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John Kennedy on Loyalty Cited in Connally Speech

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 — Former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally, now the chairman of Democrats for Nixon, used the example and words of President Kennedy and other Democratic Presidents tonight in a harsh and wide-ranging attack on Senator George McGovern's candidacy, especially in the area of foreign policy.

Mr. Connally, who as Governor of Texas was riding in the Kennedy car in Dallas when the President was assassinated, said toward the start of his half-hour speech that because of "the fundamental question of confidence," many Democrats "agree with John Kennedy's comment that 'sometimes party loyalty asks too much.'"

In the taped speech, which was carried by two television networks and 45 local stations at a cost of \$167,800, Mr. Connally introduced himself as "a Democrat who, along with many of my fellow Democrats, has become convinced that it is in the best interests of this country to re-elect President Nixon."

Not Other Races

But he pointed out almost at the start that Democratic support for Mr. Nixon "does not involve in any way" the campaigns of Democrats running for other offices.

In attacking Mr. McGovern, Mr. Connally said that he "rallied to the cause of Henry Wallace in 1948." Mr. McGovern has said that while he initially supported Mr. Wallace's candidacy, he did not, in fact, vote for him.

In charging that the South Dakotan would "wrench American foreign policy out of the great traditions" of the last six Presidents—four of them Democrats—Mr. Connally cited instances from Mr. McGovern's record, including an alleged comparison of "Ho Chi Minh to George Washington."

A spokesman for Democrats for Nixon said the source of this allegation was a September, 1971, interview in Playboy magazine and a biography of Senator McGovern by Robert S. Anson. None of the three in-

dexed references to Ho Chi Minh in Mr. Anson's book supported the attribution, nor could any such reference be found in the interview, which was in the August, 1971, issue of Playboy.

Quotes Remarks on Soviets

Mr. Connally often used short statements made by the Senator during the campaign to support his charges, as when he quoted Mr. McGovern's remark that "I think they [the Soviets] would regard me as a friend and would do everything they could to keep my friendship."

This was one of two portions of Mr. Connally's speech that was previewed earlier today during a half-hour, \$35,000 paid telecast by Clark MacGregor, the director of the committee for the Re-election of the President, at 11:30 A.M. Eastern daylight time. Mr. MacGregor urged his daytime viewers to watch Mr. Connally's speech, which he described as "a blockbuster."

Also featured during Mr. MacGregor's telecast were portions of commercials that have not yet been used in the Nixon campaign. One presented what was said to be President Nixon's passport, showing a typed legend, "The bearer of this passport is the President of the United States," and page after page stamped with visas from the various countries that he has visited while in office.

According to the Protocol and Passport Office of the State Department, however, the President, as a head of state, does not use a passport.

Doorsteps and Phones

Mr. MacGregor said that "the doorsteps" of "almost 8 million" of the 63 million households in the United States had been "visited" by Nixon volunteers, and that "over four million" households had been telephoned. He also announced that next Saturday would be a "get out the vote day," with workshops around the country to show volunteers "how to get the President's supporters to the polls on Election Day."

Mr. Connally, whose speech

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On page 180 of a biography of Senator McGovern by Robert S. Anson, Senator McGovern is quoted in an interview with Milton Viorst, the columnist, in 1971, as having said that the North Vietnamese were striving for national independence. There was the following exchange:

"VIORST: If we make a historical allegory out of this, what similarities do you see with the American Revolution, where we Americans were trying to keep a foreign power, Britain, and its sympathizers, the Tories, from running the country?"

"MCGOVERN: I think they're very close. I think that Ho Chi

Minh has copied our Declaration of Independence. He was really trying to throw the French out, not invite the Chinese in. And as Eisenhower said: 'If there had been an election after they threw the French out, we would have had 80 per cent of the vote, at least, in both North and South Vietnam.' Similarly, George Washington was overwhelmingly elected once he kicked the British out of our country.

"VIORST: I suppose that Nixon would like to make the late Ho Chi Minh into the Vietnam Hitler. Are you suggesting he might be the North Vietnamese George Washington?"

"MCGOVERN: 'That's right.'"

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will be shown again at the same time, 7:30 P.M. Eastern daylight time, on Monday on the Columbia Broadcasting System television network at an additional cost of \$73,800, also charged that Mr. McGovern "wants to cut out the muscle of our national defense." He said that if the Senator's defense proposals were implemented, "the total United States armed forces level would be cut to a point lower than at the time of Pearl Harbor."

He said that he did not question Senator McGovern's sincerity, "or even his good intentions, but sincerity and good intentions are not enough."

And he concluded by quoting an unsuccessful Democratic Presidential candidate, the late Adlai E. Stevenson, as saying that "if the voters ever stop looking at the record and character of the candidates and look only at a party label, it will be a sad day for democracy." But he said he believed this would not happen because "the people of this country will reject George McGovern's call for retreat and reaffirm American's leadership" by re-electing Mr. Nixon.