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Political Attention Focusing on Last Surviving Brother

BY ROBERT J. DONOVAN
Times Washington Bureau Chief

NEW YORK — Throughout the flight that bore the body of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy from Los Angeles to New York Thursday, his brother, Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, sat by the coffin.

When the plane landed at LaGuardia Field and the door was opened, it was Ted Kennedy who first appeared helping to remove the coffin. Then he escorted Mrs. Ethel Kennedy to the gray hearse that carried her husband to St. Patrick's Cathedral.

After the coffin was placed in front of the main altar and the mourners departed, Ted Kennedy returned and spent most of the night by his brother's side, sitting or standing still or pacing to and fro with a rosary and a blue-covered missal in his hands.

Central Figure Throughout

He left the cathedral at dawn Friday and returned alone at 5 p.m. to resume his vigil. Throughout the ordeal, Ted Kennedy, at 36 a handsome, robust Democratic senator from Massachusetts, has been a central figure, just as he seems to be destined to be a central figure in American public life for many years to come.

For, as manifested by his assistance to Ethel Kennedy and his own sorrowing sisters and his mother and by his solitary vigil in the cathedral, he is the last of the Kennedy brothers. As the inheritor of the legend of John F. Kennedy

and Robert F. Kennedy, he holds a unique place among the American people. That he will sooner or later emerge as a national political leader is a foregone conclusion.

"Teddy is the best politician in the family," John Kennedy once remarked. "Teddy Kennedy," James Farley has said, "is going to wind up President."

Both John and Robert Kennedy were driven by circumstances to seek office before their time—John by the wartime death of his elder brother, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., who was to have carried the family banner in politics, and Robert by the assassination of John.

Now because of the assassination of Robert, Ted Kennedy will surely be forced into a faster pace than he had ever contemplated.

Favor Nomination

Already many Democrats would like to see him nominated in August for Vice President on a ticket headed by Vice President Humphrey. Certainly, it would be a potent ticket, but this is hardly the time for sounding out Ted Kennedy's thoughts. Running so soon after Robert's death might seem to him gruesome and tasteless.

On the other hand, with the country in the state that it is, Ted Kennedy's nomination as Vice President might have a calming effect, particularly on the young and on the Negroes. Conceivably the national interest might be the rationale for Ted Kennedy's picking up at this time the torch wrenched away from his two brothers.

Robert Kennedy was plunged into the deepest gloom and brooding by John's death. He talked about going off and teaching school, and it was many months before the outlines of his political career began coming into focus for him.

The same experience may be in store for Ted Kennedy, in which case he might disappear into the political background for a few years. He is so young that he can afford to wait a long time to seek national leadership.

A strong family resemblance ties Ted Kennedy to his two older brothers. His voice, for example, is so much like that of the late President's that talking with him on the telephone is an eerie experience at first.

Nevertheless in manner, appearance and approach Ted Kennedy is different from John and Robert. Though the "baby" of the family, he is physically the largest, being heavier and more broad-shouldered than his brothers.

In manner he is, in public at least, more reserved and deferential. As a result there is nothing abrasive about him, as there sometimes was about Robert, and he is more apt to make friends than enemies.

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example, who feuded off and on with Robert Kennedy, remains on good terms with Ted Kennedy and is said to be quite fond of him.

Ted Kennedy has been closer to the Johnson Administration than Robert ever was, which might add a touch of plausibility to talk of his running with Humphrey.

Ted Kennedy's deference and reserve have made him much better accepted in the Senate than was Robert Kennedy, whose ambitions for higher office were suspected by other senators from the outset.

Ted Kennedy indeed has been more a man of the Senate than either John, whose seat he filled, or Robert. Where the two older brothers tended to use the Senate as a base for national operations, Edward settled down to become a senator for a long time. More than in the case of his brothers, the Senate became for him a way of life.

This was much appreciated by other senators, although many in the beginning resented his running for his brother's seat in 1962.

It will be recalled that after his election to the Presidency in 1960 John Kennedy resigned as senator from Massachusetts. Benjamin Smith II, an old friend, was appointed to hold the seat until the next general election in 1962.

Enters Primary

In that year Ted Kennedy entered the Democratic primary against Edward McCormack, nephew of Speaker of the House John W. McCormack. Kennedy debated Edward McCormack, handled himself well and won the primary.

Then he went on to defeat the Republican candidate, George Lodge, son of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr.

During that campaign it was revealed that as a Harvard student Ted Kennedy had cheated by getting another student to take an examination for him. The revelation was an embarrassment, a definite mark against young Kennedy, but in time it has become pretty well forgiven and forgotten.

When Ted Kennedy entered the Senate in 1963, he studiously assumed the traditional role of a quiet, inconspicuous freshman, who did his homework but largely kept his mouth shut on the Senate floor. His diligence and modest behavior soon impressed the Senate hierarchy. The senior senators approvingly called him "solid."

Soon he came to take his turn presiding over sessions in the absence of the Vice President, the official presiding officer. Kennedy in fact was presiding on Nov. 22, 1963, when word came that the President had been shot in Dallas. Shortly afterwards Edward flew to Hyannis Port, Mass., to comfort his parents.

