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WHITHER BOBBY? (1600)

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EDITOR'S NOTE--AT HOME AND ABROAD, THE OLD KENNEDY MAGIC IS NOW AT WORK FOR BOBBY. IT'S AN AMALGAM OF CHARM, ABILITY, SYMPATHY, ALL THIS AND MONEY TOO. AND WHERE'S IT LEADING? WELL, THE SENATE MAY NOT BE SO FAR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE BY 1972.

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(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, DEC. 11 (AP)--WHEN BOBBY KENNEDY WALKS DOWN A CITY STREET, EVEN ON THE DARKEST NIGHT, PASSERSBY RECOGNIZE HIM AND MAYBE ASK FOR HIS AUTOGRAPH.

IN THE SENATE WHEN HE ARISES TO SPEAK, YOUNG LADIES IN THE GALLERIES STIFLE THEIR IMPULSE TO SCREAM AND OLD LADIES IN THE BACK ROWS STAND UP AND PEER.

WHEN HE IS IN A CROWD HIS BODYGUARD, BILL BARRY, FORMERLY OF THE FBI, PUSHES AHEAD TO ABSORB THE BLOWS OF THE FRENZIED. WHEN KENNEDY CLIMBS ON TO THE MODERN POLITICIAN'S VERSION OF A THRONE--THE REAR OF A CONVERTIBLE--BARRY CLUTCHES HIS BOSS AROUND THE MIDDLE TO KEEP HIM FROM BEING DRAGGED OFF.

EVEN SO DURING A RECENT NEW JERSEY TOUR KENNEDY WAS YANKED FROM HIS PERCH. "WHAT MADE IT SO EMBARRASSING," HE SAID LATER, "A BUNCH OF GIRLS DID IT."

AND EVEN ON HIS SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP, THE KENNEDY EXCITEMENT HELD. HE WAS EGGED AND SPAT AT BY LEFTIST STUDENTS IN CHILE. BUT HE WAS ALSO SHOWERED WITH FLOWER PETALS. IN BUENOS AIRES THE ACCLAIM WAS SO GREAT THAT AN OBSERVER REMARKED: "THEY DON'T WANT HIM FOR PRESIDENT; THEY WANT HIM FOR DICTATOR."

A STRANGE THING HAPPENED TO BOBBY KENNEDY ON THE WAY TO THE SENATE. ALONG THE LINE, SOME OF THE IDOLATRY--THERE REALLY IS NO OTHER WORD FOR IT--GIVEN THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS PASSED ON TO HIS YOUNGER BROTHER.

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IT NOW IS OBVIOUS TO FRIEND AND FOE--AND SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y., HAS A LARGE AND LOUD SUPPLY OF EACH--THAT HE IS ONE OF THE NATION'S HOTTEST POLITICAL ITEMS. AND SOME OF THAT GOES TOO FOR YOUNGER BROTHER TED--SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, D-MASS.

TO THE AVERAGE POLITICIAN, GRUBBING ALONG LABORIOUSLY, THE SKYROCKETING KENNEDYS MUST EVOKE ENVY AND DESPAIR.

THEY HAVE LOOKS, BRAINS, SEX APPEAL, DRIVE, TENACITY, CHARM --AND MONEY AND A WILLINGNESS TO USE IT.

IS BOBBY SHOOTING FOR THE-PRESIDENCY? OF COURSE HE IS.

EVERY POLITICIAN DREAMS OF SITTING BEHIND THAT BIG WHITE HOUSE DESK, BUT SCORES OF LIABILITIES DETER THEM, INCLUDING A LACK OF READY CASH TO PUSH THEMSELVES VIGOROUSLY WHEN THE BIG CHANCE COMES.

BARRING AILMENTS OR ACCIDENTS, LYNDON B. JOHNSON SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE UNTIL JANUARY 1973. IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS SEVEN YEARS CAN PRODUCE REMARKABLE CHANGES.

SEVEN YEARS AGO JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ONE OF A PACK OF DEMOCRATIC POSSIBILITIES. ANY ONE WHO HAD SUGGESTED THAT BOBBY KENNEDY MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER WOULD HAVE DRAWN HORSE LAUGHS.

LAST MONTH'S ELECTIONS PROVED THAT ROBERT KENNEDY STILL HAS PROBLEMS. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS IN TROUBLE IN HIS ADOPTED STATE. IT LOST THE NEW YORK CITY MAYORALTY RACE EVEN THOUGH IT HAD A 3-1 EDGE IN REGISTRATIONS, AND EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT PLUGGED FOR ITS CANDIDATE, ABRAHAM D. BEAME.

