

New Book Describes Kennedy as Rolling On Political Tides

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A new book has come out about President Kennedy which depicts him as a cold, hard and changeable tactician who has rolled back and forth on political tides with but one final destination in mind—the White House.

"He has been all things to all men," is one of the milder and terser analyses in the voluminous, copiously-documented "J. F. K. the Man and the Myth" (Macmillan Co., \$7.95).

The author is Victor Lasky, a newspaperman and columnist who served as publicity advisor to Kennedy's Republican 1960 opponent, Richard M. Nixon, and in that campaign year wrote what could be considered a sketched version of the present work.

Lasky's criticisms of Kennedy range back to the Boston precinct politics of the President's grandfathers, cut through the philosophies and tactics of his brother Bob, and rip into the senatorial campaign and qualifications of his other brother Ted.

Ruthless Manipulator

The President's father, Joseph P. Kennedy is described as a ruthless financial manipulator who poured untold amounts of dollars into his life's dream of having his son become the first Roman Catholic in the White House.

Throughout the book, and relying upon hundreds of quoted news articles and other source work for background, Lasky portrays the President as a man who began his political life with no firm philosophical leanings, and who kept changing those he acquired as it suited his purpose.

The abortive Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, Lasky says, provides "a perfect example of how conflicting advice led a young President, thoroughly inexperienced in diplomacy, military affairs, and psychological warfare, into a doomed adventure that would have worldwide repercussions long after its tragic denouement."

"Basically," Lasky says, "Kennedy failed in Cuba because he tried to ride two horses and fell between them." Effort Weakened.

These were the alternatives of

throwing the full resources of U. S. military strength behind the exiles' invasion attempt or opposing it completely. As Lasky sums it up: "Finally, and typically, he compromised between the extremes. He ordered changes in the original Eisenhower plan which, to say the least, considerably weakened the effort."

This reference primarily was to Kennedy's refusal of American air power to back the invasion. And Lasky maintains that the President and his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, viewed the tragic defeat "primarily as a personal affront" with the slaughter or capture of 1,500 young Cubans "a secondary consideration."

Starting back with Kennedy's college days, Lasky describes the President as one who got his ideological and political stands from others and then, for his own advancement, updated his views. These included his stands on civil rights, economics, labor, and various aspects of foreign policy.

"Preoccupied with appearances rather than with realities, Jack Kennedy epitomizes mid-century man," Lasky says. "Obsessed with how he appears to others, he resists identification with issues, but he is responsive to national status of mind. If it is a McCarthyite period, he is prudently pro-McCarthy; if an anti-McCarthy period comes along, then he is prudently anti-McCarthy."

No Coherent Viewpoint

"Roosevelt, Hoover, LaFollette, Truman, Eisenhower, or Taft—their names immediately evoke a political philosophy. As for Kennedy, no coherent viewpoint comes to mind."

"Kennedy's name evokes no substantive position. He has been all things to all men."

Lasky even raises a question about the celebrated wartime PT-boat episode in which Kennedy emerged a hero, wondering how so maneuverable a craft could have been "rammed and sunk by a much slower Japanese destroyer."

The PT-109 story was only part of a gigantic, well-financed "buildup" that the President's father and other relatives mounted to get Kennedy to the



ROYALTY STROLLS—Great Britain's Prince Charles, killed and with a dirk tucked in his stocking, avoids the camera's eye as he and his sister, Princess Anne, take a stroll while attending the Royal Games at Braemar, Scotland, with their parents, Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. (UPI)

Portland Loan Office Robbed by Two Men

PORTLAND (UPI)—Two men wearing bib overalls held up the Menlo Park branch office of the Oregon Pioneer Savings and Loan Association in northeast Portland Monday afternoon and escaped with \$1,828.75 after tying up a woman employee.

White House, Lasky avers. And he adds:

"... With the Kennedys, the grooming of Robert F. to succeed John F. is no laughing matter. The succession is already taken for granted by those on the inside. The buildup already is under way."

Three Humanities Courses Are Added

ASHLAND—Three new courses have been added to the humanities division this fall at Southern Oregon college, Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the division, has announced.

They are intermediate French composition and conversation, RL 314, 315, and 316; intermediate Spanish composition and conversation, RL 347, 348, and 349; and intermediate German composition and conversation, GL 334, 335, and 336.

All three courses provide 2 hours credit.

Last Year of Schooling Starts for Some Vets

PORTLAND — The last full year of schooling for veterans taking education or training courses under the Korean GI Bill begins this month, R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland Veterans Administration regional office, noted today.

When this school year ends, only a half year of schooling will still be obtainable under the program. Courses starting in

September, 1964, must come to a close Jan. 31, 1965.

Congress set this cut-off date for the Korean readjustment program of education and training for veterans without service-connected disabilities. The law gives no authority to the VA to extend these benefits beyond these dates.

Originally, Korean Conflict veterans were eligible for 36

months of readjustment courses, but now only 17 months will remain before the final deadline when school classes resume this month, Novotny said.

To be eligible for such education or training a veteran must have had service at any time between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955. He also must have served at least 90 days and entered training within three years from his first discharge from

that service. Re-enlistment does not extend the three year limit.

First step is to obtain the necessary application form at the Veterans Administration regional office, 208 SW Fifth avenue, Portland, Ore.

Silt washed into Lake Mead back of Hoover dam is estimated to amount to one-half million tons per day.

PORTLAND (UPI) — Employees of the Douglas County Lumber Co. have voted 100-32 to certify Local 3-436 of the International Woodworkers of America as their bargaining agent, the National Labor Relations board has announced.

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