They were in need of comfort again in 1964 when word arrived that Ted Kennedy had been one of five persons aboard a private airplane that crashed near South Hampton, Mass. Two were killed but Kennedy and two others survived.

His back, however, was injured severely. He was in a hospital for months and, for a long time thereafter, got about only with the aid of braces and a cane. Even now the injury bothers him some and occasionally he shows the trace of a limp.

There is no question but that this brush with death as well as the lacerating tragedies of Dallas and Los Angeles have strengthened Ted Kennedy's character.

It has sometimes been said that he is not as smart as his older brothers. Those who make this statement inevitably compare Ted Kennedy in his mid-30s with his older brothers when they were in their 40s. Robert and John grew in stature after their mid-30s. Indeed, John grew enormously in the years between his inauguration and death, and plainly Robert was still growing at the time of his death.

The question in point, therefore, is whether Edward Kennedy has the capacity for growth possessed by both his brothers.

Similar Philosophy

In general he follows the liberal, humanitarian philosophies espoused by his brothers. In the Senate he has proved articulate and persuasive, particularly when he has prepared himself on a subject under consideration.

He has been identified with such issues there as draft reform, redistricting, international refugees, gun control and South Vietnamese reform.

He tripped badly only once. That was when he tried to push through a federal judgeship for his father's old friend, Francis X. Morrissey of Boston. After bitter opposition, stirred by Morrissey's lack of qualifications, Kennedy surrendered and asked the President to withdraw the nomination, which he did.

Increasingly, however, Ted Kennedy has become an imposing figure. Now

as the sole surviving Kennedy brother and head of the powerful Kennedy clan, he stands to be one of the leading Americans of his time.



THE LAST BROTHER—Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy holds a cross as he sits in a pew at St. Patrick's Cathedral where his slain brother lies in state.

AP Wirephoto

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Ethel Kennedy: She Does Not Cry

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NEW YORK — Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, the widow of the slain senator, spent today comforting strangers, her family and her friends.

"She doesn't cry," said a close friend who was with her in the family's apartment overlooking the United Nations.

"She's made it better for all of us."

And so she had. Starting before 9 a.m., when friends began streaming through her doors, Ethel Skakel Kennedy was ministering to others, reaching out a hand to touch those who looked as if they needed assistance.

Those early hours were especially trying for her. At least one of her three elder children, Joseph 3d, Robert Jr. or Kathleen was in tears. Yet she had a wan smile for visitors, and hot coffee and breakfast rolls for anyone who wanted them.

She kept to what apparently was a well-planned if hectic schedule. At 11 a.m., she appeared on the sidewalk in front of her building at 570 United Nations Plaza, ready for the private mass at Holy Family Church around the corner. Pope Paul worshipped at Holy Family during his visit here in 1965.

She wore a black silk dress, black shoes, black stockings and a simple black ribbon in the back of her freshly combed blond hair, and she carried a black handbag. Her sons were on either side of her. They were joined by about 15 other relatives and friends.

It was a short walk along almost deserted streets on a very hot day, and she moved briskly until four Army sergeants approached her and asked to join the group. Typically, Mrs. Kennedy went to them immediately, embracing and being embraced by Sgt. Maj. Francis Ruddy, who placed the wreath on President Kennedy's grave in November, 1963.

Inside the church on 47th street between First and Second Avenue, Mrs. Kennedy appointed her two sons as altar boys for the low requiem mass, which was attended by most of the Kennedy family. Msgr. Timothy J. Flynn, pastor of the church, was impressed by her composure.

He said later that when the matter of the altar boys came up, "she just pointed at two of the youngsters and told them to serve."

After the service, Mrs. Kennedy and her children were driven to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where they joined with the thousands of mourners who had come to pay final respects to the dead senator. She led her children into pew seats beside the bier.

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~~Mrs.~~ Kennedy crossed herself, then sat, as if transfixed, her eyes staring at the closed coffin. She and the children bowed their heads for a few moments and rose to stand beside the coffin.

Still staring at the coffin, her face impassive, she reached out her hand, touched the shiny mahogany gently and was gone.

Mrs. Kennedy's afternoon was equally demanding. From the cathedral, she and other members of the Kennedy family went to Mr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon's uptown apartment for lunch. Dillon was Secretary of the Treasury during President ~~John F.~~ Kennedy's administration.

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MOURNS

Thousands at Kennedy Bier in Cathedral

NEW YORK (AP)—By the tens of thousands, the mourners filed past the body of Robert F. Kennedy as it lay in state Friday in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Kennedy's mother, his widow, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, were among those who knelt in prayer by the candle-flanked bier of the 42-year-old victim of an assassin.

Today, the powerful, the wealthy from 50 nations around the world will gather at St. Patrick's for funeral services, after which the body will be taken by train to Washington for interment at Arlington

National Cemetery, where John F. Kennedy lies beneath an eternal flame.

But this was a day in which Robert Kennedy belonged to the humble.

These were the people who in life had reached for Kennedy's hand, torn exuberantly at his clothing, wildly cheered him on in his quest for the Presidency.

