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WASHINGTON AP - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said Sunday if there is any rhetoric-cooling to be done it should be started by the newspapers. And he discounted the possibility that there is deepseated student hostility to the U.S. military thrust into Cambodia.

Agnew said he thinks it would be desirable to have some cooling of the rhetoric on today's issues "and the first place it should begin is on the editorial pages of some of the Eastern newspapers.

"I think it would be good if could have a negotiated settlement of accelerated rhetoric, but I unilaterally do intend to withdraw."

The vice president was interviewed on the Metromedia Radio News program "Profile," taped in advance for radio and TV broadcast Sunday.

He said that in criticizing what he termed "a certain segment in society who will persist in antisocial conduct. . . my purpose is not to rationalize, accept or condone their illegal action but to separate them effectively from the society that can work together and go ahead in the interests of the United States."

Asked if he feels he has attempted with his words to build a fence around those he opposes, Agnew replied "You mean the criminal insane and those people? Yes, I think that's fair."

Agnew asserted President Nixon has "absolutely not," asked him to speak more softly "and I will continue to speak out."

As for the widespread campus protests and last weekend's demonstration in Washington against the Cambodian action, Agnew said:

"I certainly don't agree that the demonstrations that took place in Washington and some of the demonstrations that have taken place on the campus are really indicative of . . . deep-seated student hostility on the Cambodian decision.

"I think that much of the Cambodian decision was misunderstood and the facts of it are just coming out."

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Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, was asked whether he agrees with Agnew's belief there is no deepseated hostility on the campuses to the Cambodian Decision.

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"The Vice President is afflicted with myopia," Fulbright said. "He doesn't see very deeply in any of these things. He is a new man in the Washington scene. You shouldn't hold it against him. He has much to learn."

Fulbright was questioned on the ABC television-radio program "Issues and Answers."

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Asked to assess the antiwar demonstration in Washington, the vice president said "I think a lot of those students were out on a typical spring lark. I think there were some who actually had the feeling they were participating in a very important venture."

Calling the speakers "the same tired old radicals that everybody in the country's sick of listening to," he said "Even the students themselves seemed more inclined to get in the fountain and frolic than to listen to those speeches."

Asked whether he feels anything those groups are saying deserves a hearing, he replied "They've been heard over and over again. They really aren't complaining about not being heard; what they're complaining about is that their judgments are not being accepted and immediately transferred into foreign policy of the United States."

Agnew predicted Vietnam will not be a major issue in the 1972 presidential campaign but that foreign policy will.

He predicted an uneasy settlement of the type of Korea, because I frankly am not optimistic enough to predict that a country that has waged an aggressive war of this type that the North Vietnamese have waged will really come to the table with clean hands in an effort to relieve permanently the tensions."

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In suggesting the Vietnam war might be resolved with a Korea-type settlement, Agnew indicated also a possibility of reducing the current U.S. troop level in South Korea.

Noting that the level now is "something under fifty thousand," he said "I think we are contemplating reducing that further, with the cooperation of the South Korean government, because they have developed a great capability to take care of their own requirements."

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Agnew said also:

-If Nixon "keeps making decisions as good and careful as the ones he's made, I don't think he'll be able to avoid being a two-term President."

- "I'm not a bit interested in an Agnew presidency. And as a matter of fact, I haven't even given thought to a continued Agnew vice presidency yet."

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