

Kennedy Said Looking His Age

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Washington (UPI)—An observant friend of President Kennedy remarked the other day that he is starting to look his age. Considering the monumental problems the President has faced in the last year, it is little wonder.

Next week, on May 29, Kennedy will celebrate his 45th birthday. The problems he faces are much the same as a year ago: negotiations over Berlin, crisis in Laos, political warfare with Congress. But the man is different.

He has changed significantly in several respects, and if these could be put in categories they probably would line up like this:

Minor, Noticeable Results
Personally—The physical toll of a year in the White House has produced minor but noticeable results. He seems a bit heavier around the jowls than when he was elected, but his weight has remained fairly stable.

The back ailment, which flared into headlines after a tree-planting ceremony last May in Ottawa, still continues to bother him occasionally. But essentially the recovery has been satisfactory, largely because of a muscle-building regimen of daily exercise and swimming in heated pools.

He appears to have become more sensitive to criticism—apparently natural in White House occupants. This takes the form of being nettled about broadcast and printed critiques which he feels do not fairly or accurately portray administration policies.

More Controversial
Domestically—He has become a more controversial figure on the home front. Politically this has been because of his handling of such issues as the steel strike, or his promotion of his plan for medical care to the aged through social security.

Some more conservative opponents see him as an enemy of businessmen and the rich, and a friend of radicals. Some more liberal supporters see him as being too conservative, a man who must be nudged more to the left of center.

But political feelings aside, the American public seems to believe he's doing a fine job; so much so, in fact, that public opinion polls show him to be at the peak of his popularity.

Internationally—Kennedy has increased appreciation, based on a year of explosive experience, of the difficulty of getting things done the way he would like them to be. Now much more than a year ago today—when he was preparing for his Vienna meeting with Nikita Khrushchev—he feels the tedious chore of trying to do business with the Russians.

But the frustrations of international diplomacy have not dimmed his conviction that it is better to "jaw-jaw" than "war-jaw," as he quipped Winston Churchill to a recent news conference.

It was at this same news conference that the President cracked he was "reading more and enjoying it less." Although the same might be applied to his job, it has not diminished his enthusiasm for taking on problem after problem, and working long hours in an effort to solve them.

Rapid Reading
He usually is up about 8

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a.m. Roughly an hour later, after a rapid reading of several newspapers and a light breakfast, he is in his office. For a midday break he often takes a swim and has a light lunch. Rarely does he leave the office before 6 p.m., and frequently he is there until 8 o'clock.

Then in the evening he may attend one of the glittering parties by which he and his wife Jacqueline, have transformed the White House into one of the gayest places in town. These affairs have been known to last until 5 a.m., but the late hour doesn't seem to deter the President from reaching his office about his usual hour.

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Political Business
On other week ends—like this one, for example—he may be conducting political business. There was the Saturday night birthday party at Madison Square Garden, where Democrats paid \$100 to \$1,000 a ticket to join him. Then tonight there is a rally where he will speak on behalf of his controversial medical care plan.

The President is convinced that in the "medicare" controversy he has one of the most powerful and attractive issues of his career thus far. With congressional elections coming up this fall, he intends to continue pushing for it.

Despite the enormous international burdens on his desk, Kennedy has the consummate politician's appetite for grappling with domestic issues. But so far his batting average with Congress has not been as good as he would prefer.

One setback was on his plan to provide federal aid for secondary schools. On the other hand, the outlook is fairly good for his big drive to get a liberalized foreign trade program through.

As a man who has studied

THE COURT HELD

a public service by the COLLEGE of LAW WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

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A graduate student was awarded a scholarship by a private university that would cover all of his tuition and fees for an academic year. In addition he was awarded a fellowship that would pay him \$700 for the year. The student replied to a notice of these awards with a lengthy letter protesting the inadequacy of the awards. He also accused the university of acting in bad faith with respect to promises he claims they made to him at the time he was admitted to the school. By a subsequent letter the student accepted the awards offered "under protest" and said that he "reserved the right to accept employment elsewhere." Shortly after receiving the second letter the university withdrew the awards previously offered and informed the student "there cannot be renewed registration by you for further work at the university. This recommendation of the Graduate Committee was unanimous and has been approved by the Administration."

The student brought an action seeking to enjoin the university from withholding the awards and to compel the university to permit him to register and continue his studies. THE COURT HELD: The student's action was dismissed. The court pointed out that where a private university, by a regulation set forth in its general catalog, reserved the right to sever connection of any student with the university, for an appropriate reason, the authorities charged with the duty of maintaining standards and discipline of the school are the only ones who can determine what actually constitutes an "appropriate reason" for dismissal. (Dehnan v. Brandeis University, 150 F. Supp. 626 1957)

Virtually all historians have described the enactment of this legislation as a turning point in American history. Briefly, the Act made it possible for thousands of citizens to establish homes and farms on public lands. The only requirement was five years of residence on the land to which they later acquired full title.

Largely as a result of the Homestead Act, many million acres of vacant land were transformed into homes and farms by the end of the last century. As of today, more than six out of 10 families own their own homes, and many of the purchase transactions were completed through realtors.

Real Estate Week To Be Observed

The Medford Board of Realtors, which is currently observing Real Estate week in conjunction with hundreds of other boards of the National Association of Real Estate Boards throughout the country, has designated today, May 21, Homestead day, according to Keith Bates, president of the Medford Board of Realtors.

"We think it is singularly appropriate for realtors to take part with the Department of the Interior in marking the passage of the Homestead Act in 1862," Bates said.

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Scout Officials Attend Council

A number of Medford people attended the 52nd annual meeting of the National Scout Council May 17 and 18 in Portland.

The National Lorillard Spencer silver cup was presented to officials of Region 11 during the event. Won in competition among the 12 Boy Scout regions in the nation, the award to Region 11 includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska for the district's outstanding record of growth in Scout membership, retention of members subscriptions to the Scout magazine, "Boy's Life."

Each of the 29 Scout councils in the region received a bronze plaque and photograph of the award in recognition of their efforts in helping to win the award.

Delegates attend from the Crater Lake council, which includes Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou county in California, were Judson W. Compton, Medford, Scout executive; N. H. Gladfelter, Medford; Dr. Eimo N. Stevenson, Ashland; Dave Franklin, Medford; Andrew Schmidt, Medford; J. A. McDougal, former Medford man, and council commissioner who lives in Portland; Jim Grigsby, commissioner.

Crater Lake council representatives attending were George L. Brenden, assistant Scout executive, and William Cleary, of the explorer committee.

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