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## The Advice Ted's Getting

BOSTON — In the 349 years since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, Boston may have contributed more substance and color to the pageant of American history than any other city.

But Boston is not yet old enough — or staid or stuffy enough — to sit back and drink only of the illustrious past. This majestic city is as full of beans — Boston baked, of course — as it was back in the days when Paul Revere was building his reputation as a fleet-footed night rider and when British tea was being steeped in sea water.

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LIKE ALL big cities, Boston has its problems. But it also has the heaviest concentration of fine educational institutions in the nation. It is rebuilding great areas of the city, without damaging the charm of yesteryear.

Boston still is a major tryout stop for Broadway-bound shows. And politics — that most devious and wonderful of all American games — is played with superlative skill and craftiness in this city.

There is considerable speculation over who will be elected governor and senator next year. And such speculation inevitably brings one to the subject that is Number One: Sen. Kennedy and the episode at Chappaquiddick Island.

The Kennedys may have lost a bit of the luster that once wreathed their family image. But no one should make the mistake that this family — or Sen. Kennedy

himself — is in disrepute with the people of Massachusetts.

People are asking more meaningful questions about the Kennedys than they have since the days when old Joe was amassing the family fortune.

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MUCH OF THE questioning revolves about the advice Senator Kennedy is getting. People not only wonder whether he was badly advised by the group of men who flocked onto Cape Cod to assist him after the Chappaquiddick tragedy, they also wonder whether he is getting sound counsel on major national and international issues.

There is a feeling that the Senator too often parrots the views of an ultra-liberal cult with his criticism of the American stand in Vietnam, the future of the space program and the development of supersonic transport.

His recently stated views on these subjects are very different from those held by President Kennedy, who believed that America must help maintain stability in Asia, lead the space race and go forward with the SST.

Because he is a Kennedy and because he wears the mantle of his dead brothers, Ted Kennedy should have no great difficulty winning re-election in 1970. But there is some evidence in Massachusetts, as elsewhere in the nation, that he is cutting himself off from those blue-collar families that traditionally have formed the backbone of the Democratic Party.