

## What U Nu Didn't Know

<sup>Post 1964</sup>  
You really can't blame a fellow for forgetting what he started out to say, especially when he is such an acknowledged *auto-orato-philiac* as Vice President Humphrey. The Vice President meant all along to convey the Administration's blessings for the renomination of U Nu as Secretary General of the United Nations; it's just that as he got up to speak in New York he was carried away by an unscripted impulse to talk about X when he had intended to discuss Y. As it turned out, the actual endorsement was Ambassador Goldberg's; but the thought was Mr. Humphrey's (and presumably the President's); and the hard-working Secretary General was the beneficiary all the same. We may hope that U Nu will not regard the omission as a matter of *lèse majesté*, particularly when another term for him seems to be one of those rare things we and the Soviets can agree on. All the same, Mr. Humphrey's forgetfulness does make you a bit leery about calling on him to place a name in presidential nomination—say that of Senator Robert Kennedy.