

Lucky Dick

by Stewart Alsop

..... An incumbent President has many advantages, but one above all. His would-be rivals, in their eagerness for the nomination, conveniently tear each other to pieces in advance of the election. Before July 1969, the Democrats seemed certain for once to avoid the tearing-apart process. Edward Kennedy had a clear road ahead, leading to a sure first-ballot nomination by a unified party. Instead, on July 18, the road led to a dark swirl of water beneath a bridge at Chappaquiddick.

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