Now they had come to bid farewell—little old ladies, miniskirted girls, vague and elderly men, young male hippies, wage earners in blue shirts, blacks, Puerto Ricans and whites.

They came to mourn, to weep, to run a finger or a hand solemnly and reflectively and ever so gently along the polished African maogany wherein he rested.

They stood silently in lines that wound for block after block through midtown Manhattan. It took most nearly four hours in 90-degree heat before they even gained admission to the cathedral, which occupies a full block between 5th and Madison Aves. and 50th and 51st Sts.

Near Casket Briefly

They were inside only for a brief time, beside the casket but a moment.

Then they left the dark, cool grandeur of the vast cathedral, and they put their arms around one another, or they leaned their heads despairingly against the outside walls of the church and they wept bitter tears for the man inside, felled by an assassin's bullet even as his brother, President John F. Kennedy, in 1963.

A few of the mourners never made it to the bier. A woman in black became hysterical, shrieking and weeping until she was assisted out of the line by police. A red-haired girl collapsed, apparently from the heat, before she even reached the doors of the cathedral.

They had begun lining up in the night and almost 1,000 of them were on hand when the heavy bronze

~~t. doors~~ of the cathedral swung open at 5:30 a.m.

Kennedy was shot early Wednesday in Los Angeles, as he celebrated his triumph in the California presidential primary. He died there Thursday, and his body was flown back to New York Thursday night. As St. Patrick's Cathedral opened its doors to the mourning thousands, schools and many private institutions closed their schools of respect to Kennedy. Most courts were closed. Race tracks across the state canceled programs.

Shortly before 8 a.m. an aging woman in black, wearing a single strand of pearls, made her way alone and all but unnoticed into St. Patrick's. She was Rose Kennedy, come to pray for her fallen son, as twice before she had prayed for his brothers who preceded him in violent death. Her eldest son, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., was killed in action in World War II.

Mrs. Kennedy took a seat near the altar, prayed quietly for a time, then departed as silently as she had come.

Back at her home in Hyannis Port, Mass., was her husband, Joseph P. Kennedy, 79, speechless and nearly immobile since a stroke some years ago.

Family, friends and associates stood vigil over the body of the fallen senator. Among them were Robert S. McNamara, former secretary of defense and now president of the World Bank, Douglas Dillon, former secretary of the Treasury, Burke Marshall and John Doar, his associates in the Justice Department, and Joseph Patrick Kennedy, his 15-year-old son.

At one time a honor guard of four master sergeants in green berets from the John F. Kennedy Combat Center at Ft. Bragg, N.C., stood by the casket.

Shortly after noon, Robert Kennedy's widow, Ethel, arrived at the cathedral. She wore a black sleeveless dress, black hose and carried a black handbag.

With her were the three eldest of her 10 children. She is expecting an 11th.

Mrs. Kennedy had seen her husband shot down in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. She was at his bedside when he died.

Ethel Kennedy, with Kathleen, 16, Joseph, 15, and Robert Jr., 14, took seats near the bier. The widow's face was a quiet mask of mourning, her eyes fixed on her husband's casket. She and the children surrendered themselves for a few moments to prayer and

