

Jack Challenges Nixon On Rights

WASHINGTON — (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy accused Vice President Richard M. Nixon of “recklessly” and falsely charging him with ducking the civil rights issue in the South.

“Mr. Nixon makes this charge despite his own failure to state his position,” the Democratic presidential candidate said in a stiff statement replying to a series of allegations his Republican opponent has made in both Northern and Southern speeches.

Kennedy said Nixon had challenged him to talk about civil rights in the South “In spite of the fact that in our first debate on nationwide television . . . which was broadcast to the South, the North, the East, and the West, I said that I would not be satisfied ‘until every American enjoys his full constitutional rights.’”

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The Democratic nominee said he “went into detail on the inequality of opportunities” Negroes faced in education, housing and employment, while Nixon “did not choose to take up this problem at all” during their radio-TV session Sept. 26.

“Mr. Nixon makes this charge in spite of my record for dealing frankly with this problem in both the North and in the South, prior to the time I became a candidate for the presidency,” Kennedy said.

that ‘everybody is aware of the strong convictions’ he has on this issue,” Kennedy said. “But I have been unable to find a statement of those convictions in any of his Southern speeches.”

“Mr. Nixon likes to repeat