REPUBLICANS WILL NOW HAVE THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY IN REP. JOHN V. LINDSAY, ONE OF THE TWO U.S. SENATORS IN JACOB K. JAVITS AND THE GOVERNOR IN NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

ALTHOUGH KENNEDY CAMPAIGNED VIGOROUSLY FOR BEAME, THE SUSPICION IS THAT THE VERDICT DIDN'T BREAK, OR EVEN BADLY DENT, HIS HEART.

HE IS THE ONLY MAJOR DEMOCRATIC WINNER IN THE STATE, AND IS IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO DETERMINE HOW THE PARTY CAN GROW, AND WHO SHOULD DO THE GROWING--ONLY A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AFTER HE MOVED IN.

AS U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, KENNEDY SUPERVISED 30,000 EMPLOYEES WHO STRUGGLED WITH EVERYTHING FROM CIVIL RIGHTS TO ORGANIZED CRIME. BUT THIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING; AS THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, HIS ADVICE WAS SOUGHT ON PROBLEMS FAR REMOVED FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

EVELYN LINCOLN, WHO WAS THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY, HAS WRITTEN:

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"BOB CARRIED HEAVY BURDENS FOR HIS BROTHER IN EVERY MAJOR CRISIS THAT CAME UP. NO ONE TELEPHONED THE PRESIDENT MORE OFTEN THAN HIS BROTHER DID, AND IT WAS A RARE DAY WHEN BOB DID NOT SEE HIM AT LEAST ONCE."

AS SENATOR, KENNEDY HAS 29 STAFF MEMBERS HERE, SIX IN NEW YORK CITY AND TWO IN SYRACUSE. THIS IS A LARGE OFFICE BY SENATORIAL STANDARDS, BUT ITS CRISES USUALLY AREN'T IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH, SAY, THE BAY OF PIGS.

YET THE LONGER KENNEDY HAS THE SENATE JOB THE BETTER HE LIKES IT. ("I'VE BEEN IN TOWNS SO SMALL THEY NEVER SAW A SENATOR BEFORE," HE SAYS PROUDLY).

ESPECIALLY DOES KENNEDY LIKE THE INDEPENDENCE THE JOB OFFERS.

HE CAN TAKE THE SENATE FLOOR AT ALMOST ANY MOMENT FOR ALMOST ANY PURPOSE AND TALK AT LENGTH ON ALMOST ANY SUBJECT, AT LIBERTY TO BE AS MIGHTY A STATESMAN OR AS BIG A BORE AS HE CHOOSES.

FREE TO FOLLOW HIS OWN INCLINATIONS, KENNEDY HAS TAKEN THE HIGH ROAD, AT LEAST IN HIS SENATE SPEECHES.

BEFORE AN UNENTRANCED SENATE--AT ONE POINT THE ONLY OTHER MEMBER PRESENT WAS MAURINE B. NEUBERGER, D-ORE., WHO WAS PRESIDING--HE ARGUED THAT A MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"MEN CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING THE BOMB SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CONTROLLING ITS USE," HE SAID.

CRITICS HAVE NOTED THAT SUCH COSMIC SUBJECTS, PLUS HIS FREQUENT TRIPS ABROAD, KEEP HIS NAME IN PRINT AND WON'T HURT HIM ANY IN FUTURE PRESIDENTIAL SWEEPSTAKES.

JACK KENNEDY APPEARED RELAXED, COOL, AMUSED IN SITUATIONS THAT OTHERS WOULD FIND EMBARRASSING. OFTEN, ROBERT KENNEDY SEEMS AWKWARD, ILL AT EASE.

AFTER HIS NUCLEAR TALK VARIOUS SENATORS LOYALLY TROOPED IN TO SAY HOW GREAT THE SPEECH WAS THAT THEY HADN'T HEARD. (THEY ALL POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN DREADFULLY BUSY, BUT HAD SAVORED EVERY WORD OF THE TEXT WHICH HAD BEEN PASSED OUT IN ADVANCE).

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WHILE THEY PRAISED KENNEDY, HE WOULD NIBBLE AT HIS FINGER, OR FIDDLE WITH A PENCIL OR HIS NOTEBOOK, OR, HANDS IN POCKETS, STARE UNEASILY AT THE FLOOR WITH ONLY AN OCCASIONAL, ALMOST FURTIVE, GLANCE AT HIS LAUDER.

