
Agnew Backs Nixon China Visit Plans

WASHINGTON —(UPI)— Vice President Agnew says he is "100 percent in favor" of President Nixon's efforts to communicate with mainland China, but public overconfidence about the outcome still worries him.

Agnew endorsed Nixon's planned trip to Peking and said he never objected to the visit of the U.S. table tennis team to China last spring, according to an interview with Godfrey Sperling of the Christian Science Monitor.

Agnew said his reaction to the administration's position on the ping-pong team's visit was "misunderstood and obfuscated to some extent."

"I was 100 percent in favor of the initiative then, and of course, I still am," Agnew said. "But I am distressed with the euphoria with which the initiative as received."

"There was an immediate assumption that this meant an end to all tensions between the ideological difficulties," he said. "This, of course, is not realistic."
