

Kennedy steps up his attacks on Carter after Maine caucus

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Sen. Edward Kennedy, buoyed by his second-place finish to President Carter in Maine, stepped up his attack on the president Tuesday, saying Carter postures "as the high priest of patriotism" while fumbling his power away.

In a speech at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, also delivered a harsh

attack on Carter's "Rose Garden" campaign strategy.

"The Rose Garden is a place to grow flowers," Kennedy said, "not to harvest votes."

"The meaning of Maine is that the presidency can never be above the fray," the Massachusetts senator said in his prepared remarks. "A president cannot afford to posture as the high priest of patriotism; he must be

a public leader as well as a political one."

Kennedy said Carter and his predecessors, who have failed to leave the White House to campaign, "discovered, to their regret, that hiding in the bushes only left them impaled on the thorns of the Rose Garden strategy."

Kennedy said he sought a "different kind of presidency — sensitive to the lessons of the past, confident of

the possibilities of the future."

He said that in three years of observing Carter in the White House, he had seen "the effects of a president who fumbled his power away."

"If a president does not forge and fight for a national agenda, the Congress dissolves into a selfish collection of powerful but petty special interests."

Ali would fight for America

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WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali, who lost his heavyweight title for refusing to fight in the Vietnam War, says he would be "first to join" if America needed him to fight Russia.

Ali was in Washington to re-

port to President Carter on his trip to Africa to get support for the U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

"Now, when we were in Vietnam, I figured we were wrong. Now we're right. I'd be the first to join. I'd get a rifle and jump in an

airplane and jump out." Ali said. "Say Russia attacks America and America has to go and stop Russia, I'd be the first to jump into an airplane to go against them — especially when they're attacking Islamic Muslims. So I think the draft is right."

Armed forces get women

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WASHINGTON — The armed forces are having no problem attracting women recruits.

The quarterly Pentagon report on recruits Monday showed the Army attracted 5,860 women from October to December, or 132 percent of its objective of 4,450 women.

The Navy attained 102 percent of its goal by recruiting 2,840 women, compared to its 2,770 goal.

The Air Force made 100 percent of its goal of 3,450, and the Marines hit 95 percent by enlisting 450 women, instead of the 480 they sought.

Overall, the military fell 28,000 persons short of its planned goal.

Pro-abortion review asked

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WASHINGTON — Groups opposed to the congressional ban on federal funding for abortions for poor women have asked the Supreme Court to review a New York ruling they say will provide a "clearcut" solution to the controversy.

The New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights asked the court Monday to review a Jan. 15 ruling by Judge John Dooling striking down the Hyde Amendment as unconstitutional.

The Hyde Amendment — named after sponsor Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. — bars federal funding of abortions for women on Medicaid. It has been attached as a rider to a federal appropriations bill every year since 1976.

Pro-abortion organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, urged the high court to consider Dooling's ruling at the same time it hears arguments sometime this spring in an Illinois case also raising the constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment.

After two years of deliberation, Dooling held the Hyde Amendment infringes on a woman's religious freedom to choose whether she wants an abortion, and denies women on welfare equal protection of the law.

If it only considered the Illinois case, the court could decide the narrower issue of the constitutionality of state abortion funding restrictions and sidestep a decision on the constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment, said Rhonda Copelon, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Lubbock's jobless rate nation's best

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Lubbock had a jobless rate of only 2.4 percent of its population at the end of 1979 — the best in the nation — while Anderson, Ind., at a 15.2 percent rate, was the worst city in which to find work.

Anderson also experienced the sharpest increase during the year, jumping 8.7 percentage points from a 6.5 percent rate in December 1978.

Lubbock was one of 33 metropolitan areas that experienced a drop in the jobless rate of at least 1 percentage point over the year, declining 1.5 percent from 3.9 percent in December 1978.

Kenosha, Wis., saw its rate plunge 3.6 percentage points — the largest in the nation — from 8.1 percent to 4.5 percent, due to gains in transportation equipment manufacturing.

The Labor Department, in a report Monday, said 10 states suffered over-the-year increases in their unemployment rates of at least 1 percentage point during 1979.

At year's end, Alaska had the highest state unemployment rate, 10 percent, while New Hampshire and Wyoming tied for the lowest rate at 3.4 percent.

The data includes statistics from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Figures from Minnesota were not included.

The 10 states with increases in the jobless rate of at least 1 percentage point were Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and West Virginia.

Indiana had the largest jump — 2.2 percentage points — going from 6.0 percent in December 1978 to 8.2 percent in December 1979.

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