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Once Again, The Prowler

Once again a prowler has broken into a girls' dorm, this time in to Cobb.

Once again the girls who live there were exposed to either sexual attack, bodily harm or both.

Once again the girls who one around to protect them, as a night watchmen could have.

Once again the reason is that the Administration refuses to spend money to hire night watchmen.

Once again it can claim night watchmen aren't necessary, because no prowler has either raped or harmed a coed — yet.

Once again they can say so only because the coeds have been very lucky so far.

Once again many women in the dorms are beginning to worry about when this luck is going to run out, when somebody is going to be either raped or hurt?

Once again we ask, "Just how much is a coed's life worth, South Building?"

Nixon Has Good Ideas; LBJ Just Has Vietnam

Good things come in strange packages every now and then.

Like Richard M. Nixon's calling for the end of the draft and the creation of a professional, volunteer army.

While it's admittedly startling to hear such words pouring from the mouth of a Republican presidential candidate, the idea is no less welcome because of its source.

Nixon was quoted Wednesday by United Press International as saying that the nation's youth should "be able to plan their lives rather than living as they are today, with the draft hanging over them."

Further, Nixon pledged a quick end to the Vietnam war, if he were elected — not by either blowing Vietnam off the face of Asia or by unilaterally withdrawing, but by simply getting down to the business of ending the war, rather than piddling around with it as the Johnson Administration has been doing.

In promising to end the war, although not saying specifically how he would do it, the former Vice President told New Hampshire voters that, "it is possible if we mobilize our economic, political and diplomatic leadership that the war can be ended."

In so saying, Candidate Nixon made a point with which it is very hard to disagree — that, if the U.S. set its mind to it, the war in Vietnam could be ended.

It is rather hard to imagine — as the Johnson Administration would have Americans think — that the United States can't win just about any war it wants to. The U.S. is, after all, the most powerful military nation in the world. It is therefore ludicrous to think that this great power could be so easily thwarted by a rag-tag group of guerrillas such as the Viet Cong.

The obvious conclusion is that the war is being mismanaged by the Johnson Administration.

Further, not only the military efforts, but also diplomatic efforts to end the war have been made

with surprisingly little vigor. Just as it seems ludicrous to imagine the United States' being militarily defeated by such a ill-assorted guard as the Viet Cong, it seems equally implausible to think that American diplomats could not meet with the opposition's delegates and work out some sort of truce.

Again, the obvious conclusion is that the Johnson Administration simply is not making adequate diplomatic efforts to end the war.

There is also the question about what to do after the fighting stops and somewhat normal times return to Vietnam. Nixon also brought up this point by making mention of winning the peace and by saying the U.S. must involve its economic leadership in the Vietnam question.

