

Nixon, Kennedy Backers Offer Campaign Advice, Assistance

Washington (CQ) — A red-blooded New Yorker yearns to have "a real dish" in the White House.

A Union City, N. J., housewife who can "talk the ears off a billy goat" offers to campaign for Vice President Nixon.

An El Cajon, Calif., man volunteers his services to Sen. John F. Kennedy to go to Moscow to "handle" Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

These are among the off-beat letters that the two presidential nominees have been getting from their supporters during the past few weeks.

A New York City man wrote Kennedy recently that he was a self-appointed spokesman for the American male who favors Mrs. Kennedy for First Lady.

"Dish" in White House

"Would you please inform your most charming wife to persist in not conforming to the image of what all these gloomy and tasteless puritan women (mostly GOP) have of... what the President's wife should be like?" he asked Kennedy. "Assure her that there is a much greater amount of voters, particularly men, who contemplate with pleasure the idea of at last having, if you will excuse the adjective, a real dish in the White House."

The Union City woman with the knack of talking was concerned about Nixon's recent knee injury. She volunteered to Nixon to "make your campaign tour for you."

The California man who wants to spar with the Soviet chief put it this way to Kennedy: "I can handle Khrushchev. I won't be overmatched with him. In fact, I will be undermatched with him, but not so much that it would be an unfair fight. I know just what to say to him and just what to do. Subsequently, you had better give this (offer) some consideration," he advised Kennedy.

Nixon's Face

Some of Nixon's supporters are concerned about his personal appearance. A woman living in a trailer wrote Nixon that she had dressed down another woman who had criticized the look of Nixon's jaw.

A New York man informed Nixon that the Democrats had been criticizing his appearance. "However, if candidates are chosen by looks, why not run a TV star? Kennedy does wear his hair cute like Prince Charles, but is that sufficient qualification for president of the United States? Abraham Lincoln was ridiculed for his appearance during his time, yet his likeness now is greatly respected," the New York supporter wrote Nixon.

A Pittsburgh photographer offered his services to Nixon during the campaign. "I would endeavor to present your best face forward at all times," he told Nixon.

Speech Defect

A man who campaigned in the Wisconsin primary for Kennedy informed the Massachusetts Senator that he had set a woman right about Kennedy's accent. He wrote: "An old lady in Montfort... worried about the senator's Boston accent. She said it made her suspicious when a Catholic talked like a foreigner. 'Of course, I told her that all other Americans born and raised around Boston had the same speech defect, and that it wasn't their fault that they couldn't speak good American like us midwesterners,' the Wisconsin campaigner wrote Kennedy, who happens to be a cum laude graduate of Harvard university."

A Miami Beach man has written Nixon that he "would sure like to sit down and write a real great song for you... to (fit) your personality and ability and FREE."

An 81-year-old man in Keyser, W. Va., who has voted in 15 presidential elections has offered to campaign for Nixon in seven cities ranging from Pittsburgh to Albany.

An elderly man in Aurora, Ill., has applied to Nixon "for a job of soliciting votes for you in this coming election." He claims he was "responsible for about 7,000 votes in the last election."

A New Jersey man has informed Kennedy that he has Atlantic City sewed up for him. "Just call me an agent for the Kennedy campaign," he notified Kennedy.

A Tennessean has informed Kennedy that he would like to work for the senator lining up about 200 votes in Newburn, Tenn. "Of course," the Newburner wrote Kennedy, "there will be a bit of expense in this campaign." (Copyright 1960, Congressional Quarterly Inc.)



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