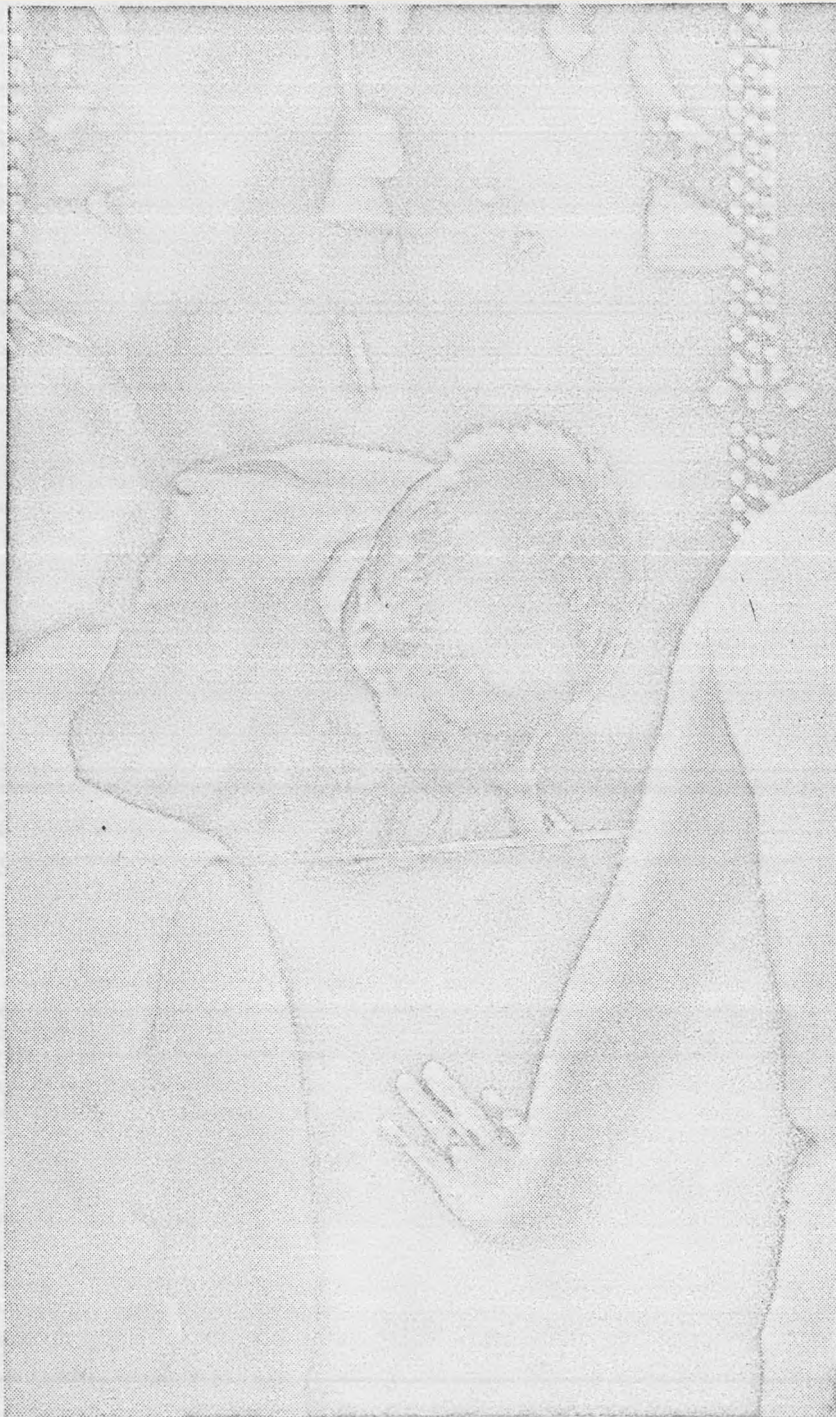
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Then they rose to pause beside the coffin. Mrs. Kennedy reached out her hand, touched it gently and was gone.

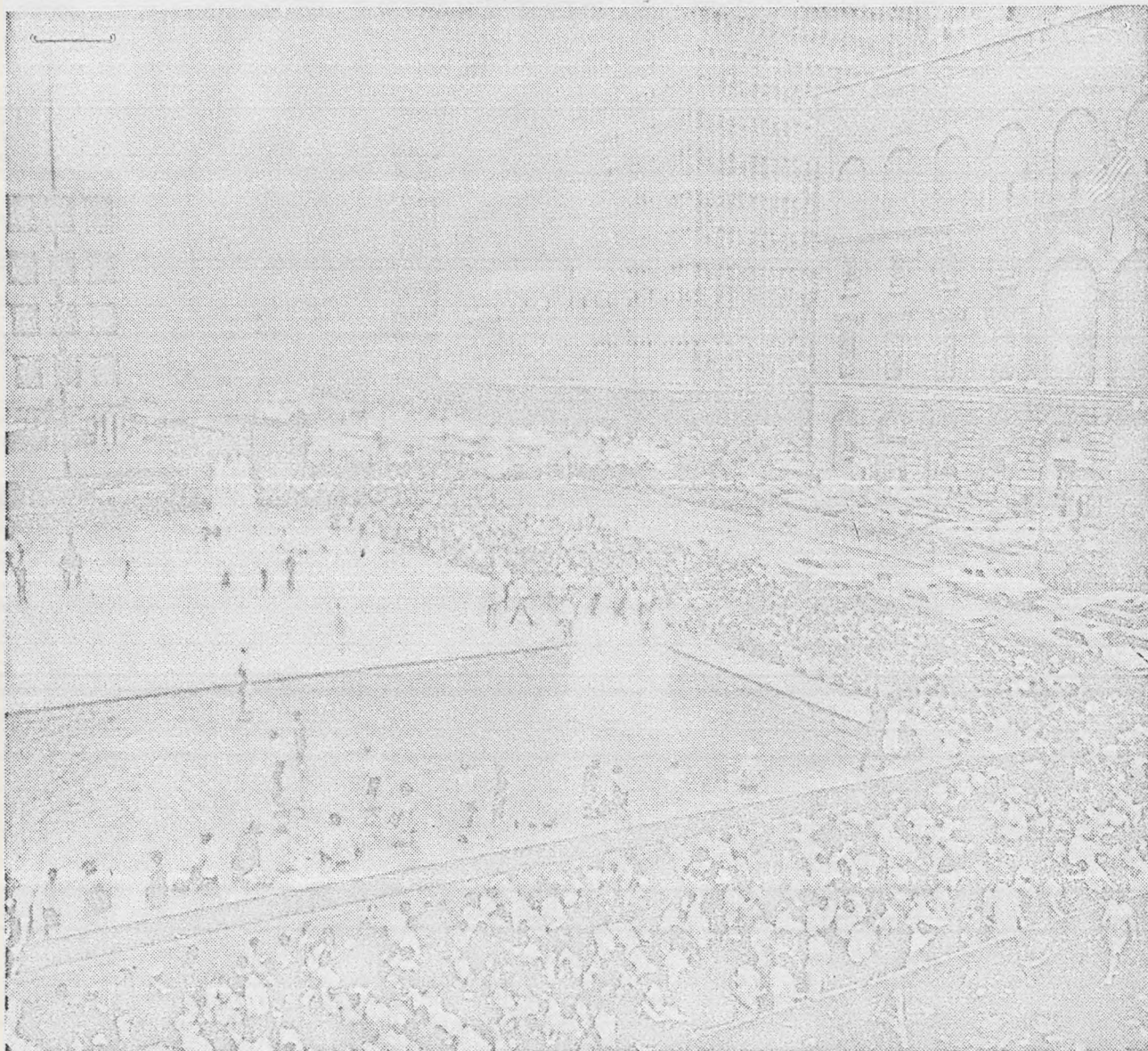
Not long afterward, Ethel Kennedy's place was taken by Jacqueline Kennedy, wearing a black dress with white accessories. She walked alone now as she has since Dallas. Beleaguered by her own memories, she seemed least able of all the Kennedys to suppress her agony.

