

A Change of Style Urged

Advice to Agnew From Muskie

Washington

Senator Edmund S. Muskie said yesterday that Vice President Spiro T. Agnew should reappraise his approach in speaking of youthful dissenters because his current technique produces "a mounting of emotions and a deepening of the line of confrontation."

The Maine Democrat said Agnew's own acknowledgment that he cannot now appear on college campuses should lead him to change his style.

"... My criticism of the vice president is that he

tends to exacerbate the points of differences between him and those with whom he disagrees, rather than seeking to find areas of agreement. "... Using his technique, what happens is an exacerbation of differences and a mounting of emotions and a deepening of the line of confrontation."

Muskie, the 1968 Democratic vice presidential nominee and a prospect for the 1972 presidential nomination, gave his views on the Metro-media Radio news program "Profile."

Muskie said that had he been elected vice president,

he would be going to the campus to seek agreement with critics.

"This vice president himself has said that he doesn't think he could go to the campuses," Muskie said. "Well, that's commentary enough on his approach to the problem."

"If the vice president of the United States, because of things he has said, because of attitudes he has exhibited, feels he's not welcome on the campuses of our young people, then it seems to me he ought to reappraise his approach."

Agnew has been quoted as telling the nation's governors at a May 11 White House meeting that he would like to appear on campuses, but feels that demonstrators would prevent him from being heard there.

Muskie said there must be understanding on all sides, not only of the young, but among the young.

"I speak of areas of agreement with the older Americans, as well, and young Americans can be just as insensitive to the views of others as older Americans," he said.

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