

They'll Do It Every Time

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Nine Words Uttered in Oregon By Kennedy Used as GOP Fuel

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Washington — The Republicans believe Sen. Jack Kennedy, the front running Democratic candidate, has finally stumbled.

The GOP is trying to make the most of nine words Kennedy uttered in Oregon two days before he stepped up his seventh straight primary victory. Republican senators and the Republican National Committee have poured it on Kennedy ever since.

The incident which sparked all this came about spontaneously at a high school assembly at St. Helens, Ore., when students were asking the Massachusetts Democrat questions. From the transcript of the discussion, taken from a tape recording made by the school, here are the key questions and answers concerning the spy plane episode and the Summit meeting:

Do you think the U2 incident was handled properly by the government?

Obviously Wrong Time

"I do not think that the timing of the U2 incident is defensible. I think it was obviously the wrong time. Engine failure is always a possibility. . . . It was a risk you would not want to take at that particular time."

Do you think Khrushchev would have broken up the Summit had there not been the U2 flight?

"No, I don't think that it would have been abandoned. Except for the U2 incident it would not have had a psychological argument for breaking up. Then the burden would have been his alone and while the Summit may never have been a success, he never would have taken all the responsibility unless he had what he felt was an adequate provocation to justify his position before world opinion. He never would have taken on the burden himself."

What would you have done had you been Mr. Eisenhower?

"Once the Summit had broken up and once Mr. Khrushchev indicated his refusal to continue I don't think that the U.S. could — but — he set two conditions to continue: One, that we apologize — I think that might have been possible to do. And that, second, we try those responsible for the flight. We could not do that. It would be highly unfair, because the flight had been authorized, and therefore that was a condition Mr. Khrushchev knew we couldn't meet, and therefore it indicated that he wanted it to break up."

Those Nine Words

The nine words the Republicans hoped on were those concerning the condition that Eisenhower apologize — "I think that might have been possible to do." Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), a former chairman of the GOP National Committee who knows all the political ropes, wondered aloud in the Senate whether Kennedy shouldn't relieve himself of "the suspicion of appeasement." Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.), the Republican floor leader, produced a copy of a dispatch from The Oregonian which quoted a portion of Kennedy's statement at St. Helens, saying:

"That is Mr. Kennedy suggesting that the President of the United States apologize to Mr. Khrushchev. I let the amazing statement speak for itself."

Kennedy, in his own defense, replied that "I did not say that the President should apologize. But I did say that, if necessary to keep the Summit going, I would have been willing to express regret at the timing of the U2 incident. And I do regret the timing because it helped lead to the question of the chances of a successful Summit. It certainly lessened the prestige of the U.S. in the eyes of the world. It has helped destroy the prestige of the President in the eyes of the Russian people which was one of our greatest national assets. And it has given the impression that the President does not completely control some of the military or some of his intelligence officers."

Same Difference

The Republicans fired back, this time from the National Committee, with a statement that "Kennedy's desperate try to make an apology different

from an expression of regret presents the same differences as a half dozen nuggets does to six cups. Kennedy's feverish try to get absolved from the 'apology' quotation shows he now feels he made a slip."

The term 'apology and expression of regret mean the same thing, the GOP contends. "Under either phrase, such apology would have meant a humiliating (sic) capitulation before Khrushchev," claimed the GOP command in a publicizing it calls "Battle Line."

"Kennedy and everybody else should applaud President Eisenhower's firm determination to stand on a principle and protect American honor."

Kennedy noted that the GOP party chairman had recently said "loyal Americans will not take kindly to any politician willing to run down the President for the sake of personal advantage." The key words were "loyal Americans," said Kennedy, which meant that "any of us who feel obligated to criticize American foreign policy run the risk of being accused as 'disloyal appeasers.'" He pledged to continue to "criticize when there are weaknesses to criticize."

The episode illustrated at least one minor factor — that there is a "speedy liaison" between the Republicans here and in Oregon. The common assumption here is that Gov. Mark Hatfield's alert office swiftly dispatched a copy of the newspaper clipping quoting Kennedy, realizing its political potentialities. Vice President Nixon, and that Dirksen and Scott were given the assignment to make the most of it immediately on the Senate floor.

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Vitamin Pill Substance Widespread Blood Picture

Chloro (Soleage Service) — A West Virginia doctor wants manufacturers to leave the Vitamin B12 out of their multivitamin pills and iron tablets.

This substance says Dr. A. J. Curry, Ellison of Charles Memorial Hospital, is capable of correcting the blood picture in patients with pernicious anemia. But it does nothing for the neurologic or other aspects of the disease.

When a doctor does not see the characteristic faulty blood picture, he spends precious time groping in the dark, trying to find the cause of the stomach and nervous trouble, not suspecting that folic acid has masked the pernicious anemia.

The Cause Reported

Folic acid has been included in vitamin preparations since about 1948. Dr. Ellison reports in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Since that time, cases of folic acid masking have been reported by other workers and Dr. Ellison adds two more to the list for a total of eight.

The daily requirement of folic acid for the human being has not been determined, but on the basis of animal studies, one-tenth to two-tenths milligram per day has been suggested. If a patient needs extra folic acid, Dr. Ellison believes, he should take it as a separate pill.

Sale of Biggs Bridge Bonds Fails

Olympia — (UPI) — The State Toll Bridge Authority has failed for the third time to obtain a buyer for \$3,500,000 in bonds to finance a proposed Biggs Rapids toll bridge across the Columbia river.

Officials expressed concern the situation would cast a shadow on plans to finance a second Lake Washington bridge.

The TBA immediately moved to pursue other avenues of floating the Biggs Rapids issue after being advised by Paul Speer, Chicago, financial consultant, that he had not been able to negotiate a sale.

W. A. Bugge, highways director, was directed to seek a 60-day extension from Paul Jarvis Inc., Seattle, on a deadline for accepting the firm's low bid of \$2,409,163.

PATENTS MAN DIES

New York — (UPI) — John T. Morris, 51, supervisor of patents and trademarks for the Westinghouse Electric International Co., died Tuesday.

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