

" J.F.K. = King of The One Liners "   
 BY PAT/SALTY

To say that JOHN FITZGERALD Kennedy had IRISH (AMERICAN) WIT is AN UNDERSTATEMENT; HE WAS THE KING OF PRESIDENCIAL STANDUP COMEDY, HE WAS THE COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF ONE LINERS.

EVEN TODAY, TO WATCH + LISTEN TO his PRESS CONFERENCES, WELL; THATS ~~ENTERTAINMENT~~ ENTERTAINMENT!

JOHN KENNEDY De-Fused SITUATIONS AND CONTROVERSYS WITH WIT AND HUMORE. SOME EXAMPLES; HOW DID J.F.K. HANDLE THE ALLEGATIONS AND CHARGES THAT his FATHER JOE KENNEDY "HAD BOUGHT" THE 1960 PRESIDENCIAL ELECTION FOR him? he WENT BEFORE THE MEDIA CAMERAS AFTER his ELECTION AND WAVED A

TELEGRAM he SAID WAS FROM his FATHER READING "DEAR JACK, I PROMISED TO BUY YOU AN ELECTION - NOT A LANDSLIDE!"

CONTROVERSY De-Fused, THE KENNEDY WAY, AND IT WORKED, TO - IT ALWAYS WORKED. ANOTHER TIME A HOSTILE KENNEDY HATER ASKED him, "SO HOW DID YOU BECOME A WAR HERO?!"

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KENNEDYS ANSWER; "THE JAPANESE SUNK MY SHIP."

SHORT AND SWEET AND TO THE POINT. TIMING, AS THEY SAY, IS EVERYTHING. WHEN CRITICS CHARGED "NEPOTISM" FOR HIM APPOINTING HIS YOUNGER BROTHER BOBBY AS HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, HOW DID J.F.K. ANSWER?

AS ALWAYS, FAST, SURE, AND TO THE POINT; "BOBBY WAS OUT OF WORK AND NEEDED A JOB."

HE LEFT THEM ROLLING IN THE ISLES WITH THAT ONE, TOO.

AFTER ~~THE~~ JACKIE KENNEDY HAD RECEIVED DAYS ON END OF PRESS + MEDIA

COVERAGE OVER IN EUROPE + FRANCE, HOW DID J.F.K. INTRODUCE HIMSELF? AS "THE HUSBAND OF THE FIRST LADY."

THAT ONE CRACKED THEM ALL UP, TOO.

KENNEDYS PRESIDENCY WAS LIKE A LAUGH A MINUTE LAUGH RIOT - OR ~~SEMI-COMEDY~~ SO IT OFTEN SEEMED; ~~WELL~~

HIS PRESS CONFERENCES OFTEN REACHED CLASSIC COMEDY PROPORTIONS; THEY WERE OF COURSE CHOCK FULL OF SERIOUS QUESTIONS - FROM THE MEDIA - AND SERIOUS



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ANSWERS - FROM HIM - BUT THEY WERE MORE THEN JUST THAT; THEY WERE FUN FOR ALL INVOLVED; FOR HIM, FOR THE REPORTERS, FOR THE PUBLIC THAT WATCHED + LISTENED TO THEM, FOR EVERYONE. BORING, THEY NEVER WERE.

DULL, NEVER.

JOHN KENNEDY COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT WIT - LIKE MARK TWAIN - OR A GREAT COMEDIAN OR SHOW BUSINESS "MASTER OF CEREMONYS" TYPE, IF THINGS HAD WORKED OUT THAT WAY - BECAUSE HE HAD THE NATURAL QUICKNESS OF MIND AND NATURAL FAST WIT TO BE. FOR THOSE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER - OR WHO HADN'T BEEN BORN - A REVIEW OF THE AVAILABLE TAPES / DIGITAL RECORDINGS WILL MORE THEN SUFFICE TO PROVE ~~THAT~~ SO. NO PRESIDENT SENSE HAS EVEN COME ANYWHERE CLOSE TO BEING AS FUN AND FUNNY AND ENTERTAINING AS J.F.K. WAS TO WATCH AND LISTEN TO. NOT EVEN ONE.

THIS TRUTH BY ITSELF SHOWS JUST HOW RARE THE MAN WAS, IF NOTHING ELSE. THE KENNEDY PRESIDENCIAL MOTTO SHOULD HAVE BEEN; "ALWAYS LEAVE THEM LAUGHING" xxx