

Agnew Aims Fire at G.O.P. Liberals

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SAN DIEGO, Sept. 11—Vice President Agnew broadened his attack on liberal politician today to include members of his own party.

"In my view this fall," he said, on the second day of a six-day political swing west, "any candidate of any party who voices radical sentiments or who courts and enjoys the support of radical elements ought to be voted out of office by the American people."

Mr. Agnew inserted that broadside in the text of an address prepared by White House speechwriters for delivery here tonight at a Republican state convention.

Although it represented a logical extension of the Vice President's Congressional campaign theme—that Democratic "radical liberals" in Congress are blocking progress on White House programs—it was a surprising departure from his focus on the opposition party.

"The great question for all of us this fall," he said in the inserted material, "is becoming clearer and clearer. Will America be led by a President elected by a majority of the American people or will we be intimidated and blackmailed into following a path dictated by a disruptive radical and militant minority—the pampered prodigies of the radical liberals in the United States Senate."

Refer to Goodell

One White House official traveling with the Vice President said that Mr. Agnew was referring to Senator Charles E. Goodell, Republican of New York, who has opposed the Administration's Vietnam policy. He is the only liberal among nine Republicans seeking reelection to the Senate this year.

The official said that Mr. Agnew believed it was necessary to include Republicans in his attack on individuals he regards as too liberal in order to establish credibility or his charges against Democrats.

Before amending his text, and distributing it among newsmen accompanying him, Mr. Agnew had prepared another assault on Democrats as "professional pessimists" carping about a healthy American society.

"In the United States today, we have more than our share of the nattering nabobs of negativism," he said in the original version.

formed their own 4-H Club—the hopeless, hysterical hypochondriacs of history."

He contended that the only real danger to a healthy America today was posed by its hand-wringing critics.

"If critics repeat often enough that a society is sick," the Vice President said, "then some easily frightened members of that healthy society are going to get a little green around the gills. Then others, observing these, will wonder whether they're sick too. Men in positions of power who keep bemoaning our outcast state could cause the condition they profess to see."

Warning in Illinois

For Mr. Agnew, who began the congressional campaign yesterday with a warning in Illinois that it would take a Republican victory to rescue the nation from "radical liberal" Democrats, the tune he hummed today was somewhat different.

He was still arguing on behalf of a more cooperative Congress, but appeared to be saying that the threat posed by incumbent Democrats was more psychic than real.

Senator Fulbright, who has been quoted as describing America as a "sick society," is wrong, said the Vice President. "The dreaded doomsday

machine is only that Senator's mimeograph machine."

Senator Kennedy's public statement that the Administration program of Vietnamizing the war in Southeast Asia is "an exercise in politics" is wrong, said Mr. Agnew.

With 265,000 American troops destined to be withdrawn by next April, "Vietnamization, to the anguish of the prophets of doom, is working and working well," he said.

Senator Montoya's warning that the American economic picture will continue to darken under the Republicans is also wrong, the Vice President contended. Amid an anti-inflation campaign, the unemployment rate has not risen "to the levels chronic in the allegedly Halycon years" under President Johnson and President Kennedy, Mr. Agnew said.

The "professional pessimist" is epitomized by Mr. O'Brien, according to the Vice President. "When six economic indicators turn upward, he culls out the one or two that are still lagging behind and says that the sky is still falling."

Seeking to prevent Democratic candidates from attracting moderate voters, Mr. Agnew continued to depict their expressions of political temperance as no more than an election-year ploy.