

DREW PEARSON**D.C. Sex Habits Hot Gossip Topic**

WASHINGTON — The Chappaquiddick incident has unloosed a spate of titillating rumors, which the Republicans are discreetly filing away for future reference. If Sen. Ted Kennedy should ever emerge again as a presidential prospect, they will surely snoop into his whispered flirtations.

For the sex habits of public figures has always aroused intense partisan curiosity in Washington.

The Republicans tried valiantly, for example, to find out where then Sen. John F. Kennedy spent his late evenings. The best they could come up with was a blurred picture of someone who resembled Kennedy emerging in the night from a doorway. If this was John Kennedy slipping out of the Georgetown abode of a pretty secretary,



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as the Republicans suspected, the picture was no proof.

The Republicans also tried to implicate President Johnson in the girlie parties that Bobby Baker staged when he was riding high on Capitol Hill. There was no denying that LBJ had an eye for a pretty face and figure. He caused tongues to wag once when he disappeared from a dance with Singer Roberta Peters and took her on a midnight tour of the White House. No evidence of hanky panky, however, was ever uncovered against LBJ.

One of the principals in the Bobby Baker investigation, the late Edward Bostick, tried to use sex against the investigating senators. Through a private detective, Bostick arranged with a lady of the night, who had a clandestine acquaintance on Capitol Hill, to wire her boudoir for sound. She allegedly lured into her web a few romantic senators, and the recording equipment picked up some senatorial conversations the like of which have never been heard on "Meet the Press."

DOUBTS were raised about authenticity of the lurid, two-hour recording, however, when the FBI broke down the call girl's story. She tired to brazen it out until agents asked whether then Sen. Carl

Hayden, D-Ariz., had been one of her customers. She blithely added him to her list, boasting of some unlikely high jinks with the then 86-year-old senate dean.

The role of sex in politics — together with the prying and peeping that goes on in Washington — perhaps should be brought out of the shadows into the open.

THE BRASS hats have been complaining privately about the shortage of men and materials in Vietnam. Yet at the same time, the Pentagon loaned Japanese movie makers eight U.S. Navy ships, including the aircraft carrier Yorktown, to film the picture, "Tora! Tora! Tora!"

This gives the Japanese version of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Seven American servicemen were severely burned during the filming.

The Defense Department

is also providing military personnel and government equipment to help 20th Century Fox produce "The Patton Story" and Columbia Pictures to film "Marooned." Brien-Production is getting Pentagon cooperation in filming a movie called "Suppose Someone Gave A War and Nobody Came."

A DRAMATIC breakthrough in combatting one of the worst blights of our day, chemical water pollution, has recently been achieved by a small company in York, Pa.

New processes and equipment, developed by environmental Service, can now eliminate the hideous chemical wastes which are poisoning U.S. streams. For years, chemical waste pollution was considered unavoidable, an inevitable consequence of industrial progress, like traffic jams and smog. Now it is no longer true thanks to the engineers at Environmental Services.

Koepchne's Ask Denial Of Autopsy

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Attorneys for the parents of Mary Jo Koepchne asked a judge today to dismiss a request for an autopsy on the body of the one-time secretary who drowned in an automobile accident involving Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

"On the face of it, the petition doesn't set forth sufficient facts to entitle exhumation," said an attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koepchne of Berkeley Heights, N. J. Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis, the New Bedford, Mass., prosecutor who has scheduled a Sept. 3 inquest into the accident, was due later today at a closed-door session in the chambers of President Judge Bernard C. Brominski of Luzerne Common Pleas Court. The judge called the session to allow Dinis to reply to a motion filed by the Koepchne attorneys.

A FORMAL hearing on Dinis' petition for an autopsy is scheduled for Monday here, but Brominski said that could be delayed by the motion by lawyers for the Koepchnes.

Miss I. Koepchne, who had worked for the late Sen. Rob-

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ert F. Kennedy, was killed last month when a car driven by Kennedy plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island on the Massachusetts coast.

She is buried in an unmarked grave in a cemetery in nearby Larksville.

CHARLES SHAFFER, a member of the law firm representing the Koepchnes, said

if the judge failed to dismiss the autopsy petition before Monday's hearing, he wants Dinis to supply the names of witnesses Dinis plans to call.

"We are entitled to this under the law," Shaffer said.

It was understood that another member of the firm, Joseph Flanagan, was in Massachusetts interviewing prospective witnesses.