

'Regret' Statement To Haunt Kennedy During Campaign

International Amphitheatre Chicago — (UPI) — Sen. John S. Kennedy has fair warning of two major pieces of oratorical ammunition which the Republicans will be firing at him.

They are:

—Emphasis on Kennedy's youth.

—Attacks on Kennedy's controversial statement that President Eisenhower should have expressed regret to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev for the timing of the U2 spy plane flight.

The biggest cheers and the loudest jeers at the Republican National convention have come when speakers flayed the Democratic presidential nominee on these points.

Thomas E. Dewey, twice-defeated GOP presidential candidate and former New York governor, played these themes for all they were worth Wednesday night and had the delegates laughing and booing at Kennedy.

In earlier speeches, Republican National Chairman Sen. Thurston B. Morton jibed at "young Sen. Kennedy" and Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, the keynoter, praised the U2 flight for possibly averting another Pearl Harbor.

None of the GOP orators has come right out and said that Kennedy, at 43, is too young to be president. But they frequently implied that Kennedy acts too young.

Dewey was particularly scathing on this point. He said Kennedy's "smart aleck" acceptance speech made "peo-

ple wonder whether the senator is grown up enough to be president."

The Republicans did not hedge when they talked about apologizing for the U2, however, and the issue is likely to plague Kennedy sorely throughout the campaign.

Kennedy set up the issue himself when, on May 17 at Eugene, Ore., he was asked whether he would have apologized to the Soviet Union for sending the U2 plane on a spy flight over Russia on the eve of the summit conference.

Kennedy was quoted as replying "I certainly would express regret at the timing and give assurances that it would not happen again. I would express regret that the flight did take place." Later, in the Senate, Kennedy said he "would have expressed regret if such a statement would have kept the summit going."

And in a June 15 letter to the New York Herald Tribune, he said "The President should have indicated he regretted the timing of the flight, as did President Charles de Gaulle of France, and suspend the flights."

"I never advocated either expressing regrets or offering apology as a method of saving the summit," Kennedy wrote in the letter, "for it was my view that by the time the Paris meeting was called, the summit was beyond saving."

Although Kennedy is not on record as using the word "apologize," the Republicans in Chicago have hurled it at him again and again.

TV's 'Candid Camera' Man Answers Criticism That Comedy Stint Is 'Tainted'

(Editor's Note: Before leaving for a vacation, UPI TV reviewer Fred Danzig invited various performers to reply to his criticism of their TV efforts. Allen Funt, in the following "equal time" reply, answers the charge made by Danzig early last season that "Candid Camera" is tainted by touches of anguish that stem from practical jokes.)

Dear Fred:

In criticizing "Candid Camera," you said you prefer "untainted" comedy.

Well, to begin with, in my opinion, there ain't no such animal. By tainted, I assume you mean something that's hoked up too much. Sotled reality or reality that's impure by provocation.

If you've ever watched a parade of people with their manufactured excuses trying to get out of jury duty, you'd find a funny situation. Just sitting there listening to them would be untainted comedy, or pure reality, call it what you will. If I filmed this using the actual judge, you'd find it slow and pompous despite the basic hilarity of the situation. But if I set myself up as the judge and pushed these people to heighten the humor, then you may have comedy that's tainted, but it's also funnier.

Even a still cameraman shooting real life must select and heighten his subjects. So do we. Otherwise, instead of "Candid Camera," you might as well just look out the window and observe people.

Exposes Weakness

We feel that "Candid Camera" is at its most justifiable when it takes a universal minor weakness and exposes it so that we can all laugh at it. As long as the weakness is a common one, then, in effect, we are laughing at ourselves. The man on camera is not singled out as an odd-ball; only because he's typical. We're at our worst when we get a man who's not typical of a situation that's not universal.

For example, the time we dropped quarters on the street and shot the reactions of passersby. The way they looked was the way we'd all look. I admit that we have a great temptation to do broader things, for the audience seems to love them, but we limit ourselves in the interest of good taste.

You mention that sometimes there is a touch of anguish in our comedy. From time to time, we're continually being accused of exhibiting sadism. Part of this comes from the fact that we don't explain that our subjects were big enough to want us to use their spot. They wouldn't sign the releases if they felt they had been treated sadistically. So if they don't feel they were treated badly, what right do other people have to say what they were?

You must remember that, of itself, all comedy is exaggeration. We do try to draw the fine line. We get rewards from portraying situations that make all of us laugh. A sadist would receive his pleasure during the actual filming and, once the filming was over, wouldn't care what happened. We, however, spend

Injury Reported In One of Three Accidents in City

A woman suffered minor injuries in one of three traffic accidents reported to Medford police Wednesday. One of the accidents involved three vehicles.

Francis Vanderpool, 38, of 827 Gilman rd., complained of neck injuries following a two-car accident at the intersection of Crater Lake highway and Biddle rd., about 12:45 p.m., according to city police.

Police did not believe her injuries to be serious, but advised her to see a doctor, they said.

The injured woman was a passenger in a car operated by Mildred Ruth Vanderpool, 55, of 546 Haven st., which was involved in the accident with a car operated by Robert Gene Beatty, 30, of 1669 Roberts rd., police said.

Police cited Beatty for improper passing at an intersection.

Three vehicles sustained "considerable" damage, city police said, when they collided on Front st. between Sixth and Main sts. about 3:20 p.m. There were no injuries.

Police said a car operated by Evelyn Florence Herrin, 59, of 509 Hamilton st., pulled from the curb and struck a vehicle operated by Elsa Ottilia Walker, 920 West 11th st., then rebounded into a parked car owned by the Western Lumber company, 328 South Central ave.

Police cited Evelyn Herrin for failure to yield the right of way.

Wilnot Irving Carroll, 46, White City, was cited by police for failure to leave information at the scene of an accident after the car he was operating allegedly struck a parked car and a parking sign on Front st. between Main and Sixth sts., about 1:45 p.m., while trying to park. Police accused Carroll of driving away after the accident without leaving information.

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