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Kennedy Feud

By Maxine Cheshire

Matriarch Rose Kennedy has found herself caught in a family tug-of-war over a video-tape interview which was filmed here two weeks ago for possible use in McGovern-Shriver television commercials.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was unaware of the taping session until the footage was already in the can.

Documentary moviemaker Charles Guggenheim, who has been producing the Democratic ads for TV, got the 82-year-old Mrs. Kennedy to go before the cameras for an impromptu endorsement of Sen. George McGovern during a fund-raiser at R. Sargent Shriver's Timberlawn estate in Rockville, Md.

Sen. Kennedy, when he found out, was furious that the session had been arranged without his clearance.

He was so annoyed at first that he refused to permit Guggenheim to use any part of the interview.

Then Sen. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Shriver got on the phone. Her brother agreed to go to Guggnheim's projection room to see the rushes, even though the viewing session almost caused him to miss a plane.

He has relented somewhat, but even Sen. Kennedy's own staff doesn't know whether the interview is going to be shown.

No Tea for Two

Winston Churchill II, a member of the British Parliament and grandson of the late Prime Minister, wanted an audience with President Nixon while he was visiting in Washington recently.

At the White House, the 32-year-old Churchill got to see

presidential assistant John D. Ehrlichman and was assured every effort was being made to fit him into the President's calendar.

Days went by and nothing happened. Then the White House switchboard tracked young Churchill down and a top aide came cheerily on the line to inform him that the President would be pleased to have him "drop by for a cup of tea."

He'd love to, replied Churchill, but the problem was the distance involved. The White House had reached him in London.

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Xerox Corp. board chairman Max Palevsky, one of the largest contributors to Sen. George McGovern's nearly bankrupt campaign, has plans which may ease the financial burden of future Democratic candidates for high office. He is talking to other wealthy men with liberal leaning about forming something tentatively titled the "Institute to Finance Political Campaigns."

Foreign Affairs adviser Henry Kissinger's father keeps scrapbooks of articles about his famous son. But journalists who get critical, too often, will find themselves expurgated from this family record. Cornering columnist Joseph Kraft at a party the other night, Kissinger jocularly cautioned him: "Write one more unkind thing about me and my father says you are being purged from his scrapbooks permanently." . . Ronna Costumers Inc. sold a lot of those realistic plastic masks of President Nixon for Halloween, but not to White House staffers. Aides at 1600 Pennsylvania Aye, have been steady customers for the \$7.95 masks since they came out. One placed an order for 60 and another bought one to wear to a staff meeting. But now the novelty has worn off.

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