

Agnew, in Delaware, Criticises 'Elitism'

Finds Hard Hat, Not High Hat, in Vogue

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WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 14 — Vice President Agnew spoke out tonight against "elitism," calling it "one of the radical liberals' chief afflictions."

The Vice President accused some politicians, professors, pundits and other "anti-intellectuals" of sneering at the common man while trying to tell him and his government what to do.

They are making a mistake, he told Republicans gathered in St. Mark's High School for a rally, because, "presented with a choice between the high hat and the hard hat, the American people come down on the side of the hard hat every time."

The text of Mr. Agnew's remarks appeared to be less of a political speech than a dissertation on a favorite topic of the Vice President. He recalled that he had made his first attack on the American elite a year ago, when he complained that leaders of antiwar movement represented "an effete corps of impudent snobs."

His speech was nonetheless political, in the context of Mr. Agnew's 1970 campaign effort to wean blue-collar Democrats away from their traditional voting habits and into the Republican ranks.

'Raised-Eyebrow Cynics'

"The elite," Mr. Agnew said, "consist of the raised-eyebrow cynics, the anti-intellectual intellectuals, the pampered egotists who sneer at honesty, thrift, hard work, prudence, common decency and self-denial."

"In their lust to divorce themselves from the ordinary mortals," he continued, "they embrace confrontation as a substitute for debate and willingly wrench the Bill of Rights to cloak criminal and psychotic conduct it was never intended to cover."

To assure members of his Republican audience that they were not among the elite of America, the Vice President



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Senator Mark O. Hatfield

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Hatfield, at Adelphi, Backs Diversity

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GARDEN CITY, L. I., Oct. 14 — Senator Mark O. Hatfield accused Vice President Agnew today of using slogans, rhetoric and labels "to conceal any true understanding to political reality."

The Oregon Republican, who delivered the main address at the Adelphi University Fall Convocation, said there were some in the Republican party "who believe that it should seek its success through the expedient politics of sectional provincialism and ethnic prejudice, and what might be described as a 'know-nothing' political ideology."

"They would exclude from the Republican party those who do not conform to this pattern and whose political convictions the Adelphi University Fall Convocation are seen contrary to some standard of performance and conformity," he said, adding that the nonconformers had been termed radicals by their attackers.

Alluding to Mr. Agnew's attacks on Senator Charles E. Goodell, Republican of New York, who is seeking re-election, Senator Hatfield observed, "The citizens of the state of New York have been told that they are represented by one whose heretical ideology discredits the basis for his membership in the Republican party."

"Far more than the outcome of one political race is involved in this matter," he said. "At stake is the identity of the Republican party."

Senator Hatfield said Mr. Agnew's attack had not been directed merely at one Senator but rather toward "a whole segment of the Republican party that is in the tradition of our founders."

"The tradition that has given the party its life is now being called disloyal in the name of Republicanism," he declared.

"If that tradition is to be upheld, and if the party is to sustain any chance of reconciling the divisions in our country, then we must not permit reck-

less rhetoric to mold the character of the Republican party," he said.

"To do so would be to court political disaster for the future of our party, to say nothing of the cost to the inner life of our nation," the Senator went on.

Although Senator Hatfield did not mention Mr. Agnew or Senator Goodell by name in his speech, he said later at a news conference that it could be safely "assumed" he had been referring to them.

Asked whether he felt Mr. Agnew was acting on his own volition in his attack on "radicals," Senator Hatfield responded, "Certainly he is doing it with the knowledge and tacit approval of the Administration. He wouldn't do it without the cooperation and support of the White House."

"If we mold the Republican party as the Vice President wants, this will not serve the interests of the party, or, indeed, the nation," he asserted.

Senator Hatfield said in his speech that "the politics of innuendo which builds upon the fears, prejudices and anxieties of our people only heighten the apprehension and threat" to the future of the Republic.

"We must neither be cowed into silence nor add to the inflammation of our time," he said.