

If today's Agnews did surprise me when I heard it from Chicago at 6 a.m. (net feed from NYC with a feed to it from local CBS DC station, WTOP radio -Post's- the news itself, which is to say the allegation, does not. Agnew has been stupid about his life style. He has lived with some ostentation in Washington, first in a suite in a swank hotel, then in an expensive house. Not possible as his salary as Balt. Cty. executive or governor, both low-paid and full-time jobs-no law practise. I still wonder why the Post hasn't checked into the Sheraton-Park deal, which should have provided at least leads....I had noted that his announced taking up the cudgels for GL had ended as soon as it started. But I'd thought the goods on his Md. campaign and the C-notes could cause. That was crooked and there have been local (md.) indictments and resignations. Some months ago some of his people were found to be mixed up in graft where he was county executive. I guess that is when he really shut up. None of this was on the CBS TV WG broadcasts and they did have and use time for commentary. Nixon's separation was radioed 1 p.m. here. I didn't listen to radio from 6 a.m. until waking out for the mail, when I hear Dan Rather report GL would not express his faith in Spiro as Spiro had in him. If it doesn't make the news you see/hear, on evening TV news Rather quoted WH sources as saying that GL is using his "criminal lawyers" to see if they can cut off Spiro's indictment. Greater love hath no GL - of self! HW 8/7/73 AUG 10 1973