

AGNEW IS HECKLED AT CAMPAIGN STOP

Trades Shouts With Youths
—Appeals to Workers

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 16—Vice President Agnew ended his first campaign tour today in a shouting match with antiwar demonstrators and with a plea to blue-collar Democrats to prove their patriotism by voting Republican.

A vote against Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan, Mr. Agnew argued in two campaign appearances in the state, would "help rescue the Democratic party from radical liberals so that America can stand safe and secure in this dangerous world."

When the Vice President tried to set that theme at a noon rally inside an airport hangar at Saginaw, some 200 young demonstrators in a crowd of 3,000 drowned out his words, chanting, "One-two-three-four, we don't want your [obscenity] war."

Mr. Agnew pointed toward the demonstrators. His voice cracking as he shouted into a microphone, he declared: "That's exactly what we're running against in this country today. With enemies like that, how can we lose?"

'Intellectually Stagnant'

Lecturing the dissidents, the Vice President yelled:

"You people out there preach a lot about dissent. But you're afraid to tolerate dissent. You're afraid of other points of view because you don't have the strength of your convictions. And you're not intellectuals; you're intellectually stagnant."

Demonstrators continued to shout comments such as "Agnew is a social disease." At one point, the Vice President halted, listened to a chant, smiled, and then swung his right hand in the air as though conducting a dance band. "You're pathetic," he said.

After his speech, Mr. Agnew walked along a roped-off area to shake hands with people in

the crowd. "We heard you, we heard you," said one woman and another added, "They had the wrong ones inside, that's all."

A youth in an Army fatigue cap yelled, "You could've killed me when I was in Vietnam, Agnew." Another stood a few feet from the Vice President with a sign saying "Go to Hell."

Aides Appear Shaken

Mrs. George Rommey, the wife of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who is the Republican nominee against Senator Hart, appeared shaken by the incident. So did a Secret Service agent, who was seen angrily debating with Vice-Presidential aides the merits of permitting Mr. Agnew to mingle with the Saginaw crowd.

When he arrived here later today to attend a \$100-a-plate dinner honoring the House Republican leader, Gerald R. Ford, Mr. Agnew cautioned a handful of demonstrators at the Grand Rapids airport.

"Some of your folk heroes are deserting you because they sense the American people have had a bellyful of you," he said. The Vice President said Republicans would not "allow the continuance of this flight to the center" by those whom he dubs "radic-libs" and who, he contends, are suddenly scurrying toward middle ground in American political philosophy.

In both Michigan appearances, Mr. Agnew elaborated on a key part of the Republican theme in 1970. He stressed patriotism, the economy, law-and-order, opposition to mandatory busing of schoolchildren, and a halt to social permissiveness — issues the White House apparently believes will help entice nominal Democrats into Republican ranks.

"You have a man in the White House today who has his roots in middle America and is proud of it," said Mr. Agnew in Saginaw.

Most Democrats, he added, "are as patriotic as the rest of us."

Under the Nixon Administration, "the forgotten American is forgotten no more," he said. "We remember who pays the taxes. We remember who has had to fight the wars. We remember who makes the automobiles, builds the plants and makes this country run."