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Kennedy as 'Survivor'

Draws Sympathy

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WITH SPECULATION rife whether Ted Kennedy is "hot" or "cold" for the Democratic presidential nomination, a new book, "Ted Kennedy: Profile of a Survivor," has come to hand.

The author, William H. Honan of The New York Times, says: "I call Senator Ted Kennedy a survivor because in recent years he has suffered—and recovered from—more shock, defeat, punishment, dispossession, bereavement, physical hurt and humiliation than is inflicted on most of the rest of us in a lifetime."

I was interested in one question Honan asked Ted: "Is it fair to say that Chappaquiddick demonstrated that you cannot handle yourself in a crisis?" Kennedy replied: "Other people are going to have to resolve that. The issue of this campaign (he was then running for re-election to Congress) is whether I'm an effective senator. The people of Massachusetts are going to have to make a judgment whether... I'm equipped to serve them in the United States Senate."

In the election Ted defeated his Republican opponent, Josiah Spaulding, by a little more than half a million votes, winning 63 per cent of the total votes cast. A political analyst, Warren Weaver Jr. of The New York Times, termed this "strong for an off year but perhaps not all that remarkable for the last of the Kennedys, on his Massa-

chusetts home ground, imploring the faithful to prove that he was not a political pariah."

Author Honan, however, holds this opinion: "In any case, the consensus seemed to be that, all things considered, Kennedy had indeed won his vote of confidence. He had passed the point of having to worry about whether his 'effectiveness is there.'"

It's pretty evident that Honan is gung-ho for Ted!

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