

Critical of Their Tactics

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Agnew Raps Black Leaders

MADRID — (AP) — Vice President Agnew fired a sharp blast at black leadership in the United States yesterday charging that "most of it could learn much" from the authoritarian leaders of the black African nations he has been visiting.

He contrasted the moderation and understanding of "international problems" he said is shown by leaders of Ethiopia, Kenya and The Congo with what he called the "querulous complaints and constant recriminations against the rest of society" by many U.S. black leaders.

Agnew volunteered the critical comparison — and then refused repeated efforts by reporters seeking specifics — at the start of a news conference aboard Air Force Two as he flew from Kinshasa in The Congo to Madrid.

At Madrid Rites

Agnew will be the highest ranking American ever to attend Spain's National Day ceremonies today in honor of the revolt against the republican government by Gen. Francisco Franco in 1936.

The vice president's long-distance attack at black U.S. leaders came at the end of a week of meetings with such authoritarian figures as Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, his country's unchallenged ruler for more than four decades; President

Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya, who has made the transition from suspected Mau Mau leader to be elected head of a one-party regime; and Congolese President Joseph D. Mobutu, the onetime army commander who seized control in 1965 and recently put several hundred student protesters into the army for two years.

Impressed

Such leaders, Agnew said, "have impressed me with their understanding of international problems, their moderation and their recognition

of the difficulties" between their countries and the rest of the world.

"This is in distinct contrast — the quality of this leadership — to many of those in the United States who have arrogated unto themselves the position of black leaders, those who spend their times in querulous complaint and constant recriminations against the rest of society.

"The black leadership in the United States, not all of it, but most of it, could learn

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much by observing the work that has been done in these countries by people like Emperor Haile Selassie and his prime minister, President Jomo Kenyatta and his distinguished ministers, and, of course, President Mobutu and president of the National Assembly (Andre) Bo-Boliko."

Asked which black U.S. leaders he was referring to, he replied:

"I don't have to identify the leaders I mean.

"If you read your newspapers over the past year and see how many of these leaders have been complaining and carping, you'll find out that they comprise a very substantial cross-section of what describes itself as black leadership."

Agnew was then asked if he could name a black leader or black leaders as exceptions to his criticism.

"Yes," he replied, "there are some certainly. I would not attempt to name them because by inadvertently excluding one, I would be including him, which I might not want to do."

Asked if his targets might include such critics of Nixon

Administration civil rights policies as the House black caucus, the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy or the leaders of the welfare rights organization, Agnew again refused to reply.

"I'm not going to get into the designation of personalities," he said.

In New York, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said of Agnew's remark:

"I can't guess what Mr. Agnew is talking about. It has become evident that one of the impossible tasks of this country is to try to find out what Mr. Agnew means."