

Nixon Stance  
Is Assailed  
By Kennedy  
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SEAGIRT, N.J., Sept. 6—  
Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) tonight said the nation cannot adhere to President Nixon's admonition to get on to the country's other business, "when the President himself is the principal obstructionist over Watergate."

Kennedy, speaking to a fund-raising dinner in support of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Brendan Byrne, said the "biggest single obstacle to putting Watergate behind us is the President's own refusal to clear the air" by releasing tapes of White House conversations dealing with the Watergate.

Kennedy also challenged the President's allegation that Congress had been dragging its heels on legislative matters in the post-Watergate period.

"Thanks to Congress, America is now at peace in all of Indochina," Kennedy said. "And it's all because Congress voted to end the war and made the deadline stick."

Kennedy also defended Congress's work in domestic matters, and said, "The record would be even better but for the string of deplorable vetoes by the President this year, like the veto of the minimum wage this week."

He said it was time "for the President to stop using Watergate as a scapegoat for the failures of his own administration."

Sen. Kennedy also took Mr. Nixon to task on the state of the economy. "Watergate didn't cause inflation or any other problem," he said. "You can't blame the cost of food on Watergate. You can't blame unemployment on Watergate. You can't blame rising interest rates on Watergate."

Kennedy's appearance in New Jersey at a \$125-a-plate dinner is likely to kick off a parade of political notables from both parties here this fall. It is only one of two states electing governors. The other is Virginia.

On Sept. 17, New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller is to come here to make the official start of Rep. Charles Sandman's campaign as Byrne's Republican opponent. Other party notables—and 1976 presidential hopefuls—such as Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.) are possible visitors, Sandman's headquarters says.