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# Robert Kennedy Is Accused Of Stirring Racial Violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mississippi's chief legal officer Tuesday accused Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy of sending Justice Department agents into the South to stir up racial violence.

He said Kennedy has "demonstrated to the nation his immaturity, irresponsibility and fiendish delight" in wielding power.

State Atty. Gen. Joe T. Patter-

son's attack on the Kennedy administration drew a lecture from Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okla., presiding over a civil rights bill hearing, that Patterson had damaged his own case with "intemperate language."

Patterson said:

"I firmly believe that the present U.S. attorney general, with the approval of the President of the

United States, is far more responsible for the racial violence and troubles we are having throughout this nation than the ruthless leaders who are sponsoring and promoting racial unrest.

"I make this charge because I know as a matter of fact that down in my state agents and representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice are ever present where there is racial trouble and instead of working with the duly elected and responsible officials in an effort to prevent violence and disorder, these agents of the U.S. attorney general actually aid, abet and encourage violation of state laws and municipal ordinances, assuring the agitators that if and when arrested the Department of Justice will come to their rescue."

Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., said he was shocked by Patterson's attack on the President and the attorney general and said: "We'd better not be diverted by this kind of personalizing."

Patterson replied:

"I say again, without apology—those two individuals have taken their powerful offices and used them to bring about racial situations."

Patterson testified at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on a bill to outlaw discrimination in theaters, stores, restaurants and other public accommodations.

He denounced the administration's civil rights program as unconstitutional, paternalistic and unnecessary.

Patterson's attack was similar in some respects to that delivered July 12 by Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi. Barnett accused President Kennedy and his attorney general brother of "sowing the seeds of hate and violence."