BOBBY KENNEDY LACKS THOSE CONVERSATIONAL TIDBITS ON WHICH MOST POLITICIANS FATTEN. NORMALLY WHEN A SENATOR WISHES TO BUTT INTO ANOTHER'S SPEECH, HE GETS THIS SUGARY RESPONSE:

"YES, I YIELD TO MY GOOD FRIEND, THE DISTINGUISHED SENATOR FROM--" KENNEDY SIMPLY NODS, OR WAVES HIS HAND.

BUT ANYONE WHO TRAVELS WITH HIM IS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT, IF HE HASN'T MASTERED URBANITY, HE HAS DEVELOPED A STYLE OF HIS OWN.

WHILE SUPPORTING ABE BEAME, KENNEDY WAS ABLE TO JOKE ABOUT THE CHARGE RAISED DURING HIS SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN THAT HE WAS A CARPET-BAGGER.

"I'VE BEEN TRAVELING UPSTATE WHERE THEY HAVE TROUBLE WITH MY ACCENT," HE SAID. "IT'S NICE TO BE BACK IN THE BRONX WHERE WE SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE."

OR AT BROADWAY AND 72ND:

"AS I CAME DOWN HERE I SAW A SIGN SAYING, 'WELCOME, OUT-OF-TOWNERS'." (PAUSE). "NOW I DON'T THINK THAT WAS NICE."

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY DROPPED BY TO JOIN IN THE NEW YORK CITY CAMPAIGNING. SINCE HE AND KENNEDY HAVE BEEN MENTIONED MOST PROMINENTLY AS DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL RIVALS IN 1972, EVERY EAR WAS TUNED FOR HINTS OF A FEUD.

WELL, THE LONG KNIVES MAY BE OUT LATER--AS THEY WERE WHEN HUMPHREY WAS SLICED UP BY THE KENNEDY IN THE 1960 WEST VIRGINIA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES--BUT HERE'S THE WAY THE SCRIPT READS NOW:

HUMPHREY, ON ARRIVING: "I'M HERE TO WALK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY."

KENNEDY, JUST BEFORE HUMPHREY'S DEPARTURE: "I ALWAYS WANT TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE WITH HUBERT HUMPHREY."

POLITICIANS DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR TIME TRYING TO SATISFY THEIR CRAVING FOR PUBLICITY, BUT FEW CAN MATCH KENNEDY'S SKILL AND FEW CAN EQUAL HIS SQUADRON OF HELPERS.

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THERE'S HIS FAMILY: THE VIVACIOUS ETHEL, FALLING INTO A CREEK NEAR PORT ANGELES, WASH., OR RIDING A MOTOR SCOOTER IN ROME; THEIR NINE CHILDREN, CRACKING ARMS OR COLLARBONES OR WINNING IN HORSE SHOWS; HIS BROTHER TED, COOKING SENATORIAL STEWS OF HIS OWN; HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, SARGENT SHRIVER, WITH ONE OF THE KEENEST SENSES OF PUBLICITY IN WASHINGTON, AND ABLE TO GRATIFY IT DOUBLY AS DIRECTOR OF BOTH THE PEACE AND JOB CORPS; THOSE FORMIDABLY ACTIVE SISTERS AND IN-LAWS, INCLUDING JACQUELINE KENNEDY, SNARING HEADLINES AUTOMATICALLY; HIS MOTHER, ROSE, AT 75 BUSTLING LIKE A TEEN-AGER, AND EVEN HIS FATHER, JOSEPH P., WHOSE MONEY MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE, MAKING NEWS THROUGH WORRIES OVER HIS HEALTH AFTER A STROKE.

NEW YORK IS SO POPULOUS AND CLOSE TO THE CAPITAL THAT A RUN OF THE MINE SENATOR WOULD GET FAR MORE ACTION THAN A FIRST-RATER FROM THE BOONDOCKS. SO IT'S DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH OF KENNEDY'S DAILY OFFICE TURMOIL IS DUE TO HIS NAME AND HOW MUCH TO WHERE HE COMES FROM.

BUT THE 12 TELEPHONES TO THE SENATOR'S OFFICE ARE FREQUENTLY TIED UP, WITH A WAITING LIST. HIS MAIL WILL RUN FROM 600 TO 700 LETTERS A DAY, JUMPING TO 1,700 WHEN EVENTS PARTICULARLY ALARM OR EXCITE HIS CONSTITUENTS. EACH DAY HE GETS FROM 35 TO 50 INVITATIONS, SOME WANTING MAJOR SPEECHES, SOME ASKING HIM TO SONNY'S BAR MITZVAH.

