

Agnew Assails Songs and Films That Promote a 'Drug Culture'

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LAS VEGAS, Nev., Sept. 14—Vice President Agnew said tonight that American youths were being "brainwashed" into a "drug culture" by rock music, movies, books and underground newspapers. He called these part of "a depressing life style of conformity that has neither life nor style."

After describing himself as a "bumpkin" earlier today in San Diego, the Vice President came to the capital of American gambling to lecture against "creeping permissiveness" and urge the election of "square" Republicans.

Mr. Agnew said in a speech prepared for delivery to 1,000 Republicans that popular songs such as the Beatles' "With a Little Help From My Friends" or the Jefferson Airplane's "White Rabbit" were a message of drug use.

'Pill-Popping' Parents

He placed part of the blame on "pill-popping" parents and "growing adult alcoholism" that were setting examples for younger citizens "to do some experimenting on their own."

The Vice President urged Nevadans to "open your eyes and your ears" to the drug culture, "establish authority with compassion" in their families and elect William Raggio, the Reno District Attorney, who is the Republican senatorial candidate against Senator Howard W. Cannon.

He told the Republicans who paid \$100-a-couple to attend the rally and those who saw it on a statewide telecast that he "may be accused of advocating 'song censorship' for pointing this out, but have you really heard the words of some of these songs?"

The Beatles' tune, he said, included these lines:

"I get by with a little help from my friends, I get high with a little help from my friends. . . ."

A Catchy Tune

Mr. Agnew said that it was, like many of the rock songs, "a

some news media are also warning against drug abuse, the Vice President said, "far too many producers and editors are still succumbing to the temptation of the sensational and playing right into the hands of the drug culture."

Mr. Agnew said that "those who close their eyes to the pernicious influence of any form of drug—for fear of being out of step with the times—are dismally failing their own sons and daughters." If such an attitude brings down on him and others the label "squares," he added, "then we will just have to live with it."

Wave of the Future

His message here was part of the general Republican campaign theme. As Mr. Agnew rephrased it in a short speech to 1,000 persons, mostly schoolchildren, at the Las Vegas Airport, "you need a Congress that will see to it that the wave of permissiveness, the wave of pornography and the wave of moral pollution never become the wave of the future in our country."

The Vice President, his wife, Judy, and their 14-year-old daughter, Kim, who wore a gray minidress, traveled to the Frontier Hotel from the airport past signs that read "All You Can Drink, \$2.25."

One hotel marquee advertised: "Welcome Vice President Spiro Agnew. Keno. Poker." Another declared: "The NOW Year. Folies Bergère. Welcome Vice President Agnew." A gas station sign said: "Free aspirin. Ask us anything."

Nevada Democrats were asking the Republicans to explain why schoolchildren had been bused to the airport to greet the Agnews. Republican state employes were given time off to take part in the reception and, according to the Democratic State Chairman, Philip Carlino pressure, was put on to sell tickets to the rally.

Before flying here, the Vice President told interviewers in San Diego:

"Speeches are of limited ef-