Agnew Critical of Jewish 'Influence'

Washington

Former Vice President Spiro Agnew said yesterday about half the people who own and manage "national impact media" are Jewish and with other influential Jews helped create a "disastrous" U.S. Middle East policy.

Agnew spoke in an interview published in the Washington Star. He has talked of "Zionist influence" in a series of recent media interviews designed to promote his new novel about an ambitious vice president.

"All you have to do is check the real policymakers and owners ... and you find a much higher concentration of Jewish people than you're going to find in the population," Agnew said.

He defined the "National impact media" as the major wire services, pollsters, Time and Newsweek magazines, the New York Times, Washington Post and the International Hearld Tribune.

"You might say 50 per cent might be a pretty good figure among the ownership and the managing policy posts," he said.

"For example, CBS, Mr. (William) Paley's Jewish. And this is not said in a defamatory way. Mr. Julian Goodman, who runs NBC, there's a Mr. Leonard Goldenson at Mrs. (Katharine) Graham of the Washington Post, Mr. (Arthur Ochs) Sulzburger of the New York Times.

"You go down the line in that fashion-not just with ownership but go down to the managing posts and discretionary posts-and you'll find that through their brightness and aggressiveness and their inventiveness-these are all terms I'm lauding them for—they have worked their way up."

"Not only in the media, in academic communities, the financial communities, in the foundations, in all sorts of highly visible and influential services that involve the public, to have a tremendous voice," he said.

Agnew said he wanted to show how U.S. policy has been influenced.

"Our policy in the Middle East my judgment is disasterous, becaue it's not even-handed," he said. "I see no reason why nearly half the foreign aid this nation has to give goes to Israel, except for the influence of this Zionist lobby.

Agnew said he still has "a lot of Jewish friends," although the American-Jewish community is "ultra-sensitive."

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Anti-Abortion Candidate's Campaign

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Democratic presidential candidate Ellen McCormack campaigned in South Dakota during the weekend. But the visit of the anti-abortion candidate was more to thank her loyal followers than an attempt to win delegates in the state's June 1 primary.

In the nine presidential primaries she has entered, Mc-Cormack has won four delegates to the Democratic National Convention, two from Minnesota and one each from Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

She has not gotten more than ten per cent of the vote in any primary and the most she hopes for in South Dakota is five per cent, a third of what she would need to capture a single national convention delegate.

McCormack has been campaigning with \$225,000 in contributions and \$170,000 in federal matching funds.

Her latest fund-raising effort sold 200 tickets to a banquet in Brookings for \$7.50 each, but McCormack received \$2.50 from each, barely enough to pay for her trip to the Midwest.

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