

# The Kennedy Debate

To The Examiner:

The recent spate of crocodile tears emanating from the liberal Massachusetts electorate on behalf of Sen. Ted Kennedy during his travail is more than a crying shame. Consider the fact that these misguided lemmings, who are reportedly in favor of Teddy's continuance in office, are no more than the descendants of that earlier group of Boston ignoramuses that managed to reelect their Mayor James G. Curley while he was serving a term in the state penitentiary. All hail the Massachusetts voter; may he get what he deserves.

**JAMES WALKER**  
San Francisco

Your item "All Sorts of Rumors About Ted Now" (July 24) is a new low in publishing anything of this nature about anyone . . . I think a very sad day has arrived in this country . . .

**VIRGINIA WALKER**  
Menlo Park

. . . Most people would immediately have called for help in an attempt to save the girl who might then still have been alive. There was a cottage not too many yards from the scene . . . Instead a young woman is dead and Sen. Kennedy, once the full implications of the tragedy have had time to sink in, may never be trusted again.

**REBECCA HORN**  
San Francisco

. . . We just don't seem to understand that there is only so much a human being can stand. Ted and his family have had more than their share of tragedy . . . He stated exactly what happened on July 25. Anyone could see he was sincere . . . I believe what he said just as the girl's parents did . . . When President Nixon lost in the California election he cried like a baby . . . We are giving him a dance . . . Now how about Ted? . . .

**LIZ NORRIS**  
Fremont

. . . This was not a man under pressure or in a panic — this was a man after an accident. I'd like to see you after an accident; you'd probably put your foot in your mouth but then you do so often that no one would consider your behavior abnormal . . .

**HELEN LOSH**  
San Francisco

. . . People unfortunately tend to see a reflection of themselves in others — that is why they choose to believe the worst; spewing forth hate . . . People label courage as showmanship; sincerity as hogwash. How hard they seek to find the human flaw . . . and now comes character assassination . . .

**DOLORES de LEON**  
San Francisco

. . . Had he not gone into shock and confusion after this terrible accident he would not be human. What we need most of all is a President with human qualities . . . I want him to be spared as the only male adult, the father and guide for the rest of his family . . .

**MRS. MARGARET KUEHN**  
San Francisco

. . . I admire Sen. Kennedy for his guilty plea. If he had stood trial maybe he would have been acquitted of the charge . . . If given a chance I would vote for Sen. Kennedy for President. I see him as a man with a strong conviction that one's physical or mental condition is no excuse for not obeying the law. This being his conviction he would do everything to uphold the Constitution regardless of who it hurts . . .

**MRS. HARVEY FISHER**  
San Francisco

Re: your cartoon (July 24) . . . True, Sen. Kennedy's political career may be damaged but in scrawling the words "Kennedy's Political Future" across the car at the bottom of the lake, did the thought ever cross the mind of the cartoonist "What about the future of Mary Jo Kopeczne?"

**BARBARA BATES**  
San Francisco

Would a man without guilt find it necessary to summon a brace of attorneys and call henchmen from far and wide (reportedly even from Europe) to conjure a story to put on the air that they thought would be swallowed by the American people? Why go around the barn and try to get in the back way when the front door is always open to a sincere and innocent man?

**EVELYN McKNIGHT**  
San Francisco