

Mitchell's Blunt Remarks on Youth

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Attorney General John N. Mitchell was quoted yesterday as saying that students, professors and "these stupid bastards who are ruining our educational institutions" are uninformed about what goes on in government.

In a candid, convivial mood at a Women's National Press Club cocktail buffet in Washington Wednesday night, Mitchell was reported to have said that street violence and campus unrest are the biggest political issues this year and that "this country is going so far right you are not even going to recognize it."

Mitchell was interviewed by Kandy Stroud, a reporter for Women's Wear Daily who said she identified herself at the start of the conversation.

But a Justice Department spokesman said:

"Attorney General Mitchell attended a Women's National Press Club reception Wednesday night but did not grant an interview to a reporter from Women's Wear Daily or any other newspapers. Comments attributed to the attorney general, apparently based on fragmentary and overheard conversations at a social gathering, are distorted and highly inaccurate."

Mrs. Stroud, informed of the Justice Department comment, said she would be "very offended if the attorney general did not recall speaking with me, and terri-

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bly surprised to discover that so extraordinarily intelligent a man as he is reputed to be has such a short memory."

"I do not claim his intelligence, but I do have a pretty good memory and I can recall every delightful word that he spoke."

Reporter Stroud said the attorney general told her he had just come from three Republican fund-raising parties.

"He's (Mr. Nixon) probably the most informed President there's ever been. He reads everything and remembers it all. I really can't understand how people can call him isolated. He's aware of everything that's going on."

"I'll tell you who's not informed, though. It's these stupid kids. Why, they don't know the issues. They pick the rhetoric that they want to hear, right off the top of an issue and never finish reading to the bottom. Why, I talked to the kids from the Harvard Law School in my

office and I was flabbergasted at how uninformed they are about what's going on inside government.

"And the professors are just as bad if not worse. They don't know anything. Nor do these stupid bastards who are ruining our educational institutions."

"You know, we have the finest educational system in the world and they're trying to destroy it. Well, I'll tell you what's going to happen. If they keep on, nobody is going to support any of these institutions any more and we're going to lose our precious heritage, the higher educational institutions in this country."

On Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security affairs adviser:

"Henry's an egocentric maniac. He loves to appear in the newspapers with Jill St. John. But when he get back to the office he's really a brilliant man . . . he's indispensable. He's on the firing line every day."