

# Agnew Denounces Techniques Of the Reporting on Watergate

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 8 (AP) — Vice President Agnew said Wednesday night that, while he applauded the role of the media in the Watergate scandal, some reporting techniques used have been "a very short jump from McCarthyism."

He sharply criticized the press for what he termed its prolific use of hearsay material and for utilizing unnamed sources in an effort to substantiate its widespread allegations in the Watergate incident.

In a question-and-answer period at the University of Virginia, Mr. Agnew said the media had made a contribution in the Watergate scandal, but added:

"I think this contribution has been overblown by the over-adulation of some of the media. I applaud the efforts and I applaud the results, but I cannot applaud the techniques being used. It's a very short jump from McCarthyism to what is going on now."

He said there has been "a great amount of hearsay and a great amount of material from sources without the courage to reveal themselves." He accused the media of being "overzealous" in some of its handling of the Watergate story.

Mr. Agnew lauded The Washington Post for winning a Pulitzer Prize for its Watergate revelations, but also criticized the newspaper for using what he called hearsay.

Throughout his comments, the Vice President urged that final judgment be withheld until the Watergate incident has been fully disclosed through judicial inquiry.