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'Your Daddy Lost'

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Eight-year-old Mark Shriver took his father's defeat for the vice presidency in manly stride.

The day after the election, Mrs. R. Sargent Shriver awakened her son at 7 a.m. and told him:

"Mark, your daddy lost the election."

"Oh, no," Mark protested. "The election isn't over yet. The votes are not all counted."

"That's true, Mark, the returns are not all in. Just the same we do know daddy didn't win."

The youngster dressed and ate breakfast in silence.

"What will you tell the children at school?" asked Eunice Kennedy Shriver, worried by Mark's silence.

Without answering, the child hurried off to the Mater School in Bethesda where the moment he arrived, his classmates gathered around him and began to chant:

"Your father was defeated . . . defeated . . . defeated."

Mark glared at them and then shouted:

"But your daddies didn't even run!"