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ican embassy, has become a subject of snickering conversation among even our allies, it's likely that Gen. Westmoreland will remain.

ATTORNEY GENERAL Ramsey Clark talked on civil liberties before the committee at large of the Liberal Party of New York last week, quoting Dante, Thoreau, Emerson, and Louis Carroll of "Alice in Wonderland." Afterward he was subjected to questions. The first came from Oliver

The first came from Oliver Pilat, author of the new book, "Lindsay's Campaign," which takes the mayor of New York through the fascinating wonderland of Manhattan politics.

"Was it true, as indicated by Drew Pearson in a column yesterday," asked Pilat, "that you and J. Edgar Hoover have given President Johnson contradictory versions as to the origin of the Bobby Baker investigation?"

"Drew who?" asked the attorney general, sparring for time.

Then he replied, "I don't have the fact on which to answer that question."

Eldon Kligan asked if Clark were kept informed on all of Hoover's investigations. He replied that he received information on all current investigations in which he was interested but not necessarily information on everything done by the FBI.

"Hoover is twice as old as you," suggested Henry Root Stern, a New York park official. "Doesn't that complicate your relationship? How do you get along?"

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"I describe our relationship
as cordial," said Clark, "and
he describes it as correct."
This brought a laugh.

Victor Riesel, the labor columnist nearly blinded by a labor mobster's acid, then got up to defend Hoover.

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"The questions of Ollie Pilat and his friends," said Riesel, "might make it advisable for the attorney general to say something generally about the EBI."

Thus prodded, Clark said the FBI was a dedicated and disciplined organization, a farreaching and efficient fact-gathering agency.

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Note: Clark did not, however, deny any part of our recent report on his amazing relations with the FBI in which he, as head of the Justice Department, is supposed to be boss of J. Edgar Hoover but wherein Hoover goes over his head direct to the President and is now maneuvering to try to get his boss fired.