



Agnew Blasts Dissidents As "Runner-Downers"



Spiro T. Agnew

GRAND RAPIDS (UPI)—Vice President Spiro Agnew scored "dissent element—the carper and complainers, the runner-downers" as he wound up his first campaign tour of the fall election battle with an airport rally here and a GOP fund-raising dinner in Grand Rapids, Mich., Wednesday night.

Agnew, aiding Mrs. Lenore Romney in her senatorial election campaign against Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich., labeled Hart as a radical-liberal and took passing swipes at Sens. William Fulbright, D-Ark., and George McGovern, D-S.D.

Three times the chants of about 100 hecklers threatened to drown Agnew's words and the cheers of most of the 6,000 persons who greeted the vice president at Tri-Cities Airport near Midland.

Twice, Agnew interrupted his speech to respond directly to their shouted obscenities, and on the third occasion he adlibbed a conclusion as the crowd roared.

Moments after Agnew started speaking, the demonstrators interrupted him by chanting, "Siege Heil."

"This referring to the band of demonstrators is exactly what we're running against," the vice president said. Then, addressing the hecklers directly, he said:

"You're a minority here and you'll be

a minority at the polls in November."

The chanting swelled again when Agnew criticized some Michigan Democratic leaders for calling for amnesty for deserters, and declared: "There will be no amnesty for deserters so long as this administration remains in power."

Agnew paused, listened to the obscenities a moment, smiled and began keeping time with his right hand as if he were directing the chants. When the chants subsided he scolded, "You're pathetic," and resumed speaking.

The vice president said the paramount issue in the election is this:

"Will a little band of radical-liberals with no constituency but each other succeed in frustrating the will of the new majority of the American people?"

"Or will that great majority...rise up and reject the men blocking the way to progress and prosperity?:"

He called upon his listeners to "make your voice heard loud and clear." As the hecklers again tried to drown out his voice, he finished:

"And do it where you are—right here in Michigan—so that these dissident elements, the carpers and complainers, the runner-downers, will not control this country and we'll go on to an era of peace and prosperity."

Hijackers

Escape

Stiff Terms

NUERNBERG, Germany (UPI)—A West German court imposed minor sentences Wednesday on eight young Czechoslovaks who hijacked an airliner to flee from the Communist regime in Prague.

In his summing up, the judge said existing German laws were inadequate to cover hijacking offenses.

"It is high time new laws were drawn up to cover such offenses," he said.

It was the first trial of hijackers to be held in West Germany. The trial, which started last Thursday, was held in the same courtroom where Nazi leaders were convicted of war crimes after World War II.

The court Wednesday imposed 2½ year prison terms on Rudolf Cihac, 25; Jiri Galasek, 23; and Josef Prohazka, 23.

Jaroslav Pour, 20, was sentenced to two years in a juvenile reformatory, but his sentence was suspended.

The court also suspended the sentences of all four women involved in the June 8 hijacking of a Czechoslovak domestic flight to Nuernberg.

Pour's 19-year-old fiancée, Ver Klementova, got a 16-month suspended sentence.

The wives of Cihac, Galasek and Prohazka, aged 18, 19, and 22 respectively, were sentenced to eight months in juvenile reformatory, all sentences suspended. This meant they were freed along with Pour and his fiancée.

All eight requested political asylum from West German authorities when they surrendered at Nuernberg Airport and handed over five pistols, a knife and a set of brass knuckles used to hijack the Czechoslovak Airlines CSA Ilyushin 14 airliner.

United Plans

Flight Cuts

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI)—A United Airlines spokesman said Wednesday the firm plans to cut 10 flights at Raleigh-Durham Airport Oct. 25.

A morning flight to Washington is expected to be cut and the firm expects to eliminate one of its two night flights to Atlanta.

The airline now operates seven daily flights today.

An official at Asheville's airport said Tuesday he has heard reports that United will sharply cut its service to the Asheville airport.

An official of the Raleigh-Durham airport said he expects all airlines to make some reductions in service in October.

Cheers Drown Jeers During Nixon Speech

MANHATTAN, Kan. (UPI)—A small band of youthful rowdies marred an otherwise rousing reception Wednesday for President Nixon at Kansas State University.

There were also a minor confrontation between protesters and state troopers outside Ahearn fieldhouse where the President spoke.

A group of about 50 youths tossed catcalls at the President during his nationally-televised 45-minute address in the Landon Lecture Series. On several occasions, however, the shouts, applause and cheers of the majority of the 15,500 persons who jammed the fieldhouse drowned out the jeers.

