

AGNEW HOLDS TALKS WITH TV NEWS AIDES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Vice President Agnew and representatives of the Radio Television News Directors Association met today and "explored views" on Mr. Agnew's recent criticism of news broadcasting.

"There was not much agreement on either side," J. W. Roberts, president of the association, said. "Our primary concern was to get across to the Vice President the climate his speeches had created."

Mr. Roberts said that news directors had received some "pretty strong letters" from viewers who sided with Mr. Agnew and that this had generated "public pressure" on stations, which face license renewal every three years.

Mr. Roberts quoted the letters as saying that the writers had seen enough of the "long hairs and hippies" on television and urging stations to "show the good things" in American life.

He said he had gained the impression that Mr. Agnew "felt that we are doing too much on what is wrong and not enough on the positive."

The news director, he said, told Mr. Agnew that this climate could cause broadcasting to reduce its coverage of controversial issues. He said the Vice President had indicated that he was not talking about a reduction of news coverage.