

'I don't think my father has too

Julie Takes

On the

Questions

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By Mildred Hamilton

At 23 Julie Nixon Eisenhower exhibits a veteran's poise in public with political savvy, and she's very much her father's daughter whether fielding a hostile question about Vietnam or praising the volunteer program of the Red Cross.

The 47th national convention of the American Red Cross brought the President's younger daughter to San Francisco yesterday with his official greetings.

She used a news conference, before her brief Hilton luncheon speech, to cover, with composure, topics from marijuana to this fall's election. This was accomplished with good humor despite competition from a jackhammer crew on the other side of the wall.

Outside the hotel, Jewish community pickets marched and passed out copies of their telegram to Julie asking her to seek International Red Cross action on behalf of the Jews in Russia.

Inside the petite dimpled brunette faced a large press corps, which had gone through two security check points, to comment on:

—Marijuana, "which I

would like to see put to a vote because I believe legalizing it would be voted down." She called the present situation about marijuana "confused, with penalties for possession too high" but she rapped it as "having no redeeming value. I've never tried it. I don't feel the need for that kind of high."

—The campaign. "I hope to be very active. I was in 37 states in the 1968 campaign and I enjoyed it very much. Talking to people and taking their views back to my father will be important."

She will not concentrate on appealing to the nation's youth, she said, because she feels there has been too much emphasis on special groups. "This leads to divisiveness." Her sister Tricia and brother-in-law Ed Cox will join her on the political trail "but David will have to sit this one out." Her husband, Ensign David Eisenhower, is now on Navy maneuvers in the Caribbean.

There are no personal political plans in her future or her husband's, she said. "He has two more years in the Navy and then he is interested in journalism, a writing career."

—Democratic candi-

dates. "I can't imagine why I am always asked this, but I don't think my father has too much to worry about."

—Abortion. Despite the recent endorsement of abortion by the White House Commission on Population, Julie balked, as did her father. "It's a very personal thing and it may be justified in some cases. But I can't agree to abortion on demand. There have to be reasons."

—The War. The North Vietnamese offensive successes may hurt her father "but he is doing what he feels is the only thing." She was confident as she called his Vietnamization program "a success."

Julie, who learned of the death of J. Edgar Hoover at the press conference, said, "I'm very sad. I have known him since I



SMILING Julie Nixon Eisenhower, left, and somber, right, with Mrs. Francis E. Hildebrand, Red Cross volunteer chairman.

—Examiner photos by Eddie Murphy

was 4 years old, and all I can say is that he really loved this country."

The President's daughter, who is being increasingly used to represent the White House at national meetings, arrived in San Francisco with her Secret Service escort Monday night. She insisted, according to a staff spokesman, on being moved from a suite to a single room and on being transported around town in an "ordinary government motor pool sedan instead of a limousine."

Her appearance before 600 Red Cross volunteers was cheered as she took her place behind a bouquet of "Mamie Eisenhower carnations." She presented the first copy of "Eye on Nixon," book about the First Family for which she wrote the captions, to Red Cross President George M. Elsey. Proceeds from its sale will go to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Julie, who has a pretty face with turned up nose, warm, creamy complexion and lively brown eyes, wore a simple navy dress with long sleeves, set-in vest with horizontal bands

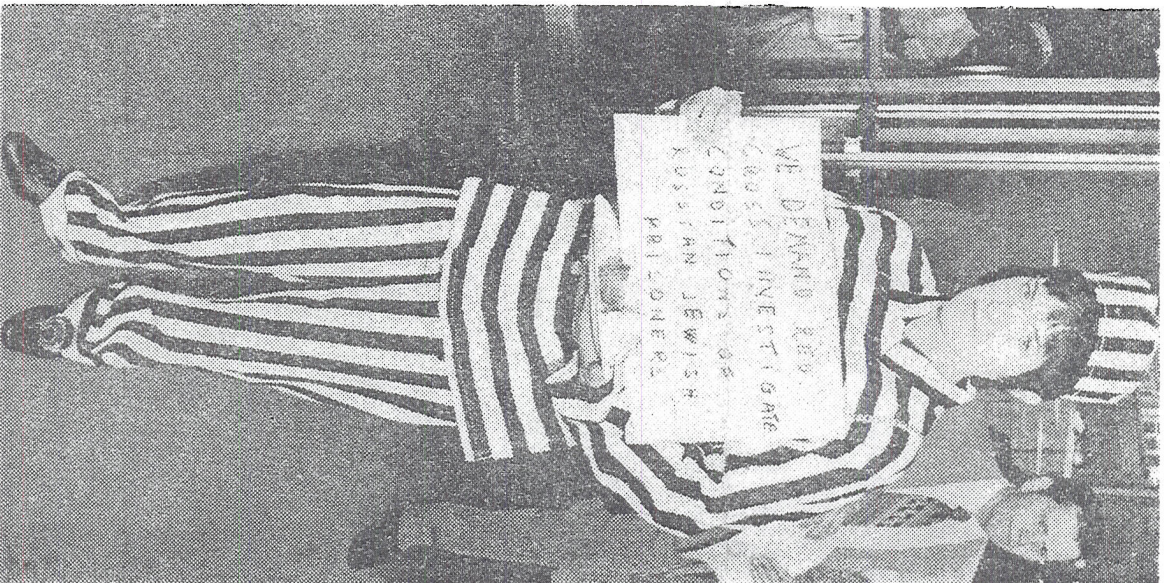
of color and white collar.

She read a Presidential message commending the work of the Red Cross and its volunteer army, and added her own laudatory comments on its service record.

Earlier, the young Navy wife talked about her mother's eight years as head of the Senate wives' Red Cross unit. "I thought she was glamorous in her Red Cross uniform."

Julie, a Smith College graduate, earned a master's in elementary education at Washington, D.C.'s Catholic University. She had planned to teach the third grade in Atlantic Beach, Fla., where she lives, but suffered a broken toe in a preschool workshop last fall.

She is still interested in teaching but the President's growing assignments for her come first. She has been shuttled around the country in recent months on a variety of appearances and went on from here to Los Angeles. Tonight she is scheduled to address a convention of 500 high school and college age business students and present awards to student leaders.



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