MANY MEN WHO HAVE SOUGHT THE

AMERICAN PRESIDENCY HAVE BEEN EMBITTERED BY THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THEIR AMBITION --- DENIED THE PRIZE, THE SPIRIT OF SOME WAS CRUSHED, FOR OTHERS -- PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER WERE SOURED.

EVER AFTERWARDS, IN SHAKESPEARE'S WORDS --"THE VOYAGE OF THEIR LIFE WAS BOUND IN SHALLOWS AND MISERIES."

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES TODAY, THERE SITS A MAN WHO POUR TIMES SOUGHT THE PRESIDENTIAL HOLY GRAIL -- AND ONCE IN HIS UNSUCCESSFUL RACE FOR THE PRESIDENCY AGAINST NIXON IN L968 NEARLY SUCCEEDED IN GRASPING IT. HE IS HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY.

MR. HUMPHREY BEGINS IN THIS SESSION OF THE CONGRESS HIS FIFTH TERM IN THE SENATE -- INTERRUPTED BY FOUR YEARS AS LYNDON JOHNSON'S VICE PRESIDENT. SENATOR HUMPHREY HAS OVERCOME MAJOR SURGERY FOR CANCER. HIS ZEST FOR LIFE IS UNDIMMED -- HIS HOPES ARE UNCRUSHED -- HE GOES ON IN THE SENATE AS HE BEGAN -- A "HAPPY WARRIOR" ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF AMERICAN POLITICS.

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