Mrs. Kennedy genuflected before the casket, then took a seat nearby. She rested her head on the pew in front of her for one forlorn moment. Then she forced it erect, but with her hand over her eyes. She prayed briefly, rose, genuflected again, and left the church.

Save for Jacqueline Kennedy, the family and a few close friends earlier had attended a private mass at Holy Family church, a few blocks from the cathedral.



A PERSONAL TRIBUTE—A man leans over to kiss the casket of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as he files past the senator's bier Friday. AP Wirephoto



THE LONG WAIT—Thousands wend their way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, two blocks away to the right,

to view the bier of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Some wade in the pool as temperatures went into the 90s.

UPI Wirephoto



A SON'S VIGIL—Robert F. Kennedy Jr., 14, son of the assassinated senator stands as a member of the honor guard at his father's bier.



WIFE'S FAREWELL.—Mrs. Ethel Kennedy blows a kiss at the casket of her husband, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

AP Wirephoto



TRAGEDY RELIVED—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who saw her husband slain by an assassin, comes to the bier of her brother-in-law, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

AP Wirephoto

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Dancer Tells Sheriff She May Be 'Girl in Polka Dot Dress'

BY ERIC MALNIC and JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writers

A belly dancer who said she believes she is the "young woman in a polka dot dress" sought for questioning in connection with the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy gave herself up to the Sheriff's Department Friday.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess said the girl denied knowing the suspected assassin—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan—but said she saw him before the crime near the Ambassador hallway where Kennedy was shot.

Shortly after Pitchess' announcement, Los Angeles Police revealed that two other women claiming they were the "young woman in the polka dot dress" have been questioned and released without a charge.

The girl who gave herself up Friday—identified as Kathy Fulmer, 19, of Los Angeles—also was released without charge.

Police had put out an all points bulletin for a woman who, according to a Kennedy worker, ran from the hotel after the crime, screaming, "We shot him." The witness said the woman wore a polka dot dress.

Pitchess said Miss Fulmer told him she had been near the senator when he was shot, had been wearing a polka dot scarf, and had run from the building after the shooting.

"But she said she had shouted,

"They shot him," not, "We shot him," Pitchess said, and she denied any connection with the shooting.

After talking with Pitchess and his investigators, the girl was questioned and released by Los Angeles Police Department detectives, who have primary investigative jurisdiction in the murder.

Law enforcement officers, blocked by a court order late Friday from releasing further details about the case, refused to discuss the two women questioned earlier.

But, prior to the court order, Pitchess talked in detail about Miss Fulmer.

Called Office

He said she called his office shortly before 4 p.m., identified herself, and said she believed she was the woman police were seeking. A sheriff's car brought her to the Hall of Justice.

"She matched the description of the bulletin," Pitchess said. "She was young, attractive, and wearing a blonde, bouffant wig."

Pitchess said Miss Fulmer had seen news accounts of the description, "taken some time to think about it, and decided to call us.

"She seemed sincere in wanting to eliminate herself as someone who was involved (in the murder)."

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Worked as Dancer

The sheriff said he had no details concerning the young woman's address or employment, but other local officials said records showed she had worked recently as a belly dancer.

"She said she was active in the Kennedy campaign, and went to the Ambassador Tuesday night with two companions—a man and a woman—to see the senator," Pitchess said.

"She denied knowing the suspect, but she says she saw him on the platform before the shooting and later recognized him from pictures."

(Another witness placed the suspect in the hallway behind the platform for some time before the shooting. Kennedy was shot in the hallway a few seconds after leaving the platform.)

"She said she was standing in the doorway (to the hall) when the shots were fired," Pitchess said. "She said she heard the shots, but did not actually observe the shooting."

The sheriff said Miss Fulmer told him she ran from the building after the shooting because she was "upset."

Before the news blackout, Los Angeles police revealed they have received "literally hundreds of tips" that Sen. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy, not a lone assassin.

"We're running down every scrap of this information," said a top police spokesman. "We'd be silly if we didn't."

