the rest of society" represented a sizable cross-section.

Mr. Ziegler was asked today if the White House had any comment on Mr. Agnew's remarks. He first said that there was no comment. But, without prodding, he went on to note, that Mr. Nixon had met with domestic black leaders "for the purpose of making progress" and with black leaders from other nations. "He has respect for both," Mr. Ziegler added.

Urban League Scores Agnew

Harold R. Sims, acting executive director of the National Urban League, said yesterday in a statement:

"It is unfortunate that certain American political figures prefer black leadership to be of the Uncle Tom variety, but present-day realities are bound to frustrate their desire. The Vice President's statement was a gross insult to black leadership, striving at a time of national crisis and black suffering to bring equality to their constituency and to all black people, whose demonstrated patience and loyalty are ill served by such outbursts."