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Wa London paper carried the headline ably interested in the outcome Tuesduring Robert Kennedy's last hours, lent hackneyed metaphor) are remarks ing bore. Nonetheless, quite a few of toral system are in general a mystifythe workings of the United States elecpress would suggest. And, from here, some of us know that Americans are their press might suggest - just as are passionately pro-American, though say who: the man we were all thinkyour transatlantic cousins (an excelmore pro-American than a lot of their "He's Still Unconscious." No need to yet personal at the same time; and, they're more that way inclined than ing about. shock and grief that was national and This doesn't mean that the British

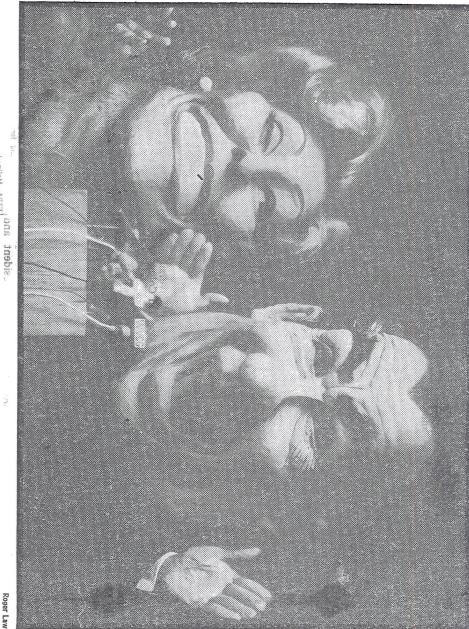
got a lot of millionaires behind him, bloke, the man in the pub? Mostly, true, but it's the same with all the too much; he's stopping this Vietnam war and sort of winning it too; he's already without screwing things up long time; he's been doing the job Nixon. He's been around the place a day: politicians over there; and Who's favored by the ordinary What about McGovern? Who? No, anyway

cans appreciate the damage done their him; remember the case? (Few Americhap Teddy Kennedy working with down, especially us. And he's got that collective reputation abroad, not by his troops home? He'd let everyone something about his wanting to take up to the Communists-wasn't there and drug-taking, and he wouldn't stand he'd be too soft on all this violence he's going to get in, isn't he?

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ship.) but by Kennedy's subsequent continulet alone as an aspirant to leaderance as a public man, as an identity, the Chappaquiddick incident in itself, The sophisticate, he who reads more etc., is no more than pointing out the

arousing a few jeers or snarls of recognition so favorable as to be unearthly. I mento the point of showing him in a light port McGovern from the outset, often press, I wonder-has tended to supleft-any resemblance there to your crudely and less clearly. Our press, tion some examples in the hope of whose writers mostly incline to the whose sports section, will see matters less than the newspaper front page and McGovern, we learn from the usuownership is capitalist but

ally conservative Daily Telegraph, is renowned for civility in a political fight-after all, to go round accusing

> erosity in the American character, all that. lying propaganda, slick, cheap and lent Nixon film was written off as hasn't he gone fishing?) The equivaphysical courage and prescience." him as "a man of honesty, integrity, Govern campaign film was called "brilobvious. McGovern appeals to the genliant," "beautifully made," projecting (Prescience! If he's got that, why last hand-clap. In particular, the Mcspontaneous festival of sweetness and performance rehearsed down to the light, the Republican a carefully staged Nixon to the selfishness. The Democratic convention was a

ously gets a sudden dousing of ice-After rolling around in this warm bath of impending Utopian fulfillment, the fellow who has taken it all seri-

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Oh, I like opinions too, but only while they stay this side of fantasy and and so he might as well go home right ideology. If I had a vote it would go to away. ing his health on the day. man of opinions, or he likes such men, hard-headed Dick; as it is, I'll be drink-Where do I stand, or can you guess?

swer: most people like facts and are conservative, the radical few have the reconcilably opposed. McGovern is a opinions, and the two interests are irradical opinion and conservative fact? English experience suggests an an-

as much as 29 per cent, down to as little as 24 per cent. What Polocs it cold water in the form of a tiny paragraph saying that Nixon's lead is up mean, such wild divergence between

Nixon of fascism, greed, corruption,

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LONDON-Whether he likes it or By Kingsley Amis

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a good deal closer than that. Anybody

No, the tie felt from this side pulls

more of this later.

Communism, though they certainly do; march or gradual encroachment of for protection against the westward that the British look to the Americans the United Kingdom. I don't just mean United States is also the President of not (and in many ways he probably doesn't much) the President of the

who was here when John Kennedy

died must have noticed a feeling of