"Stop the war. Stop the war." the demonstrators shouted before unfurling a cloth sign which read, "How many more will you kill?" The groups was high in the grandstand.

Security men, who had barred placards and banners from the fieldhouse, quickly moved among the demonstrators and removed the sign. The catcalls continued.

Outside the fieldhouse, demonstrators burned pro-Nixon banners and two protesters attempted to gain entry into the building, which was closed during the speech. State troopers turned the youths away, escorting them back into the



President Nixon Speaks at Kansas State

crowd.

At least one fieldhouse window was broken by a thrown rock.

Alfred M. Landon, the former Kansas governor and 1936 Republican presidential nominee for whom the K-State lecture series is named, introduced the President.

Jordan Cabinet Resigns; Army Takes Over

AMMAN, Jordan (UPI)—King Hussein placed his government in the hands of the army Wednesday and Palestinian guerrillas called for an urgent meeting of the 14-nation Arab League to discuss the "criminal and serious conspiracy" created by the new regime.

In another development, 11 Palestinian guerrilla groups united under the military command of Yasser Arafat in an effort to stop the fighting between the army and the commandos which is threatening to spark a civil war.

Arafat, chief of both the Palestinian Central Committee and the major commando unit, Al Fatah, accused Hussein of trying to crush the Palestinian movement and make peace with Israel. But he issued an order to all guerrillas in Jordan forbidding them to fire on army troops expect in self defense.

But in Beirut, the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine reported fighting between the guerrillas and army troops broke out north of Amman Wednesday. It said guerrillas and member of the Palestinian Liberation Army took part in the clashes between Jerash and Irbid, 24 and 45 miles north of Amman. It gave no details.

The Palestinian Central Committee, the government body of the guerrillas which has been in continuous session, announced Wednesday night it agreed with an earlier call by a four-man



King Hussein

mediation mission for an urgent meeting of the Arab League "to discuss the criminal and serious conspiracy committed by the military regime in Jordan..."

The committee accused the new military government of renouncing a Sept. 15 peace pact. Instead of pulling back its troops, it changed its army into a police organ to attack the guerrillas, the committee said. Hussein announced a new military government early Wednesday following the resignation Tuesday night of the civilian cabinet led by Premier Abdel Moneim Rifai.

He placed the army under Marshal Habes Al-Majali, long considered by Palestinian guerrillas to be a major enemy. Majali, as commander-in-chief, immediately appointed military governors for all of Jordan's districts.

Jordan has been under martial law since the 1967 Middle East War.

"The danger to Jordan has been growing ever large," Hussein said in a five-minute broadcast on Amman radio to announce the change of government. "Therefore, it has become our duty to take a series of measures to reestablish law and order and protect the lives, property and honor of all citizens."

In his instructions to the new government, headed by Premier Mohammed Daoud, an army brigadier, Hussein outlined the deteriorating conditions in Jordan and said there was a conspiracy against the country.

"We cannot allow this state of affairs to continue," he said.

Shortly after his announcement, leaders of 11 Palestinian groups announced their unification under the military command of Arafat. There are no figures on guerrilla strength, but Palestinian sources estimate that the unification gave Arafat command of about 12,000 guerrillas and civilian militia in Jordan. The Jordanian army has 55,000 men, including three armored brigades equipped with tanks and armored personnel carriers.

World News Briefs

Cloture Unlikely

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate headcount Wednesday indicated that efforts to prevent a Souther-led filibuster against one-man, one-vote elections for the presidency will fail—probably killing for the time being the move for electoral change.

A vote on a petition for cloture to halt debate on the House-passed proposal will be taken at 11 a.m. Thursday. Opponents say the direct vote provision would give excessive powers to a few populous states.

Under Senate rules, it will take a two-thirds favorable vote to invoke the talk-stopping petition. That meant if 99 senators are on hand for the vote, (Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., is ill and will not

be present) supporters would have to muster 66 to their side.

But informal polls taken by both supporters and opponents showed there were not nearly that many senators prepared to shut off further debate.

"The best we can hope for is in the neighborhood of 50 or so on the first go-round," said one backer of electoral reform.

Nixon Escapes

Subpoena

FT. HOOD, Tex. (UPI)—A military judge Wednesday denied a defense request that President Nixon and three judge Wednesday denied a defense request that President Nixon and three top defense leaders be subpoenaed to testify at the trial of S. Sgt. David

Mitchell in connection with the alleged My Lai massacre.

Col. George R. Robinson said Mitchell's defense attorney has failed to show that testimony by Nixon, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor and Army Chief of Staff Gen. William Westmoreland would be pertinent to the case.

