

Agnew Asserts Dakotan Uses Smear and Offers 'Philosophy of Defeat'

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RAPID CITY, S. D., Oct. 4—

Vice President Agnew brought the Republican campaign to Senator George McGovern's home state today and accused him of using smear and innuendo as the basic tools in his Presidential pursuit.

Moments later, in the same speech, Mr. Agnew said the Democratic nominee was offering the American electorate a "philosophy of defeat" that had served to make him "very popular in certain segments of North Vietnamese society."

Although he later said that he was merely responding to the charges of corruption in the Nixon Administration and not suggesting that the Senator was intentionally giving comfort to North Vietnam, his remarks here today were the most severe of any criticisms he has yet uttered.

Moreover, they were the latest example of what apparently has become a substantive trend in his campaign as, for the third time in the last four days of travel, he called

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into play those verbal techniques that made him what he has called "the cutting edge" of past Republican campaigns.

Never was that edge keener than here in this flood-ravaged city today as he addressed nearly 1,500 people in a small hall jammed with a mixture of political friends and enemies.

While the Rapid City High School auditorium reverberated with an amalgam of cheers and jeers, the Vice President described Senator McGovern as a man driven by "an incandescent hunger for personal popularity" and a "desperate candidate who can't seem to understand that the American people don't want a philosophy of defeat and self-hate put upon them."

Speaking extemporaneously, Mr. Agnew said the Senator "is stirring the basic hates and suspicions of people and relying solely on a campaign of smear and innuendo."

He said that "about all that the factional and truncated plans that he [Senator McGovern] offers seem to do is make him very popular in some sections of North Vietnamese society."

Announces 2 Federal Grants

As he began his speech today, the Vice President announced two Federal grants totaling \$50-million for the city's flood-damage rebuilding programs. A flash flood swept through parts of Rapid City last June. The Vice President said that the announcement of the grants was not political but was simply the expression of a bipartisan response to a natural tragedy.

Then, he criticized Senator McGovern for using "pork barrel" politics on the basis of a newspaper advertisement published here in which the Senator seemed to equate his election as President with prosperity for South Dakota.

But later, as his campaign moved eastward to Omaha, the Vice President conceded that the timing of his announcement of the grants for Rapid City did serve the interests of his efforts for re-election.

His schedule for today also included a later rally in Omaha and a reception for local Republicans and "discerning Democrats," as Mr. Agnew likes to call members of that party who are supporting his and President Nixon's candidacies this year.

Great Falls to Omaha

It was a day that saw his twin campaign jets, the Michelle Ann III and the Kimberly, take him and his entourage of staff and press from Great Falls, Mont., here to South Dakota's Black Hills and then on to the flat farmlands around Omaha.

It was also the day on which Mr. Agnew held his second consecutive news conference after a lapse of more than a week. Yesterday, in Great Falls, he ended questions about the electronic bugging and burglary of Democratic headquarters in Washington by saying that he would not again during the campaign answer queries on that matter unless "something new arises." In his Omaha news conference today he said he had no idea as to when the President planned to participate more actively in the Republican campaign.