But, he added, police have not retreated an iota from their earlier conviction that Sirhan acted alone.

"All evidence, despite the host of tips we're

receiving, points to a lone assassin," he said.

However, investigators were discarding no leads, no matter how frivolous they appear on the surface.

Some are being pursued with a vigor that embellishes them with a credibility they may not deserve.

One of these, for instance, concerns a story told by a water geologist just returned to the United States after working 5½ years for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture.

W. J. Wood, 43, said he overheard three men speaking in Arabic in Kennedy headquarters on Wilshire Blvd. last Sunday night, and he told police the conversation struck him as suspicious — especially since one of the three, he believes, was Sirhan.

At first the trio spoke in English, said Wood, who identified himself as a volunteer campaign worker for the senator.

When they switched to Arabic, using a Jordanian dialect, said Wood, he overheard one say:

"He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, but we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Wood said he speaks and understands five Arabic dialects, including the one in which the trio talked.

He said the three reappeared at the headquarters Monday night, but that he dismissed the conversation until he saw a photograph of Sirhan on Wednesday after the fatal shooting.

Irrelevancy Possible

Police Inspector Peter Hagan confirmed that Wood had been questioned about the conversation.

He said officers had no reason to doubt Wood's sincerity, but "put no credence" in the story as far as its being an indicator of a conspiracy.

"The statements could have been made, but interpreted out of context and totally irrelevant to the murder," Hagan said.

Reports from the volunteers at the Kennedy campaign headquarters on Wilshire Blvd. that Sirhan appeared there Monday and perhaps Tuesday also were being screened.

Workers, in the process of closing up the headquarters, informed officers that files there were available for inspection, on the chance Sirhan might have signed up as a volunteer.

FBI entry into the case came as a result of civil rights legislation passed only last April 11 by Congress, explained U.S. Atty. Matt Byrne.

Meanwhile, at least one mystery appeared clarified Friday: how the suspect, a Pasadena resident, got to the hotel.

Impounded at a police lot was a pink and white 1956 DeSoto belonging to Sirhan.

The car was found earlier in the week on the east side of New Hampshire Ave. and 200 feet south of Wilshire—close by the Ambassador.

The windshield wiper held down an overtime parking ticket.



TELLS HER STORY—Sheriff Peter Pitchess talks with Kathy Fulmer who says she may be the girl in polka dot dress sought by police in connection with the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.
Times photo by Joe Kennedy

Dancer Says She Was 'Polka Dot Dress' Girl

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Pope Offers Private Mass for Kennedy

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI offered Mass Friday for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy "to implore from God peace for the soul of the deceased, comfort for those he leaves behind and mercy for this poor world shaken by violence," a Vatican spokesman said.

The spokesman said only the Roman Catholic Pontiff and two private secretaries were present at the Mass, celebrated in his private chapel at the Apostolic Palace.

The Pope prayed for Kennedy and his family throughout Wednesday and Thursday. He celebrated Mass for the senator, imploring "the mercy of the Lord," several hours before Kennedy died.

Angelo Cardinal Dell'acqua, papal vicar for Rome and a friend of the Kennedy family was chosen to represent the Pope at the funeral.

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FRANCE TIGHTENS-UP RULES ON GUN SALES

PARIS (UPI) — The French government today stiffened the already stringent restrictions on the sale of hunting rifles, 20-caliber weapons and shotguns.

A provisional decree from the Ministry of the Interior banned the further free sale of hunting arms without government permission. The ministry said the decree had been "under consideration for several days," apparently because of the French political upheaval.

Until now hunting rifles could be sold to persons with hunting licenses under a strict registration procedure.

Revolvers and pistols can be sold only to persons with authorization from the mayor of their town or district. Some reserve army officers are also allowed to own handguns.

The Interior Ministry added that sales of shotguns and small bore rifles will in future be licensed throughout France. The law lowered the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

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Hanoi Sees Politics in Kennedy Assassination

HONG KONG (AP)—North Vietnam's army newspaper said Friday Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was killed because he was leading the U.S. presidential race and, if elected, would have reopened the investigation into the 1963 assassination of his brother, President John F. Kennedy.

"The bullets that killed Robert Kennedy," Quan Doi Nhan Dan declared in a commentary broadcast by Radio Hanoi, "were

fixed to the U.S. presidential race between Kennedy and his adversaries.

"If Robert Kennedy had won he would have tried to bring into light the assassination of his brother and take revenge for his brother.

"Robert Kennedy was eliminated by those criminals who wanted to avoid all chance of his revenge," the newspaper said.

(Robert Kennedy always

supported the Warren Commission's findings on his brother's assassination. The commission said it found no evidence of any conspiracy; that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.)

Both Kennedys, the paper said, were murdered in a country "where the U.S. capitalist leaders do not hesitate to kill others by any means in order to get rid of opponents and obstacles in the way of their power and wealth."

The paper characterized Robert Kennedy as the most potent critic of President Johnson's Vietnam war policy.