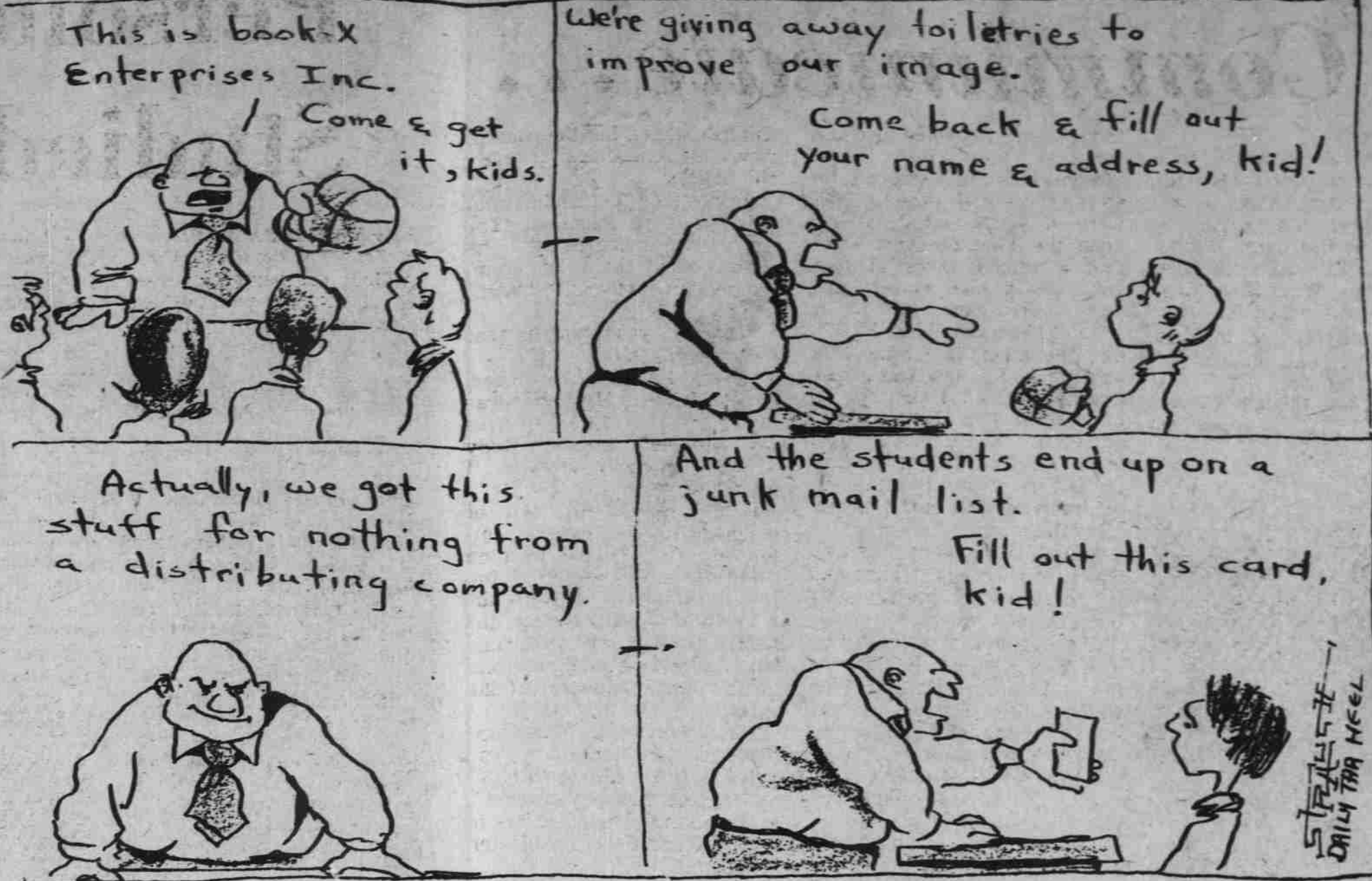
Although we don't recall President Johnson's ever making any mention of winning the peace — perhaps he doesn't envision that as being a problem during his administration — it is a problem that must be dealt with.

For unless the U.S. is prepared to allow Southeast Asian nations to be the strongholds of such dire poverty as that which makes fertile ground for Communism to flourish in, then this nation is going to have to provide sufficient foreign aid to these countries to uplift these standards of living.

Former Vice President Nixon is addressing himself to all of these problems during his campaign for the New Hampshire Republican Primary. Likewise, insurgent Democrat Eugene McCarthy is saying very similar things in the New Hampshire primary for his party's nomination.

Meanwhile, back at the LBJ Ranch, President Johnson continues to ignore all these facets.

Which rather leaves the nation with only one hope: that somebody will beat Johnson in November, so the U.S. can begin to make some headway on the road out of Vietnam.



Students Needed To Dig A Case For Bruce Strauch

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to state what I believe to be the case for Bruce Strauch, independent candidate in the election for student body president.

First, let me state my reasons against the system's candidates, that is, those endorsed by the established political parties and having extensive student government experience. The SP's candidate, Jed Dietz, is a well "qualified" man for the job; likewise, the UP's probable candidate, Ken Day, while not as ebullient as Dietz, knows the ways and means of the student government infra-structure as well as anyone else (including Dietz).

