

Ted at Peace--'Can Live With Myself'

BOSTON — (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy says he is privately at peace with himself about the automobile accident in which Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, a secretary to his late brother Robert, was killed.

"I can live with myself," the Massachusetts Democrat said in an interview with Matthew V. Storin of the Boston Globe's Washington staff.

"I feel the tragedy of the girl's death. That's on my mind. That's what I will always have to live with. But what I don't have to live with are the whispers and innuendoes and falsehoods, because these have no basis in fact."

In other developments involving the July 18 accident

on the Chappaquiddick Island section of Martha's Vineyard:

- The Manchester, N.H., Union Leader said that in the hours immediately after the accident, when Kennedy said he was in shock, 17 phone calls were charged to his credit card.

- In Boston, a spokesman for New England Telephone Co. said legal restrictions prevented him from confirming or denying the report, but he said the use of the card did not necessarily mean the senator made the calls.

- In Washington, Kennedy denied as "categorically untrue" a statement by col-

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New Mary Jo Autopsy Plea

NEW BEDFORD (Mass.) — (AP) — District Attorney Edmund Dinis said today he is "making efforts" to send two deputies to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., tomorrow for an afternoon court session on his request for an autopsy on the woman who died in Sen. Edward Kennedy's automobile accident.

Dinis said he probably would not go himself, but hoped to send First Assistant District Attorney Peter Gay, and Assistant District Attorney Armand Fernades.

Dinis said the session would be a preliminary hearing in the Common Pleas Court to establish a date for a formal hearing on his request for exhumation of the body of Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, and for an autopsy on it.

He said he thought he would attend the formal session.

Officials of the Pennsylvania court said a written petition from Dinis was not adequate. Judge Bernard C. Brominski said either Dinis or a representative must appear in person.

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umnist Jack Anderson that after the accident Kennedy did not swim the channel between Chappaquiddick Island and Edgartown, as the senator said he did. Anderson said Kennedy intimates told him that Kennedy was taken across in a boat by two associates.

Resents Charges

In the Boston Globe story published today, Storin said Kennedy "particularly resents charges that he may have thought of his political future and left the scene of the accident while there was still a chance Miss Kopechne was alive."

He said Kennedy "admits in conversation that he may have made a mistake in not going beyond the televised explanation," but said the senator cited "legal restraints and the current rumor-filled atmosphere" as reasons for declining to say more about the accident than he did in his July 25 TV appearance.

In its story, from Edgartown, the Union Leader said five calls charged to Kennedy's credit card were made before midnight July 18 from telephone on Chappaquiddick listed to Sidney Lawrence, owner of a cottage rented to Kennedy associates at the time.

No Locations

It said 12 others were made after midnight, all from a pay telephone at the Shiretown Inn in Edgartown, where Kennedy had rooms while attending the Edgartown Yacht Club regatta.

In Boston, sources familiar with credit card operations said that when a call is made with such a card the operator does not ask the number of the telephone from which the party is calling. When such calls are billed to the card holder, the accounting shows only the number that was called.

The Union Leader said one of the calls before midnight was to the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port. It said two were made to Theodore C. Sorenson in New York. Sorenson was an adviser to the late President Kennedy.

The newspaper said one other was made to an unlisted number in Boston, and another in an unsuccessful attempt to reach Washington lawyer Burke Marshall.

The Union leader said two calls the next morning were in attempts to reach Marshall, another was to the unlisted Boston number, and the rest were to telephones in Washington and Virginia whose owners it could not learn.