

# A Chronicle Best-Seller

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## Takes Kennedy Over the Coals

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Two books attacking Senator Edward M. Kennedy's actions at Chappaquiddick are selling like hotcakes, despite his withdrawal from the 1976 presidential race and recent admission that his conduct at the time was "inexcusable."

"Teddy Bare," by Zad Rust, is now third on the paperback best-seller list of the New York Times, which describes it as "a scathing, right wing exegesis." Some 600,000 copies have been sold.

"The Bridge at Chappaquiddick," by former Time magazine editor Jack Olsen is scheduled for reissue in April. About 200,000 copies are in print, with heaviest demand from Massachusetts and Miami.

Publisher of "Teddy Bare," Western Islands of Belmont, Mass., an affiliate of the John Birch Society.

Sales director Wallis Wood believes the book was a factor in Kennedy's withdrawal from presidential consideration and reports sales continue upward even though some Boston stores have boycotted it.

"Teddy Bare" zoomed when Sam Yorty, former Los Angeles mayor and an old Kennedy foe, recently touted it on his radio talk show. Orders for 22,000 books poured in after the show.

Yorty interviewed John Farrar, the Edgartown, Mass., scuba diver who brought up Mary Jo Kopeckne's body from Kennedy's car five years ago. She probably would be alive today if help had been summoned promptly, Farrar maintains.

His trip to Los Angeles was financed by Western Islands.



**Senator Edward Kennedy's conduct in the Chappaquiddick incident is termed "inexcusable" in a new book**

Farrar has a display of "Teddy Bare" at the entrance to his sporting goods shop in Edgartown. He says tourists buy it after a trip to the Dike road and the bridge "convince them that Kennedy was lying."

The book is prosecutorial in tone, seeking to document a "coverup" by Massachusetts legal authorities.

"The book heaps up mounds of evidence," Esquire magazine said, "to prove that Ted had, was

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guilty of manslaughter, and that all the efforts of police and judicial authorities were directed . . . not toward discovery of the truth but toward its burial."

"Teddy Bare" reads like a whodunit and is hard to put down. It makes charges of police inefficiency at the outset.

It alleges "orchestration" of participants' testimony at the inquest, and hits hard at the Massachusetts Supreme Court's revision of the century-old state inquest law, an action which served to keep much potentially damaging information from the grand jury and consequently from being made public.