Mitchell, 30, a St. Francisville, La., career soldier, is charged in the alleged My Lai massacre March 16, 1968.

Defense attorney Ossie Brown contends that public statements made by Nixon, Laird, Resor and Westmoreland have made it impossible for Mitchell to get an impartial trial by the military. The defense Thursday will show a six-hour film in the court which includes comments from each of those men concerning the My Lai incident.

Tarr Wants More Guard

NEW YORK (UPI)—Draft director Curtis W. Tarr told National Guard officials Wednesday the all-volunteer military service concept will require a strong guard as a backup, and steps must be taken to attract more Guardsmen.

Switching to a volunteer standing military force "will mean very little unless we learn how to attract young men into the ranks," Tarr told a convention here of the U.S. National Guard Association.

Laird Speaks

WARRENTON, Va. (UPI)—Defense Secretary Melvin Laird challenged the nation's Jaycees Wednesday to become "personally committed" to cleaning up the environment.

Laird, speaking briefly at the Jaycees' national environmental control seminar, said the defense budget is being reduced by about \$14.5 million annually and suggested the funds might be used in the war on pollution.

White Flight

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—Education Commissioner Floyd Christian said Wednesday the "white flight" from Florida's public schools because of racial desegregation apparently has not been as severe as in other Southern states. Christian estimated no more than 10,000 pupils throughout the state had transferred to private or parochial schools.

Pope Returns

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI will return to the Vatican Thursday after two months at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo.

The Vatican said Wednesday the pontiff held regular audiences, worked on church affairs and prepared speeches he will deliver during a visit to the Philippines and Australia in late November and early December.

Busing Act Distorted, Congressmen Claim

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A spokesman for more than 60 Congressmen said Wednesday the courts have distorted Congress' intent in that section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act dealing with busing of students to achieve racial balance.

Sixty-seven Congressmen from 20 states now have signed an antibusing petition that has been filed with the Supreme Court.

Rep. William C. Carmer, R-Fla., drew up the brief as "fried of the court" in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Case that the court will hear Oct. 12.

The brief contends that Congress in the Civil Rights Act meant to outlaw widespread bus transportation of students of one race to schools predominantly of another to reach racial balance. Yet the

courts have twisted that intent, the petitioners said.

"The interpretations of the court have tortured the normal meaning that should be given to these things we passed," Rep. Albert W. Watson, R-S.C., told newsmen.

"We are trying to dictate to the court," said Rep. Charles R. Jonas, R-N.C. "We are seeking to inform the court as to the legislative history..."

Cramer, who said schools in the case asked him to prepare the brief, said "Right now, things depend on what panel you get in a circuit or which district judge you get. I think it is our duty for Congress to assert its full constitutional oversight function to make certain the intent of Congress is observed."

Drifters Live On Algae, Courage

Honolulu (UPI)—The three gaunt survivors of the disabled sloop Galilee told Wednesday how they survived 48 incredible days of drifting at sea on "algae, courage, and every so often a flying fish."

The three, two men and a woman, were spotted by a U.S. Navy supply ship two days ago 422 miles northwest of Honolulu. They were emaciated and described as "living skeletons."

The three were Julian Ritter, 60, an artist who left Santa Barbara, Calif., three years ago in the Galilee to sail through

the South Seas; Lauren Kokx, 21, of Ojai, Calif., who has been sailing off and on with Ritter, a family friend, for the past two years, and Winfried B. Herringhoff, 27, a ceramics salesman from Sydney, Australia, who joined the ship in Bora Bora while traveling in the South Pacific.

Although quite thin—Ritter lost 38 pounds, Miss Kokx, 34 pounds and Herringhoff, 48 pounds—and still weak, all were cheerful and appeared surprisingly healthy. They met with newsmen aboard the USS Niagara Falls shortly after it docked.

The trio left Tahiti June 17 for Hawaii, but by July 27 they knew they were not on course. Soon the ship's batteries were dead and they began drifting. They had plenty of water, Ritter said, but soon ran out of food.

For weeks they lived on algae scraped from the bottom of the boat and boiled with nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon and thyme. They also were able to catch six flying fish and three squid.

They passed other ships, but at the time thought they were still headed for Hawaii.

Miss Kokx described the adventure as "a personal experience one will never forget." Herringhoff, who originally is from Seldenhorst, West Germany, said except for the last few weeks, "We had a grand time."

Ritter said he now plans to "sell the boat, to get back to the United States in the most comfortable way." He said he will write a book about his experiences and illustrate it with his paintings.

Does he plan to make any more long voyages?
"Yes, sir, I love the sea."