

Kennedy Covers Numerous Issues During Visit Here

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Kennedy also noted that he faces Sen. Wayne Morse as a favorite son candidate in both Oregon and Maryland. He added that Morse has stated if he does not win in the Oregon primary he will throw his support to one candidate. This indicates that Morse realizes he may not win, Kennedy said.

Cuban Newspaper Blasts U.S. Again

Havana—(AP)—The semi-official newspaper Revolution Saturday gave front-page treatment to Premier Fidel Castro's charges of a U.S.-sponsored fifth column in Cuba alongside another dispatch reporting the arrival of Red China's delegate for the May Day parade.

Castro heaped abuse on the United States in a three-hour and 20-minute nationwide radio and television broadcast that began Friday night and ended in the early hours of the morning. Revolution headlined its story on Castro's speech: "U. S. government promotes aggression against our country."

Supporters seized on a report of a new firebomb raid on a cane field near Havana by a "plane from the north" as backing up Castro's sweeping charges against the United States. Some 250,000 pounds of sugar cane were destroyed in the raid near Bauta before the fire was controlled, the reports said.

Washington—(AP)—The Senate foreign relations committee said Saturday that while mistakes have been made in administering foreign aid, "the worst mistake of all" would be to abolish the program.

him in West Virginia by directing their campaigns against him. John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers union, is against him, Kennedy added. West Virginia is basically a mining state.

During the question and answer period that followed, Kennedy said he had attempted to remove the Catholic religion issue from the campaign. He blamed the press for raising the issue which he said cropped up in the last two weeks. The Milwaukee Journal ran a map showing what sections of the state were Democratic, Republican and Catholic, he illustrated. Where a man goes to church is a personal issue not a national one, he said.

Refers to 1928

"It doesn't indicate anything about his judgment. We cannot afford the luxury of voting on such an issue as we did in 1928. (He was referring to Alfred E. Smith, Catholic Democratic candidate for President in 1928, who was defeated by Herbert Hoover. The campaign played up the prejudice on religion and prohibition. Smith had been elected New York governor four times.)

Repeating what he has said already many times, Kennedy remarked, "I thought that in 1789 separation of church and state was clearly provided for in the U.S. Constitution. No religious test is needed for the office of President. Everyone believes what this constitutional provision says and I can't understand why they can't accept this."

Skindivers Search For Missing Nurse

Orofino, Ida.—(AP)—Skindivers Saturday probed the depths of the Clearwater river with a land-mine detector, still hoping to find some trace of a Reed College, Ore., nurse, missing since last Sunday.

Alice Burkett, 25, Portland, disappeared Sunday en route home from Kamiah, Idaho, where she had been visiting her fiancé. It is believed her small foreign auto skidded into the river near here.

Answering another question from the audience, Kennedy said it would be a mistake to bring Red China into the United Nations unless it changes its policy of belligerence toward the United States.

Great Issue

"The great issue of this campaign is the power, influence and prestige of the United States in relation to the USSR," Kennedy noted. The United States must have an administration which will lead this country in economic growth, solving agricultural problems, developing natural resources, education, military armament, help for the aged, and exploration of the outer space. The present administration represented by Nixon does not lead in all these areas, he said.

Kennedy said he is not for military disarmament until the United States can be on an equal basis with Russia. Closing he said he would come back and campaign in the May 20 primary. He left to a standing ovation.

Hospital Care

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The real problem, he said, are indigents, persons of temporary employment or persons passing through Medford who have no local connections, and cannot pay hospital bills.

He said, "something should be done to compensate the hospitals for medical care of these persons, so they can at least operate in the black."

Hasland discussed in some detail the financial problems facing hospitals and said it is much cheaper for the taxpayers to pay the established hospitals for indigent care than it would be for them to construct and support a county hospital.

James Pullman, state welfare agent for Jackson county, pointed out that the welfare department sets aside some \$7,000 a month for the hospitalization costs of eligible welfare recipients. This money generally goes to patients receiving lengthy hospital care and not those persons who are in hospitals for only a day or two, he said.

Henry C. Herzog, manager of the VA Domiciliary, said that institution is responsible for veterans who are members there, but not for veterans who are not members. He further pointed out that the domiciliary does not have adequate hospital facilities for the care of emergency patients.

Champlin noted that the VA facility already does more for the care of its members who get sick or are injured in the city, than they are required to do.

Progress Made
Dr. Fred Burich, of the Jackson County Medical association, said doctors have already made considerable progress in the care of emergency patients. Several years ago, he said, there was no "on call" system and nurses would often have to call a large number of doctors before they could find one who would come and take care of an emergency patient. Since then an "on call" system has been put into effect so that one doctor should always be available to come to the hospital on short notice.

City Councillman Jimmy Dunlevy said the community is ignoring the responsibility of another group, that of the dispensers of alcoholic beverages.

