

# Agnew Refuses Comment on Rumors *Batt Book Review*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew refused comment Tuesday on reports he may resign as a result of involvement in a Maryland political corruption probe. But Agnew's office said no such move was expected.

Agnew, leaving a luncheon he gave for visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Ali Bhutto, was contacted by waiting newsmen and asked about a report that he was

considering resigning, possibly by week's end.

"Gentlemen, as you know it is my practice not to comment on stories from undisclosed sources," Agnew said.

Republican sources, meanwhile, named Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., as the senior GOP figure with whom Agnew was said to have discussed recently the possibility of resigning and who told the Washington Post he was

"99 1/2 per cent sure that he would resign — probably by the end of the week."

But in New York, Goldwater denied this and said he hadn't spoken in months to the Post reporter whose story touched off the furor.

Of Agnew, he said, "I don't think he's going to quit. My hunch is that he's going to stay." Goldwater said Agnew was a

close political and social friend who he has seen often recently but that the subject of resignation has not risen.

"If it did, I would advise him to fight it out," Goldwater said.

The White House refused comment on the matter.

But a source familiar with Agnew's thinking said he believed a serious misunderstanding led to the report.

He said he believed that "a bad overreading of something Agnew might have toyed with" led to the story.

"The source of the story apparently caught Agnew in a moment of reflection and came away with the impression that this was going to happen," the Agnew associate said. "Agnew is a man under siege, and therefore is highly susceptible to being misinterpreted in what he says."

By JULIA JONES

Psychiatrists have a new theory. There is no mental illness. Instead, mental balance rests on making the right life decisions. Those that appear ill have made the wrong decisions about the world or the wrong decisions about their life. This theory is amply supported in An Assassin's Diary, by Arthur Bremer. Bremer, in case you didn't know, is the man who shot George Wallace. The manuscript of this book

was found on the seat of his car. (Meant to be read, it is an apology for murder. It is also an excellent insight into the reasons for assassination.) From the book Bremer seems to be sane. That is the frightening thing. He emerges as a fairly reasonable human being. His goals are the same as many men. He comes through as funny and lonely. Many of his thoughts come close to being profound. The book reveals a typically American outlook. Bremer is money conscious and rates the hotels and restaurants he patronizes. He appreciates courtesy and often comments that someone is a "nice guy." The trouble with Bremer is that he is too American. He has accepted all our goals to excess, the hunger for fame and celebrity. In this sort of society Bremer is a loser. He has neither the brains nor the drive for success. Yet he longs for the results of success. While in New York City he rents a limousine and comments "I really felt good being stared at by the poor people in my limousine." Bremer states that he is going to kill for fame, "because that is what is important." It could probably be said that our society has produced its own murderer. Our culture has instilled the concept that being famous is the best thing you can get out of life. We have drowned our children in the worship of "big" people. There are few magazines that do not publish regular articles on actors and the rich. What do the fame hungry do to get the same worship? Some do what Bremer did . . . and Sirhan . . . and Ray . . . Read An Assassin's Diary, \$1.50 in paperback. It's an American experience.

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TAMU students wishing to apply must do so through the local campus Fulbright Committee, of which Dr. Nance is chairman. Applicants not enrolled in the University may apply directly to the National Committee but can obtain forms and assistance from Dr. Nance.

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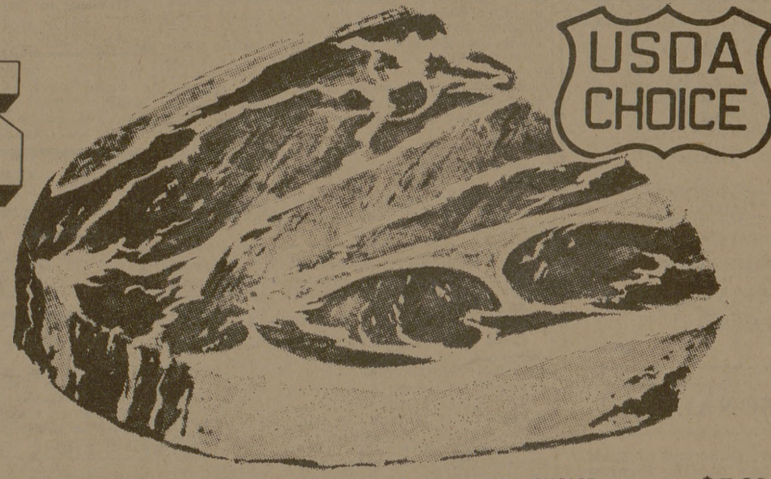
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