

Agnew Will Speak To Nation Monday

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Washington

Apparently determined to vindicate himself as much as possible from criminal allegations, former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has scheduled a television address to the nation on Monday night.

Arrangements for the speech to be broadcast live on all three national networks, were disclosed last night, but exact time of the telecast was not announced.

Agnew, who resigned his post on Wednesday and pleaded no contest to a felony charge of federal income tax evasion, spent the past two days working on his address in his private office next door to the White House.

CLAIM

The speech is expected to deal in part with his claim that, despite his plea on the tax charge, he is innocent of the other criminal charges detailed in a 40-page document by the Department of Justice.

The allegations, based on information gathered in the federal grand jury investigation of political corruption in Maryland where Agnew was once a county executive and governor, were released publicly as part of the arrangements leading to his tax charge plea in a Baltimore courtroom on Wednesday.

Agnew was sentenced to a \$10,000 fine and three years' probation. The federal government agreed to halt

McCloskey Calls Agnew 'Criminal'

Congressman Paul N. McCloskey Jr. called former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew "one of the most accomplished political criminals in history" yesterday and said he should have been sent to jail.

"Your everyday man is given one year in jail for smoking marijuana, but the man holding the second highest office in the land is not jailed for income tax evasion," the Peninsula Republican protested during a visit to Palo Alto.

"The higher the office, the less reason to reduce the sentence."

further criminal proceedings against him.

Except for several hours to attend the funeral of his half-brother near Baltimore, Agnew spent much of Thursday at his office.

He was back in the private office in the Executive Office Building overlooking the White House yesterday morning. He has been given an indefinite period of time by President Nixon to tie up the loose ends of his office affairs. His staff was advised they can continue to work for another month.

The former vice president will keep his Secret Service guards, limousines and certain other government services during the transition period which could last as long as six months, but the White House said he will not have access to the military aircraft he used while in office.

PENSION

It was also reported that government experts determined that Agnew had failed by three months to qualify for a \$15,000 per year civil service pension at age 62.

Agnew, 54, would have had to remain in office until next January 20, anniversary of his first inauguration, to meet the five-year minimum service requirement.

His nearly five years of Army duty in World War II and Korea could not be in-

cluded in a civil service pension unless he also had five years of nonmilitary government service, officials said.

But he reportedly was entitled to a refund of money he has contributed to the civil service pension fund, about \$22,000.

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