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American people. Robert Kennedy were very either wrong or right. sonal characteristics of characteristics much like the dominant in many ways, the per-2 the

non-intellectual breed, and ful, inconsistent, abrupt, he was all these things. moralistic, strenuous, combative, youth-We are an ambitious, sports-loving.

of character. exploited and personified running behind for the presithese typical American traits dency precisely because he Yet paradoxically, he was

cians, and much of Big Busithemselves, opposed him acand abrupt men of action them ambitious, competitive ness and Big Labor, all of The professional politi-

ons: He was a passioanate great fear in the process. categories for the same rea- curred just when he seemed poor backed him, all in both of his death is that it ocand much of the rest of the The young, the Negroes party but his life.

|does not prove that he was forces against him — but this it in this election - there were too many powerful

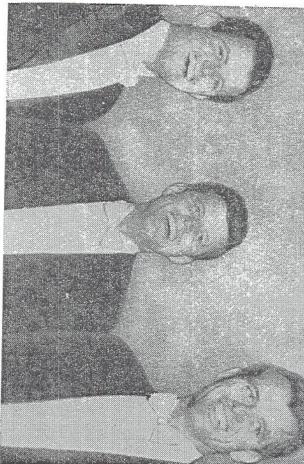
It merely proves that he was more willing than his party and the rest of the transforming the life of the sion and energy into ending country to throw all his pascities the war in Vietnam and

lemmas of the war and the in the end, but he was determan and he lost everything mined to face the terrible dicities. He was an all-or-nothing

cans are, and this cost him not only the leadership of his politicians and few Ameri-Israel and the Arabs, as few defeat in Vietnam, between between defeat at home and He was prepared to choose

One of the many tragedies couple of silly and unneces-, and, to twisted minds, the Israel's spectacular victory Those who talk know noth-

He was not going to make



The Kennedy brothers—Edward, John and Robert—in 1958, before the decade that brought fame and death UPI Telephoto

stunned and stumbled into althey are the targets of envy to be regaining confidence in seem to be able to save seemed cess, love and even fame - al act. Somehow the Kennedys life.

symbols of the inequality of in last year's war. He had no

tradictions of life, and in- through a couple of bad looks, money, power, suc- live — was a wholly irration— He was not on his and pugnacious man who his own power. He lost it for everything but themsleves, avenge the hatred of the Dean Rusk on Middle East-impressive to the intelligent a while during the agony of Having all the attributes of Arab states for Israel - if ern policy - or any Killing Robert Kennedy to son or Secretary of State

He had nothing to do with might have directed Ameri-subject to strange upsets."

else. Yet he is gone was certainly not the favorite in New York or anywhere political darling of the Jews can foreign policy, and

while using his best qualities. ning of his legislative career he moment repulsive. it is all very strange, and for But in the end, he failed Robert Kennedy at the beginqualities and this applied to tics by using their worst Many men succeed in poli-

foons... vibrant and buzzing, are the time . . . there (in politics) in man's psyche as the greatof exploiting all that is lowest overcome with silence . . . meddlers, the bores, the bufest danger of Valery. "At that word I am regard the political necessity "Politics!" exclaimed Paul the present

the presidency, where he arithmetic especially influence on President John- lights, friends see each other He was not on his way to even arithmetic -... I could lose myself at this fantastic fair, where ing. By a trick of inverted per in your ear. Some know "Some roar, others whis