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Teddy's Cheating: The FBI Story



Teddy: Gave his all for Yale.

According to a confidential 1956 FBI report that was subsequently mislaid in the bureau's thick Bobby Kennedy file, Ted Kennedy never did persuade a fellow classmate at Harvard to take a Spanish exam for him. Apparently, the cheating story was exactly the reverse. If the facts in the FBI report are correct, Kennedy appears far less blameworthy than we have been led to believe.

The FBI came by this information inadvertently. Spe-

cial Agent Louis H. Beigbender of the Boston field office had been dispatched to Harvard in the course of a routine background check on Bobby, who was then up for a government post. In the course of his investigation on campus, Beigbender learned about Teddy's predicament from registrar Sargent Kennedy. What really happened?

Ladislav Farago recounts the FBI's version in his forthcoming Hoover biography. "Brother Teddy," Farago writes, "then nineteen years old, was a member of the football squad. When it seemed that the team would be fatally weakened by the inability of a star player to pass his French test, Teddy volunteered to write for him a paper he had to submit during his exam only two or three days before the crucial game with Yale."

Farago says that he passed his discovery on to Senator Kennedy, who seemed uninterested in helping to revise history.

Shah Insider Writing Memoirs



Hoveyda: Tells of misdeeds.

Fereydoon Hoveyda, former Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, is the first Persian-government insider to write his confessions. But *The Fall of the Shah*, to be published next spring by Wyndham Books, is also an act of revenge. For the shah left Amir Abbas Hoveyda, his ex-prime minister—and Fereydoon's brother—to be murdered by a Muslim court, and lied about attempting to save his life. Hoveyda portrays the shah as a megalomaniacal fool who couldn't say no to his thieving relatives but executed bothersome enemies.

Congressional investigators may want to quiz the author about his claim that the shah told him not to worry about the bad press that Ambassador Ardeshir Zahedi was getting for his lavish receptions at the Iranian embassy in Washington. "Zahedi has all the American senators in his pocket," boasted the shah.

Hoveyda also reveals that the shah smeared the Ayatollah Khomeini by forcing the publication of an anonymous article accusing the ascetic holy man of homosexual tendencies, and noting that his mother was a professional dancer.

Feds Call Slaying 'Local Matter'



Negrin: Terrorists' victim.

The recent execution-style murder of Cuban exile leader Eulalio Negrin in Union City, New Jersey, has not aroused federal authorities. Curiously, the case is being treated as a routine homicide, even though Omega 7, an anti-Castro terrorist group, has claimed credit for the hit and had threatened Negrin several times. Negrin, prominently featured in "An Army

in Exile" (by Jeff Stein, September 10), had angered Omega 7 by personally negotiating the release of political prisoners with Fidel Castro last year. "We have lots of homicides around here, and 99.9 percent are strictly local matters," claims Assistant U.S. Attorney Ed Plaza. "There's no reason to believe that Negrin's murder shouldn't be handled this way."

According to a source with excellent Cuban connections, Negrin's assassination was ordered from the cell of Alvin Ross Diaz, one of the convicted killers of Chilean dissident Orlando Letelier as well as a member of Omega 7. Diaz communicated his wish six weeks ago, says the source, to Armando Santana, the reputed chief of Omega 7.

Fifth Avenue Tunnel Thwarted

Retiring ITT board chairman Harold Geneen had more luck subverting the Allende government than digging up Fifth Avenue. According to a well-placed source within the Sheraton Corporation, an ITT subsidiary, Geneen wanted to build a tunnel under Fifth Avenue connecting the St. Regis-Sheraton with the Gotham

Hotel on the opposite corner of 55th Street. The underground promenade would have provided space for an array of boutiques. Geneen constantly pestered the Sheraton people to buy the Gotham and get cracking on the tunnel. They resisted the idea and are now relieved that retirement will rid them of the troublesome chairman.

Slow Dancing in Eighties Disco

Les Mouches is closing down next month. But the disco will reopen seven days later in a different form and format. Co-owner Cary Finkelstein says that erotic, multimedia sideshows will be screened in the lounge and that roll-away "hot seats," a phenomenon he refuses to explain, will be introduced in the disco for live acts. "We'll also have a greater mix of music—grinding, slow-drag dancing is the feel of the eighties," says Finkelstein.

Will Opera Buff Squelch Rubell?

Steve Rubell is getting more and more nervous as the date of his January sentencing draws nearer. He could receive a maximum of ten years on two counts of tax evasion. Even so, Rubell is telling friends that his counsel, Roy Cohn, hopes for a suspended sentence. However, court observers suggest that Judge Richard Owen, who is married to an opera singer and writes operas himself, will deal sternly with someone of Rubell's life-style and put him away for two to four years.

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