MAGAZINE CRITICIZED BY SENATOR KENNEDY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI) -Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, has protested as "unnecessarily cruel" a news magazine's article on the death of his father, Joseph P. Kennedy.

In a letter published in the current edition of Newsweek, Senator Kennedy cited three examples of what he termed unjustified statements in the article.

The first was that the eldest Kennedy son, Joseph Jr., had been "reckless" in the World War II bombing mission that cost him his life.

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The second was a statement that the elder Kennedy had been "ashamed" of the fact that a daughter, Rosemary, was mentally retarded.

In the third example, the Senator took issue with the article's implication that his father had "sired" his children and abandoned them "to be raised by my mother."

At another point, the Senator wrote: "I wish you could have devoted at least a line to the generosity, humor and heart my father had in such abundance, but nowhere were these qualities indicated. I could not recognize my father from your portrayal of him."