BUT KENNEDY HAS SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT, IF MUCH LESS TANGIBLE, GOING FOR HIM THAN FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FORTUNE.

EVEN HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS CAN'T AGREE ON HOW MUCH OF THE AFFECTION ONCE LAVISHED ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY--INTENSIFIED WITH THE ASSASSINATION --HAS SHIFTED TO BROTHER BOB. EVEN HIS MOST PERSISTENT ENEMIES WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER UNHAPPILY, THAT IT HAS HAPPENED.

EDWIN O. GUTHMAN, KENNEDY'S LONGTIME FRIEND AND NEWS SECRETARY WHO IS NOW WITH THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THINKS HE SPOTTED THE TIME AND THE PLACE THAT THE ADULATION SWITCHED TO BOBBY: MARCH 17, 1964, IN SCRANTON, PA.

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IT WAS A COLD DAY--IT SNOWED THAT NIGHT--AND THERE WAS LITTLE REASON FOR ANYONE TO BE OUT TO WATCH AN ATTORNEY GENERAL GO BY. YET LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS LINED THE ROUTE BETWEEN SCRANTON AND PITTSTON. "IT WAS LIKE A CAMPAIGN," GUTHMAN SAYS.

THIS WAS ST. PATRICK'S, A DAY EXPECTED TO BE AWASH WITH SENTIMENT. BUT THERE WERE MANY OTHER DAYS, INCLUDING ONE IN CARROLLTON, GA.--NOT USUALLY IDENTIFIED AS KENNEDY HOTBED--WHERE ROBERT WAS WARMLY WELCOMED AT WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE. AND WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HIS BROTHER, NOT AN EYE REMAINED DRY.

"LIKE NIAGARA FALLS," GUTHMAN SAYS. "UNBELIEVABLE."

EVEN GUTHMAN CONCEDES THAT TO MANY BOBBY KENNEDY EPITOMIZES ALL THEY THINK IS WRONG WITH THE FAMILY. TO THEM HE IS RUTHLESS (A FAVORITE WORD OF THE CRITICS), AN OPPORTUNIST WILLING TO USE ANY MEANS TO REACH HIS COVETED END.

TO FRIENDS LIKE GUTHMAN THIS PICTURE IS BADLY DISTORTED. THEY SAY THAT AS LONG AS PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ALIVE BOBBY WAS THE FALL GUY, ABSORBING THE BLOWS SO THAT HIS BROTHER WOULD REMAIN UNTOUCHED.

WHETHER TIME WILL ESSENTIALLY MODIFY THIS IMAGE CAN ONLY BE GUESSED AT, BUT YOU CAN COUNT ON THIS: BOBBY KENNEDY WILL BE EVERLASTINGLY BUSY WITH HIS ERASER.

FATHER JOE KENNEDY ONCE SAID: "JACK WORKS AS HARD AS ANY MORTAL MAN CAN; BOBBY GOES A LITTLE FURTHER."

AT 40, BOBBY KENNEDY HAS WEALTH, AN ATTRACTIVE FAMILY, A HIGH POSITION. YET NOT LONG AGO, WHEN HE DOUBTEDLY WOULD BE MUCH HAPPIER HOME WITH HIS FAMILY, HERE HE WAS ON A HURRY-UP TRIP IN THE FAMILY PLANE, THE CAROLINE, TO TALK TO SOME NURSES IN ALBANY.

THIS REPORTER, TAGGING ALONG AND WATCHING THE CEASELESS ACTIVITY, ASKED HOW LONG KENNEDY WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO WORK THIS HARD.

"I SUPPOSE AS LONG AS I STAY IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

HE THEN BORROWED A NOTEBOOK AND PENCIL--THE KENNEDYS NEVER SEEM TO OWN THE SIMPLE NECESSITIES OF LIFE--AND WROTE DOWN A QUOTE FROM THE GREEK DRAMATIST AESCHYLUS, THAT ENDED LIKE THIS:

"BUT WHEN THE HEIGHT IS WON--THEN THERE IS EASE."

BOBBY KENNEDY DIDN'T SAY WHAT HEIGHT HE HAD IN MIND. MAYBE HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS NECESSARY.

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