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Broad Commission on Violence Problem Seen

Scope, Method Will Differ From Warren Investigation, Member of Both Units Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—The only member of President Johnson's commission on violence who also served on the Warren Commission says the new investigation will be wholly different in scope and method from the probe into President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.) said in an interview Thursday "the mandate is certainly broader" for the probe of violence which was launched after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Boggs is one of 10 prominent Americans on the new commission, headed by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower. He outlined his views on the new probe but said there has been no discussions yet of organization or procedure.

U.S. Dist. Judge A. Leon Higginbotham of Philadelphia, another of the commission appointees, commented that the nation "must not assume a posture of hopelessness"

about violence.

In an interview Higginbotham offered some thoughts on where the root causes of violence may be found.

"We have long-term, hard-core problems, of poverty and discrimination, which breeds lawlessness," he said. "And this is not a problem that was just discovered."

Albert E. Jenner Jr., a Chicago lawyer named to the new commission, said the shooting of Sen. Ken-

edy was "symptomatic of a growing social sickness in this country."

Jenner previously served as senior counsel to the Warren Commission.

"Unless the great citizens of this country come to realize that contempt for organized society will destroy society itself, we are going to be destroyed," Jenner said.

"The first step is the formation of a police state and later the formation of a military establishment," he said.

Across the country, another member of the panel, Eric Hoffer, met with newsmen and cautioned the nation against wallowing in self-condemnation.

"We are not violent," the San Francisco longshoreman-philosopher insisted.

"I have spent my life with people considered the most violent on earth — skid row bums, migrant workers, longshoremen," he said. "But I have never, never in my life seen a fight."

"These people — and Americans generally — are gentle and orderly and kind."

Boggs said one major difference in the two probes is that the Eisenhower Commission undoubtedly will hold open hearings. The Warren Commission did not.

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Father Will Stay at Home; Spirit Lauded

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP)—A grieving father, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, remained at the Kennedy family compound Friday. Flags flew at half-staff over the family's summer homes on Cape Cod.

A policeman or two stood guard in the quiet street along the compound that includes his home as well as those of his two assassinated sons, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and President John F. Kennedy.

The 79-year-old senior Kennedy was reported by his companion and niece, Ann Gargan, as "doing well." He was told of Robert's death at midday Thursday by his sole surviving son, Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.).

The mother of the Kennedy family, Rose, learned of the death from Miss Gargan.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston and an old friend, was with the elder Kennedy when Edward called from Los Angeles with the news.

The cardinal told newsmen later, "We knew yesterday that Robert did not have a chance, and during our visit we tried to prepare him for the worst."

The former ambassador to the Court of St. James was left speechless by a stroke 6½ years ago. Cardinal Cushing said reports that he suffered a heart attack after learning of the new tragedy were false and added: "I am surprised at his courage and his spirit of resignation."

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Kennedy Mourned in Capitals Around World

By United Press International

Mourners gathered in nations around the world Friday to honor Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. From dozens of capitals messages continued to flow toward Washington with words of condolence.

In Berlin, 2,000 young West Germans marched silently through downtown streets to John F. Kennedy Square for a ceremony at a monument erected in honor of the late President, the senator's brother.

In Stockholm, the assassination cast a shadow over traditional national day celebrations and speakers at patriotic gatherings eulogized him.

Acting Prime Minister John McEwan of Australia ordered all flags in Canberra at half staff and expressed the "deep feeling of sympathy in the hearts of the Australian people."

The Portuguese foreign minister, Franco Nogueira, sent a cablegram expressing his sorrow and said, "Such a violent crime deserves the condemnation of all men."

Flags in Jamaica flew at half-staff and Prime Minister High Shearer said he expects to be in Washington for the funeral.

In Paris, newsmen on strike at the state-owned broadcasting networks sent a message that said they regret not being able

to inform the French public of "these critical times in the history of the United States."

President Juan Carlos Onganía of Argentina went on television to deplore violence in the United States and to "thank God peace reigns in our country."

From Seoul, President Park Chung Hee of South Korea sent a message to Sen. Kennedy's widow saying the Korean people are "shocked to learn of the tragic death."

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RUMORED PLOT TO KILL JOHNSON IS PROBED

MONTREAL (AP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Friday they are continuing investigation of a report that eight "Quebec revolutionists" had left here to attempt to assassinate President Johnson, New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Vice President Humphrey.

U.S. border guards at Rouses Point, about 50 miles south of here, also said they were maintaining their watch on Canadians passing through into New York state.

The alleged assassination plans were revealed Thursday in an anonymous telephone call to the U.S. Consulate here. A male caller, with no obvious accent, threatened to revenge the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and said eight men would drive to New York to accomplish the three assassinations.

A spokesman for the consulate said the report was treated seriously although it was thought to be far-fetched.

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FBI Reported Asking Israel for Sirhan Data

Elders Believe He Couldn't Have Killed Unless 'Influenced or Offered . . . Cash'

TEIBEH, Israeli-Occupied Jordan (UPI)—The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has asked Israel for information on the childhood of Sirhan Sirhan, the accused murderer of Robert F. Kennedy, informed sources said Friday.

