The dark shadow of Chappaquiddick continues to haunt Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. The parents of Mary Jo Kopechne say they are so hurt over the affair they can accept Kennedy's version of their daughter's death. Kennedy, who recently has been observed in the steady company of a shapely blonde, identified as Peg Lee Hall, contends the death of Miss Kopechne was accidental. However, several eye witnesses to events surrounding her death say Kennedy's story cannot be supported by the facts.

Black U.S. Representatives, who denied membership in a White Conservative Caucus ( formed in S. Calif.), have drawn the attention of white conservatives. The black critics contend liberals apply a "double standard" to racial issues in the country. "If white Congressmen have denied Black Congressmen membership in a White Conservative Caucus, the liberal media would have branded them as "bigots and racists,"" one critic complained. "Middle-class whites," he continued, "are beginning to see the national media as one more plot to subordinate the rest of the country."

Wallace supporters say that "get tough with criminals" speeches such as that recently delivered by President Ford, are "too little, too late." They say, "One suddenly is ready to start cracking down on criminals--but why did it take them so long?" A Midwest Wallace supporter asked rhetorically.

Developments in Communist-controlled Portugal are an indication that a totalitarian state will be established. Since the Communist takeover in April, 1974, individual rights have been abolished in the areas of property ownership and political participation. The Catholic bishops of Portugal have warned that the country is "on the road to... totalitarianism."

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