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Murray Kempton (December 16, 1917-May 5, 1997) was an important American journalist who was a significant presence on the political left for many years. He was born James Murray Kempton in Baltimore. He worked as a copyboy for H. L. Mencken at the Baltimore Evening Sun. He was educated at Johns Hopkins, where he was editor-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins News-Letter. After his graduation in 1939, he worked for a short time as a labor organizer, then joined the staff of the New York Post. He served in the Air Force during World War II, returning to the New York Post in 1949 as labor editor and later as a columnist. He also wrote for the Sun and World-Telegram in New York.

It is function of government to invent philosophies to explain the demands of its own convenience.

- Kempton, Murray

A neighborhood is where, when you go out of it, you get beat up.

- Kempton, Murray

A political convention is not a place where you can come away with any trace of faith in human nature.

- Kempton, Murray

The faces in New York remind me of people who played a game and lost.

- Kempton, Murray



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