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LETTERS TO THE STAR

'Kennedy Truth'

I was amused with Mary McGrory's account of Bobby Kennedy's quick reply to Senator Prouty's jibe at President Kennedy for his failure to sign an executive order against discrimination in housing for two years.

Quick-witted Bobby was quick to reply, as reported by Miss McGrory, "It hadn't been signed for eight years prior to that."

Obviously, this was intended to imply that if the President was derelict in not signing the order for two years, President Eisenhower was derelict for eight years.

Since Bobby's experience in the courtroom has been limited to one recent appearance, I suppose he should be forgiven for overlooking the fact that truth to a lawyer is supposed to be "the truth, the whole truth . . ."

Like his statement regarding air cover for the Bay of Pigs invasion, Bobby gave a very limited segment of the truth in his response to Senator Prouty and, in so doing, conveyed a false impression. Had he told the whole truth which was significant to theousting of the moment, he would have added that President Eisenhower did not in any of his campaigns state that the first act of his administration when elected would be to sign the executive order. At no time did Ike make such a statement, but Jack Kennedy most certainly did. This stands as still another example of "Kennedy Truth" which can be rated along side the "missile gap," the question of United States prestige abroad, and absenteeism from the White House.

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