

Tiemann, others . . .

Support expressed for Vice-President

Not all Lincolmites will be demonstrating an opposition to Vice President Spiro Agnew next Monday. Many people are less vehement in their opinions of Agnew.

"Whether you agree with the man or not, he does go out on a limb for what he believes," student Art Denney said. Denney, vice president of the University Young Republicans, admires Agnew for expressing his opinions.

"Nixon is not playing Agnew as a puppet," Denney, nephew of Congressman Bob Denney, said. "as can be seen in Agnew's Asian tour and his speech criticizing the press."

Commenting on Agnew's approaching Lincoln visit, Denney said, the fact that Agnew agreed to speak at Gov. Norbert Tiemann's testimonial dinner Monday is "in itself an endorsement of the governor."

Tiemann said he and Agnew have been friends since a Colorado campaign school for gubernatorial candidates in May of 1966.

"That was prior to the time that both of us were governors," Tiemann recalled.

"Agnew is honest, tough and determined," Tiemann said. "He's not a suave individual, but he sure appeals to me and to millions of other Americans."

"There is no question about it," Tiemann continued. "Agnew will be a great help to my campaign."

Arthur B. Winter, professor of political science, said Agnew is "outspoken, but fair."

Winter, a registered democrat, said he refuses to attach himself to a political personality, but prefers to consider the politicians' stand on each issue. "I agree with some of the things that Spiro says," commented Winter.

"Whether I would vote for Agnew in '72 depends on what he says between now and then," Winter said.

"Spiro is not a certified good guy," Winter continued, "but I think he would make a rather forceful President — but I'm not sure I would like him in that office."

Bill Johnson, freshman, said he supports Agnew because, "he stands up for the righteousness and goodness of honest Americans. The 'peaceniks' and all their other friends have lost the values of bygone America," Johnson said.

Johnson said he felt Agnew was unpopular in some people's eyes because "the American people are scared to face reality. Most people forget that Agnew is a real intelligent man."

PROTEST is the right of students, Johnson continued, "even though their right is wrong."

John A. Braeman, associate professor of history, said he felt Agnew's attacks on anti-war demonstrators and the "bias of TV reporting" to be an asset to the Nixon administration. "Agnew's speech struck a responsive chord among a large number of people who

had been waiting for someone to say these things," Braeman said.

It is difficult to assess whether a vice president is fulfilling his responsibilities, Braeman said, "because for all practical purposes, the vice president 'doesn't really do anything until the President dies.'"

Braeman said his reaction to plans for a peace demonstration when Agnew visits Lincoln is "contempt mingled with boredom."

Sarah Fraser, YR membership chairman, said she believed Agnew to be a capable vice president because, "he was governor of Maryland, which says something, and he was selected and approved by delegates to the Republican convention — evidently some people are behind him."

"Nixon doesn't seem to squelch what Agnew has to say," Miss Fraser said, "like, he doesn't say, 'Spiro, would you stay home and take up a quiet hobby.'"

MUCH of the criticism of Agnew has been unfair, according to Robert F. Sittig, assistant professor of political science. "There is a tendency on the part of individuals to exaggerate," Sittig remarked.



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