

Respect System, Spiro Pleads

Cites Minorities' Demands For Wider Share

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew says, "The hidden cause of malaise in America is the success of the American system."

At a \$100-a-plate Republican dinner in Amarillo on Monday, Agnew said, "When a man who has had nothing, gets something, his natural impulse is not to be humbly thankful, but to want more — that's human nature."

Accordingly, he said, when black Americans and Spanish-speaking Americans get a glimpse of opportunity, they press ahead for more.

Some middle-class youngsters, he continued, never having had to question whether the good things of life would be there for them, shock their parents when "they scoff at the values of the previous generations as they hold out their hands for the keys of the car."

'Respect For System'

Agnew, who has a teenage daughter at home and two married children, said, "We neglected to transmit something important, during the time we were succeeding in offering our fellow Americans and our children new hope

and new freedom . . . a respect for the system itself that has produced this enormous change for the better."

"Members of the older generation," Agnew added, "are properly indignant when they see some young people treat education as a right rather than a hard-earned privilege."

The Vice President came to Texas to campaign for the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, Rep. George Bush, whose Democratic opponent, Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr., ousted incumbent Sen. Ralph Yarborough in the party primary.

He continues his campaigning today in Dallas.

Rules Out Apology

Agnew told newsmen he would not apologize to Christine Jorgensen for describing Sen. Charles E. Goodell of New York last week as "the Christine Jorgensen of the Republican party." The Vice President opposes the re-election of Goodell because the New Yorker has differed with the Nixon administration on some issues.

Miss Jorgensen, subject of a widely publicized sex-change operation, and now an entertainer, demanded an apology.

Agnew commented that the

entertainer has sought publicity and made a biographical movie and that such persons

have to expect "to be speculated about, to be conjectured about and commented about."

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