He understands, he said, that there is an Oregon statute which says that if it can be proven who sold a person his last drink or drinks beyond his capacity, then the persons who made the sale are responsible for any damage the drinker may do thereafter or any injury he might incur.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, Duff said he thought the results were good and everybody had a little better understanding of each other's problems.

Additional study should be given to various problems and further meetings held between individual groups in order to arrive at a solution to the problem of indigent care, he said.

Smiling Senator Spends Busy Day in Medford and Ashland

BY JOE COWLEY
Mail Tribune Reporter

A smiling and youthful-looking Sen. John Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, and presidential candidate, stepped briskly from the plane as it rolled to a stop at the Medford airport Saturday morning.

The plane was 20 minutes late from Portland, the weather was threatening rain and Kennedy had just left a busy schedule in Portland and a busier campaign in West Virginia on the primary election. However, the candidate in the May 20 Oregon primary was relaxed and completely at ease as he shook hands with the delegation of Democratic party potentates at the airport. Robert Boyer, campaign manager for Kennedy in Oregon, introduced him to the party leaders and various well-wishers, assisted by Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, wife of the circuit court judge.

Kennedy did not seem to be as hurried as his escort who rushed him to his speech at Southern Oregon college in Ashland ignoring posted speed limits.

'Good Behavior'

Kennedy said he did not bring his wife with him because "I left her to rest because of good behavior."

En route to the campus there was a hour-long stop for a coffee reception at Dr. Arthur Kreisman's home. There the senator, slim and neat in a light blue suit and maroon tie made a strong impression on Democrat and Republican alike, according to comments.

He took plenty of time to talk with each person introduced, answer questions and smile thanks for best wishes offered. Approximately 200 persons milled around the Kreisman home, but Kennedy made it a point to greet each person. He posed many times for both amateur and professional photographers and autographed slips of paper, campaign literature and various books he had written.

Dave Elliott, Glenn Vandergang and Bob Burrows, of the SOC Kennedy for president committee, were among those who posed for pictures with the presidential candidate.

"He's a very pleasant person," commented Mrs. John Cotton, wife of an Ashland lumber mill operator and a staunch Republican. "Of course, how I vote depends on who the Republicans put up." She agreed with a young woman standing next to her that Kennedy "is even handsomer than his pictures."

Kennedy blended so well with the crowd that at one point Dr. Kreisman anxiously asked "Where'd he go?" The senator was quickly pointed out standing beside him. At one point the reception broke off as Dr. Harvey Woods, Ashland physician, examined Kennedy's hoarse throat in a rear bedroom. He pronounced him in good condition though tired and gave him a package of tablets for his throat.

Asked if he would name Adlai Stevenson, if elected, his secretary of state, Kennedy replied he nominated him for president in 1956.

Asked if he would favor a national park in the dunes seacoast area of Oregon as proposed by the late Sen. Richard Neuberger, Kennedy replied he had sponsored a bill of his own for such a national park on Cape Cod.

Kennedy says he favors fair standards and treatment for migratory labor. He co-sponsored the Forand bill in the Senate, he answered. This bill would give medical and hospital benefits to the aged under the social security program.

Mobbed by Students

The senator was mobbed by students and townsfolk as he completed his speech in the auditorium. However, he took plenty of time to meet all those who could reach him.

Slouched in the front seat of the car carrying him to the Pear Blossom Festival parade and a reception in Medford, the senator asked several questions about the condition of the pear industry. He listened intently, and asked other questions of various landmarks passed on the highway.

One of these was the Rogue Valley Manor which he remarked was a fine idea but should be duplicated on lower cost level.

A large building like the National Guard armory should be used by the community and not allowed to stand empty so much, he said. Informed that poor acoustics and lack

of seating made it seldom used for community affairs, Kennedy said this should be corrected. An Army general suggested a cutback in the National guard which created quite a fuss, he added.

Asked what he would propose to help the lumber industry, Kennedy favored a more liberal FHA loan program, generally more liberal

housing loans. Housing does not keep up with the population demand, he noted.

Oregonians impress him with their high level of intelligence, he said. Oregonians are noted for their independence and frank stand on issues.

"Look at what issues your representatives and senators stand for. These are not is-

sues you would normally expect them to uphold."

At Hotel Medford, Kennedy grabbed a quick bite during what was supposed to be a rest period, smiled and shook hands through a reception of both Democrats and Republicans and prepared for the Pear Blossom Festival parade.

Still smiling, relaxed and friendly, Kennedy shook

hands and gave autographs in front of the hotel. Then posing for numerous photographers, Kennedy straightened the crown of Festival Queen Cathy Lynne Carlon, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlon, 106 Elm st., and posed with Cathy and Vance Navarrette, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Navarrette, 1340 Fortune dr.

Almost painstaking in his crowd contacts, the senator had Star Scout Terry Hinesly, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hinesly, 1032 Murray st., identify each of his merit badges, then climbed into the parade marshal's car.

One tall son of Oregon summed it up by remarking, "Isn't it surprising so much can come out of one man?"

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