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Name: Vice President Spiro Agnew

The 39th Vice President of the United States had a love-hate relationship with the media. They loved to write about him. He allegedly hated them. He accused media of being unfair and claimed "a small and unelected" elite controlled television news. His most famous quote was: "We have more than our share of the nattering nabobs of negativism." So he must have been amazed to have been "honored" by the Omaha Press Club upon his visit to Omaha, during which he held a congenial news conference. In the Face, he wears a small bandage on his nose, to commemorate an earlier incident where he fell on his face while exiting Air Force Two, much to the delight of news photographers. His security force would not allow the accident-prone Veep to bend to unveil the Face. They didn't want him to be caught in another undignified position. In the drawing, President Nixon is dodging a golf ball that his vice president hits. Agnew is part of the dial on an "Agnew" wristwatch, which actually existed and was very popular. Later, the Omaha Press Club's south room was named "The Spiro Agnew Conference Room," a tongue in cheek salute. The controversial Agnew was vice president from 1968 until 1973, when he resigned after being fined for income tax evasion. He died in 1996.