However, what is at issue this spring is not whether we elect a qualified leader for our governmental system, but rather do we have a qualified government to begin with; and the answer is flatly no. This is not to say that we do not have a highly structured and bureaucratized, obnoxiously precise, and well formed government, for we certainly do. The tragedy is, though, that amid all the formality, pomposity, and procedure, student government has forgotten the student. True, we have our glorious experimental college, but it seems that too many persons are forgetting the experimental nature of the college; we have our residence college system, but this remains, for a large part, on paper and caught up in the maze of Residence, College Commission's, etcetera (not to mention the inferiority complex foisted upon the residence college by the fraternity-sorority system).

The residence hall question is quite important, as is indeed the whole matter of what life at Carolina should offer. But, pushed wholeheartedly by student government, the experimental college is at fault on two points: 1) it has actually obstructed educational reform, if that was indeed one purpose, by keeping student initiated courses caught up in the "college" far too long, and certainly much longer than was necessary before getting faculty approval and sponsorship; and 2) accepting as part of the curriculum absurd "courses" offering planned "spontaneity" and the like, if such is possible. These are just examples of what student government can do when left by itself to bungle.

Candidates reared deep within this little system, at times almost like a fraternity in nature, will never be able to "revolutionize" student government. Webster is so involved with the legislature that he cannot possibly abstract himself from it and see what is happening," as Thoreau once said. Dietz will certainly not turn upside down the system which has been so good to him, nor will he destroy the petty "power structure" which might give rise to others like him; nor will Ken Day, who is in reality only a silent Dietz, do any more. Once again, these men are experienced, true, but they are experienced and conditioned in a system which is totally alienated from the average student at large. Yet Dietz will probably win, for he is colorful, likeable, and Vice president of the SG system.

Bruce Strauch, on the other hand, is completely unqualified (in the sense of having been through all the "proper" channels and positions before running) and he is not a politician; he hasn't any machine to rival that of Dietz et al. Strauch is, through, a very articulate observer, and his popularity comes from knowing and expressing campus sentiment in his cartoon each day in this paper. He doesn't think he can beat the system and its machines, but he is running seriously nevertheless. Strauch represents what the average Carolina student feels towards his student government—disgust at the ego-building practices of SG politics. Being conscientious and acting important, as politicians do at all times, doesn't guarantee that student interests are being served, but then, when do campus

politicians ever ask the students for anything but their votes?

In closing, then, let me say that I will vote for Bruce Strauch not because he will win, but because I think he will be serving as the most accurate barometer for campus opinion. Further, Strauch will ask the embarrassing questions which need to be asked of the administration before there is real freedom and openness on this campus. As it stands, he appears to be the only one who will do so.

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Just 1 Murder, Why The Fuss?

To The Editor:

On behalf of our dormitory, the girls of Third Floor East Cobb object to outrageous unfairness. For countless ages, we have waited. For countless ages, we have held our breath in moments of unanswered expectation. Joyner, the Nurses' Dorm, Whitehead all have theirs. We were always passed up: but still, in hope, we waited.

This morning at the wee hour of four o'clock, we thought our prayer had been granted at last. For all of us had to be woken up and told to lock our room doors because it wasn't safe. At last, at long last, we thought our dream had come true. Now we too would have our very own pervert. The joy that a child feels on Christmas morning was nothing to the buds of gratitude that flowered within our hearts at the long awaited news. Smiles burst forth and for a moment we praised the abounding generosity of the administration and the Chapel Hill Police Force. Now we could look at the woods and the cemetery and know that somewhere in the darkness, he was there—ready to gladden our souls with his occasional visits.

But then later, we found out, we found out the truth. Alas he was not ours alone. That same early morning he had visited Winston too. He had brightened their day as well as ours with his cheery face. Bitterly we realized that we would have to share him; but our hearts refused. We ask the administration—why? We have our own leaky showers, our own obsolete hall telephones, our own clanking radiators. Why must we share our own pervert?

It is time for us to make a stand. We have waited too long and we will not give him up now. Anyone seeing a small man with a white mask breaking into another dorm, don't let him in. He's ours, girls, and you can't have him.

3rd Floor East Cobb

To The Editor:

I have been reading this past week several comments by Bill Amlong and, more recently, Pam Hawkins, concerning the security of the women's dorms. Both of these persons would have us believe that there are sex-starved old men lurking behind bushes and in every girl's closet, just waiting to snatch up a beautiful young thing and rape her or take her life.

