

Shriver, Touring City, Assails Bugging

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Cordial crowds and politicians who professed cautious optimism publicly — which they shade somewhat privately — greeted Sargent Shriver yesterday on a curtailed New York campaign tour.

The Democratic candidate for Vice President, weary and hoarse after a 19-hour trip through New Jersey, canceled his first two scheduled stops in the city, but warmed up as he went along — from Queens College to the Otis Elevator plant in Yonkers to a noisy street rally at the triangular little park behind the Alexander's store on Fordham Road in the Bronx.

In his most effective remarks to the crowds, he criticized President Nixon's actions in the White House.

Recalls Bugging Case

The audience at the Queens College Theater interrupted him with applause 19 times. In his speech there, Mr. Shriver said that agents with "money in their pockets" traced to the Republican campaign had been caught bugging Democratic headquarters, "and the White House was as silent as the grave where Checkers lies buried."

After recalling for the young audience the 1952 speech in which Mr. Nixon mentioned his children's dog, Checkers, Mr. Shriver was cheered for his demand that crime should be removed "not only off the streets, but it should be taken out of the executive suites of government."

The Queens Democratic leader, Matthew J. Troy Jr., who sat listening in the first row of the theater, told a reporter: "You know, I misjudged Watergate [the bugging case].

It does have a big public impact."

He said hopefully that the McGovern-Shriver ticket could carry Queens by 25,000 to 40,000 votes.

In Yonkers, where the sometimes erratic Shriver campaign apparatus managed to send its man to the only industrial plant around with a picket line (14 members of Elevator Constructors Union Local 1 were marching), Mayor Alfred Del Bello said that the Democrats had an "uphill" fight, but he insisted the national ticket could win.

Was he up for re-election this year himself?, someone asked the Mayor.

"No, thank God," he replied.

Foe of Fiscal Policy

The Yonkers stop produced the day's lone heckler, Joe Capponi, who said he was there to make a delivery for the Saludtti Trucking Co. of Newark, N. J. His objections centered on fiscal policy.

"Where's the money coming from?" he bellowed after Mr. Shriver had rasped a few amplified words about social policy. Mr. Capponi then contin-

ued: "You don't know what you're talking about. Go home. Boooo."

With quiet professionalism, members of the Shriver staff surrounded Mr. Capponi, debated him face-to-face and, effectively, ended his shouting.

They were careful, too, to point out to the busload of trailing newsmen the unusual nature of the subsequent Bronx political line-up.

Borough President Robert Abrams, a reformer, introduced the county leader, Patrick Cunningham, a regular. Mr. Cunningham introduced Mr. Shriver. Earlier, they had all eaten lunch together.

Mr. Cunningham also used the term "uphill" in describing the McGovern-Shriver task in the Bronx.

To carry New York State, a Democratic candidate must win the Bronx by a margin of 120,000 or so, he said. Asked about the current prospects, Mr. Cunningham said: "Not bad. They'll win by about 60,000."

"With three weeks to go," added Mr. Abrams optimistically.