

Letters to the Editor

Faults Kennedy

Editor, States-Item:

I am not jumping for joy at the latest Kennedy tragedy, but I do, nevertheless, feel a little malicious. I feel Mr. Kennedy has handled himself badly and in poor faith, if not actually insultingly to the American level of intelligence.

I am a career woman and at one time worked for a criminal attorney. These two instances provide for me two different points of view. First, that "there but for the Grace of God . . ." as a secretary; and second, recognition that Mr. Kennedy has literally thrown himself "on the mercy of the court," which to any experienced legal mind means "I'm guilty as hell."

His play for sympathy was well delivered and as I watched

and listened to him, I felt emotions of compassion, but the cold light of dawn brought reason and reality back home. The girl is dead. Death is forever. I feel his behavior was cowardly and unmanly. Someone else has already come forward with the biggest question, i.e., what would happen if he were at a cocktail party and the Red

Chinese attacked. Would he have the presence of mind to advise the Pentagon?

A firm and ever-constant control on one's presence of mind is mandatory at any level of life, and to me, Mr. Kennedy has decidedly displayed a loss of presence. I do not want him for my president. There are too many unanswered and obvious questions.

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