

'Rotten Apples'

Agnew Lashes at Dissenters Again

'Parasites Of Passion' Blasted

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Vice President Spiro T. Agnew again reviled dissenters and anti-war demonstrators last night, saying they should be cut off from society "with no more regret than we should feel over discarding rotten apples from a barrel."

Agnew, harshly criticized for an earlier speech in which he called leaders of the October 15 Vietnam moratorium "an effete corps of impudent snobs," delivered another stinging attack on critics of the government and country.

He also attacked so-called "parasites of passion," without elaborating who they were.

TEMPORIZE

He said, "These are the men who value a cause purely for its political mileage. These are the politicians who temporize with the truth by playing both sides to their own advantage.

"They ooze sympathy for 'the cause' but balance each sentence with equally reasoned reservations. Their interest is personal, not moral.

"They are ideological eunuchs whose most comfortable position is straddling the

political fence, soliciting votes from both sides.

In a speech at a Republican dinner, Agnew called for a halt to street demonstrations and said it is time for the majority, the responsible citizens of the country, to assert their rights.

PROTEST

His remarks and spirited defense of President Nixon apparently were aimed at organizers of another anti-war protest — to include a massive march in Washington — planned for mid-November.

He said people who call for unilateral American with-

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drawal from Vietnam have not considered the terrible consequences. He said he hopes they would remember the 3000 people murdered by the Viet Cong when they captured Hue last year.

"Chanting 'peace now' is no solution, if 'peace now' is to permit a wholesale blood-bath," Agnew declared.

"And saying that the President should understand the people's view is no solution.

"It is time for them to stop dignifying the immature actions of arrogant, reckless and inexperienced elements within our society," he told the 6000 GOP workers.

"Their tantrums are insidiously destroying the fabric of American democracy."

"In the case of the moratorium, the objective announced by the leaders — immediate unilateral withdrawal of all our forces from Vietnam — is not only unsound but idiotic."

Agnew declared: "We have among us a glib, activist element who would tell us our values are lies,

and and I call them impudent . . .

"I call them snobs for most of them disdain to mingle with the masses who work for a living . . .

'DUPLICITY'

"America cannot afford to divide over their demagoguery or to be deceived by their duplicity or to let their license destroy liberty.

"We can, however, afford to separate them from our society — with no more regret than we should feel over discarding rotten apples from a barrel."

Agnew didn't explain what he meant by "separate them from our society" but in another part of his speech he said: "Will we stop the wildness now, before the witch-hunting and repression that are all too inevitable begin?"

Earlier in the day, Agnew won praise from President Nixon for doing a "great job." That was Mr. Nixon's first public defense of Agnew since the vice president came under fire for his earlier attack against Vietnam moratorium participants.

The President made no direct reference to Agnew's attack on peace demonstrators when both appeared at a White House reception for the Heritage Groups Division of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Nixon told the group that:

"The Vice President from time to time feels he's very much in touch because of his Greek background . . . Now I'm not a Greek but I'm very proud to have the vice president with his Greek background in this administration and he's done a great job."

HUMOR

In his Harrisburg speech, Agnew began good-humoredly by noting that "a little over a week ago I took a rather unusual step for a

Vice President — I said something."

He ended with a free-wheeling attack on the "merchants of hate" and the "parasites of passion."

Agnew insisted that "regardless of the issue, it is time to stop demonstrating in the streets and start doing something constructive about our institutions.

"America must recognize the dangers of constant carnival. Americans must reckon with irresponsible leadership and reckless words.

"The mature and sensitive people of this country must realize that their freedom of protest is being exploited by avowed anarchists and Communists who detest everything that would destroy it."

DISSENT

Stating that he is for constitutional dissent, Agnew emphasized that the nation's founding fathers never intended that "elected officials should decide crucial questions by counting the number of bodies cavorting in the streets."

Agnew said the time had come to question the credentials of leaders of small groups who are permitted to shut down universities, shout down political candidates, and jeopardize the peace efforts of the President.

"It is time for a healthy in-depth examination of policies and a constructive realignment in this country," he said.

"It is time to rip away the rhetoric and to divide on authentic lines. It is time to discard the fiction that in a country of 200 million people, everyone is qualified to quarterback the government."