

## SOVIET PAPER CALLS KENNEDY PERSECUTED

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MOSCOW, July 31—Senator Edward M. Kennedy's right-wing enemies have started a "campaign of persecution" against him in the United States, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

The campaign, according to an article in Komsomolskaya Pravda, the paper of the Communist youth organization, was occasioned by the automobile accident more than a week ago in which a woman accompanying the Massachusetts Senator was killed.

"Already from the Senator's story of the accident we learn of the campaign of persecution which circles hostile to him have now started in the U.S.A.," the article said. The accident provided "a convenient moment for the most shameless circles in the U.S.A., which are closely tied to the military-industrial complex," the paper said.

"Right-wing circles, always hostile to the Kennedy family," the article said, were aware of the "danger" the Senator represented to them as a "liberal candidate" for the Presidency in 1972. For this reason, the paper said, the Senator's enemies want to "debunk Kennedy in the eyes of Americans" and to "trample in the mud the name of a person who, while far distant from radicalism, is apparently a liberal in comparison to the American ultras."