

Historian Has Arguments For Kennedy; Scorns Nixon

Washington — (AP) — Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., the youthful Harvard historian, has turned from history to politics again to assure voters that there is a great deal of difference between the 1960 rivals for the presidency.

As a Democrat and partisan of Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, he marshals arguments in support of Kennedy and has little but scorn for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican candidate.

Schlesinger dissects the personalities and policies of the two candidates and their political parties in "Kennedy or Nixon: Does It Make Any Difference?" (MacMillan, New York).

He sets out to explode what he regards as the myth that there is little difference between the two nominees and their parties and that they are in fact "the gold dust twins of American politics."

Admitting that he cannot claim impartiality, Schlesinger said he bases his arguments whenever possible on "hard and verifiable facts."

His Republican critics will no doubt say his facts are really his own opinions and interpretations.

Schlesinger contends the vice president has been on both sides of various issues so often that he can switch without challenge while Kennedy cannot do so without shocking the voters.

Can Change Freely

"Nixon can change about freely and safely; Kennedy can't," he writes. "Nixon, in short, is perceived and accepted as a chameleon; Kennedy as a man of some steadfastness or conviction. If both men appear at times cool in their attitudes toward issues, this is, I would say, because Kennedy reasons about them and Nixon doesn't much care."

"For Nixon issues are secondary to politics, for Kennedy politics tend to be secondary to issues."

Schlesinger also offers this contrast:

"Nixon remains a characteristic figure of the Eisenhower period — concerned with externals rather than with substance, indifferent to the merits of issues, generally satisfied with things as they are. There is no reason to suppose that a Nixon administration would be much different from an Eisenhower administration, except the public relations would be more efficiently and energetically organized.

Stands for New Epoch

"Kennedy, on the other hand, stands for a new epoch in American politics. He understands that we can't go on as we have in the last decade. He understands that our nation must awaken from the Eisenhower trance and get on the march again. He understands that this requires purpose and sacrifice."

Schlesinger agrees that both candidates are ambitious men. But he says Kennedy is trying to sell a program and Nixon is trying to sell only himself.

Handicapped Persons Said Ready, Willing To Make Good on Job

Editor's note: This is National Employ the Physically Handicapped week as proclaimed by President Eisenhower. John W. Sinders, chairman of the Jackson county committee for the employment of the physically handicapped, wrote the following article in observance of the week. Sinders is also personnel officer and coordinator for the selective placement of the physically handicapped for the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City.

By JOHN W. SINDERS

The physically handicapped are ready, willing, and able to do a job for you, Mr. Employer.

You can hire them with confidence!

A survey of physically impaired workers in manufacturing industries shows little or no difference between the efficiency, safety and reliability records of handicapped workers and others.

Abilities and skills . . .

Handicapped workers have the same wide range of skills, abilities, and interests as other persons.

Production . . .

Impaired workers usually produce at slightly higher rates than unimpaired workers on the same jobs.

Safety . . .

Impaired persons have far fewer disabling injuries than unimpaired ones when exposed to the same work hazards. They have the same minor injury rate.

Quit Rate . . .

No significant difference.

Absenteeism . . .

Impaired and unimpaired workers have about the same rate of lost time.

Selective Placement . . .

Selective placement of handicapped workers in your business or shop is little different from accepted methods of employing any worker. These are the key points:

1. Put into effect a policy of giving handicapped persons equal consideration for job vacancies — that is, on the basis of their ability to do the job.
2. Know the physical activity of the various jobs in your establishment. (See checklist for measuring the physical activities and working conditions of your jobs.)
3. Set physical standards graded to the actual physical effort required for each job.
4. Assign the handicapped employee to a job according to his abilities, skills, interests, and physical capacities.
5. Follow up to insure that the handicapped employee is making satisfactory progress.

Boys Tell Incident To School Officials

Two nine-year-old Medford boys notified the Washington school principal Tuesday afternoon that two men had asked them if they wanted a ride home. After declining the invitation, the men then asked them their address, according to police reports.

They again were offered a ride and the boys walked away, later reporting the incident to school authorities.

In recent weeks, members of the police department have talked to local children warning them not to accept rides from strangers. This is a part of the safety talks given by police.

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