Let's consider for a moment the last time a coed was actually murdered on campus. It was in the summer of 1965, and the victim was Suelen Evans. Now where did the unknown man with a hairy arm waylay her? In the arboretum. Out of doors, mind you, in broad daylight. Obviously the only way to prevent a recurrence of such an incident is to pass a rule requiring all coeds to stay in their dorms during the hours of daylight, unless they have a police escort.

The above situation carries a lesson which is similar to the incident which created all the uproar, the girl waking up at night in her dorm with a strange man in her room.

My argument is that there is no practical way to prevent such things from happening occasionally, and that to take precipitous action just because one or two such incidents occur resembles a state of mind which could be called paranoid.

College coeds have been for a long time fighting for equal rights with men in regard to housing. They want to be able to come and go as they please, and to be able to live in apartments off campus, away from tight dormitory security and supervision, if they so choose. It is incompatible with these aspirations for them to request even tighter security, including personal dorm guards and ever-stronger locks. More freedom of action almost inevitably means greater risks for the individual.

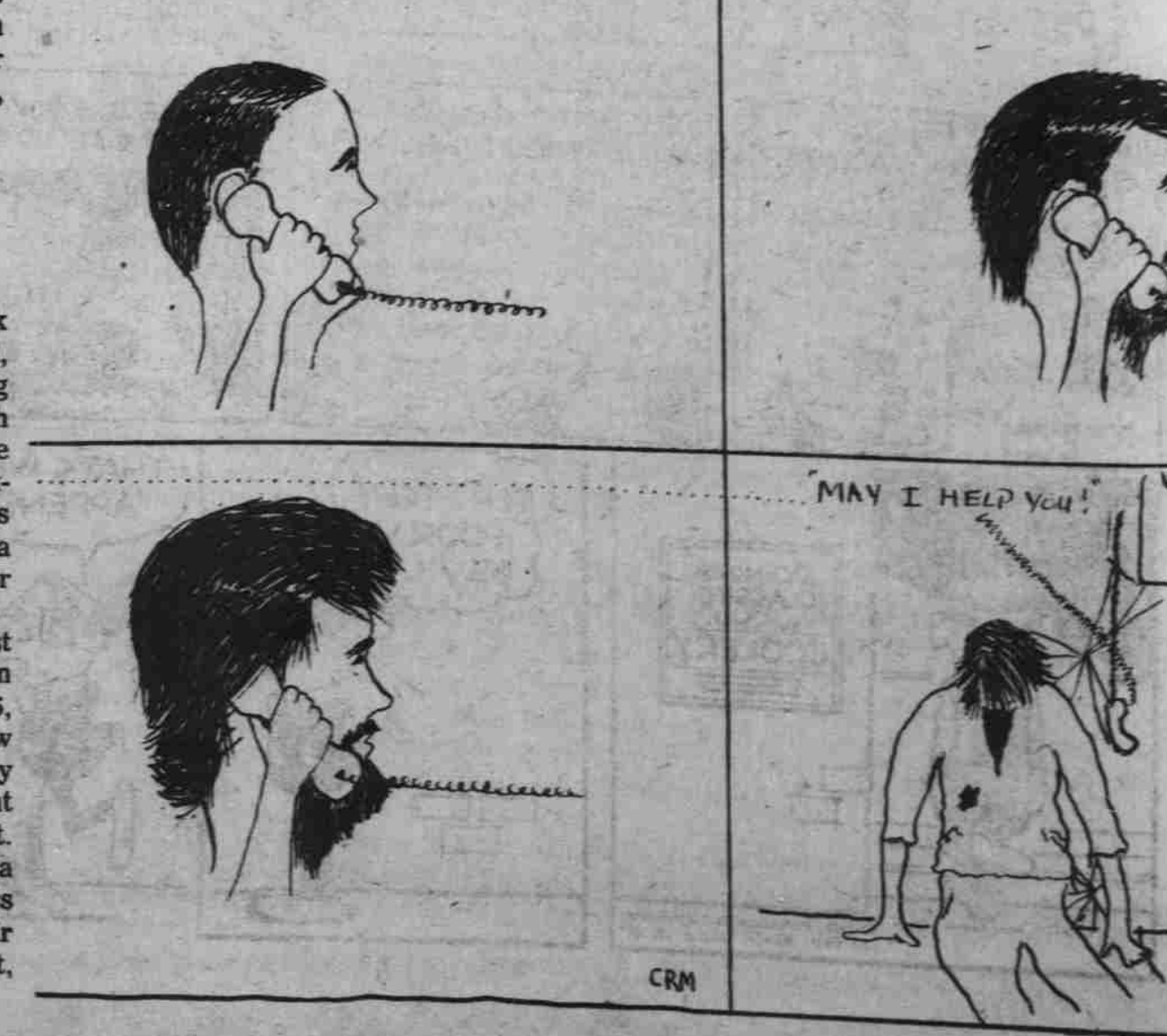
As to the fear of going into the dorm basement which Miss Hawkins describes, we should observe that there is absolutely no way to prevent the "Possibility" of men hiding in the basements, and so if a girl is not willing to take the one in a thousand risk then she should stay in her room. The only way to absolutely prevent intruders from hiding in a dorm would be to have a guard at each door and a man at the front door to sign in each man that enters and sign him out again as he leaves. But what if one of the guards should turn out to be a rapist?

