

# Tapes, Tricks And Treats

By Dorothy McCardle

Reprinted from yesterday's late editions

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Wednesday night he regards the latest development in the case of the White House Watergate tapes as a Halloween trick or treat on somebody.

On his way home to take his children trick or treating on Halloween in McLean, the senator stopped off to receive the annual distinguished service award of the National Consumers' League at a reception in the New Senate Office Building.

Asked what he thought of President Nixon's announcement that two of the nine Watergate tapes he had finally agreed to give to U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica don't exist, Kennedy said, "It's really astounding. It's trick or treating on somebody."

One move that the President may make pleases Sen. Kennedy. He predicted that if the President nominates Sen. William B. Saxbe, (R-Ohio) as Attorney General, Saxbe "will do an excellent job."

Kennedy was honored by the consumers' group for his "leadership in sponsoring and facilitating the enactment of major social and labor legislation, and in particular, for his efforts on behalf of comprehensive national health insurance legislation."

He was presented to the several hundred members of the League by Robert Nathan, the economist and

chairman of the board of the League. The award was given to Kennedy by Robert Powell, vice president of the League, who acted in the absence of Esther Peterson, the newly elected League president.

In his remarks, Kennedy said that "all of us are in the shadow of the scandal of Watergate."

"Millions of people are having to pay higher prices because of the powers given special interests and the grain deals with the Soviets," he said.