On the other side of the picture we might not know how isolated the women's dorms are from the more natural forms of protection, that is, the presence of gallant young men living near enough to come to the rescue of a maiden in distress. I would see this as an argument in favor of the establishment of dorms where both men and women students lived.

In normal (non-dorm) society it is generally recognized that it is the presence of men that prevents women from being attacked more often than they are, not the presence of guards. Even if one of the men in the coed dorm was a potential rapist, we should remember that there are a thousand who are not, and who would fight as well as any paid guard for the honor of a lady.

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Come Off It Ted Kennedy

To The Editor:

Mr. Watson Morris is quite correct when he calls Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's report concerning the war in Vietnam disturbing. It is disturbing in that it is part and parcel of the distortion (and hypocrisy) which constitute the real credibility gap concerning the war.

Here are some examples of what I will charitably term myopia: "...most of the officials in Saigon do not care about these stricken people (the refugees)..." Comment: Which do you prefer, a government which makes some attempt to care for refugees or one which deliberately creates these refugees through terrorism and assassination? The fact that these people flee to the cities says two things: (1) The VC have made most of them homeless, and (2) The VC are not about to take care of them.

"We asked the Government of South Vietnam to select some qualified men for (study in the US). The list they gave us consisted mainly of relatives of government officials. ... We asked them to find other men, unrelated to them. After the second list came in, it was discovered that all of the new applicants had been made to promise a percentage of their scholarship payments to the officials who chose them. ... less than half of the \$30 million per year that the American taxpayers contribute for refugee relief actually reaches the intended recipients. Corruption is not confined to minor officials, however; it goes to the highest levels as well." Comment: You have to do a quick re-read to determine that Senator Kennedy is not talking about his home city of Boston. But then one expects more of a southeast Asian city than the cradle of American democracy.

Vice President Ky. "...violated election campaign regulations by using his post as a government official to flagrantly begin campaigning before it was legal, and in so doing used any government transportation which was available." Comment: Transportation use government transportation exclusively! South Vietnam is a nation actively engaged in an all-out war, and neither democracy nor buses can run a western schedules.

One marvels at the Kennedys. Sen. Kennedy and his brother, heirs to a whiskey fortune, preach against the dangers to health caused by tobacco. Teddy, expelled from college for cheating, can be righteous about corruption. Bobby, a Bostonian who sent to New York to find a seat in the Senate, castigates the South Vietnamese government because it contains North Vietnamese! And it gives one pause when Teddy's comments concerning corruption could as easily be applied to his own home town as to Saigon. One accepts the need for better care of refugees, no matter who created them, and for honesty in government, but one feels compelled to say to Sen. Kennedy (and Mr. Morris) "come off it."

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