The Arab elders of this small village painted a picture of a boy who grew up in a poor family that lived on church charity and who "was always kept in close line by the father."

The father, Bishara Sirhan, has lived in Teibeh since leaving his wife and five children in Pasadena, Calif., after family quarrels. Before emigrating to America the Christian Arab family lived in Jerusalem with little money to spend, the elders said.

The Arab elders expressed the conviction Sirhan could not have committed the crime "unless he was influenced or offered a lot of money."

The elders said the family became connected with the Jehovah's Witnesses sect "many years ago" and it was that religious group which paid

the way for the Sirhan family to go to the United States in 1957.

Bishara Sirhan has told reporters the family belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church and that little Sirhan went to a Lutheran church school in Jerusalem.

The Teibeh notables said they are convinced the father still receives money from the Jehovah's Witnesses in addition to money sent him by one of his sons, Saadi. Sirhan has told reporters he supported himself on a small pension and by parttime farming.

The Jehovah's Witnesses sect was banned in Jordan in 1959. It is known to continue to operate secretly, particularly in the Arab old sector of Jerusalem.

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Peking Cites Murder as Crisis Sign

TOKYO (AP)—Radio Peking reported the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy early today for the first time and said the assassination is "another proof that U.S. imperialism's political and economic crises have been deepened."

A Chinese-language broadcast, monitored here, added that the murder of the senator showed "U.S. bourgeois monopolists do not hesitate to resort to evil means to wrest power."

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Hundreds Pause in Front of Senator's L.A. Headquarters

BY CHARLES HILLINGER
Times Staff Writer

Tears streamed down the faces of two 18-year-old girls as they stood in front of the Robert F. Kennedy campaign headquarters at 5615 Wilshire Blvd., Friday.

The scene was repeated throughout the day as scores of campaign workers and hundreds of pedestrians along the busy boulevard paused momentarily in front of the building.

Instead of victory banners, a memorial to the slain senator adorned the window of the Southern California campaign headquarters.

It was a portrait of Sen. Kennedy surrounded by bouquets of flowers in a large vase and on black fabric covering a table, a folded American flag and a small card inscribed "In memory of a great man."

In store windows throughout the city were similar somber memorials.

Telephones were being dismantled.

Hundreds of Calls Received

Mrs. Veronica Piume and Mrs. Homerzella Grays manned the switchboard receiving hundreds of calls from Kennedy supporters who asked:

"What are we going to do? Who do we go for now? Why, why did it happen?"

"They ask us for advice," said Mrs. Piume. "What can we tell them?"

Behind the campaign headquarters were two huge trash bins filled with campaign literature, with "Bobby Power" and other Kennedy campaign signs.

The office was closed to the public Friday, but Smith said it will continue to function with a small staff "until the delegation determines what the future course should be."

Throughout the day, however, most of the volunteers who manned the office or worked out of it since it

was set up March 18, dropped by to pick up personal things, to say good-bye and to cry.

"We were volunteer workers here at campaign headquarters for several weeks," said Linda Dunn, one of the 18-year-old girls, as she brushed aside tears.

"We couldn't give him our vote, but we could give him our time. We just came back here today to pay our respects."

Linda's companion, Melanie Silver, a Santa Monica College freshman as is the Dunn girl, never saw

Sen. Kennedy in person.

"We were to meet him after he made his speech at the Ambassador," explained Melanie. "There was a whole group of us who went over to the hotel from campaign headquarters.

"We were going to get a chance to shake his hand, congratulate him on his victory . . ."

Inside the campaign office Steve Smith, who managed the Kennedy campaign in the eight Southern California counties, and five others were gathering together records.

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Broad Scope for Study on Violence Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—The only member of President Johnson's commission on violence who also served on the Warren Commission says the new investigation will be wholly different in scope and method from the probe into President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.) said in an interview "the mandate is certainly broader" for the probe of violence which was launched after Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Boggs is one of 10 prominent Americans on the new commission, headed by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower. He outlined

his views on the new probe but said there has been no discussions yet of organization or procedure.

U.S. Dist. Judge A. Leon Higginbotham of Philadelphia, another of the commission appointees, commented that the nation "must not assume a posture of hopelessness" about violence.

In an interview Higginbotham offered some thoughts on where the root causes of violence may be found.

"We have long-term, hard-core problems of poverty and discrimina-

tion, which breeds lawlessness," he said. "And this is not a problem that was just discovered."

Albert E. Jenner Jr., a Chicago lawyer named to the new commission, said the shooting of Sen. Kennedy was "symptomatic of a growing social sickness in this country."

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Mrs. Kennedy

Thanks U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP)
—Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy sent the U.N. General Assembly a message Friday thanking the members for the tributes to her dead husband.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg read it after the 124-nation assembly had stood for a moment of silence in memory of the senator.

"I wish to thank you, Mr. President, from the bottom of my heart for the tribute you are paying to my husband from the tribunal of the General Assembly of the United Nations," Mrs. Kennedy said.

Her remarks were addressed to Corneliu Manescu, Romanian foreign minister, who is the current president of the General Assembly.

"I would appreciate it very much if you would convey to the members of the United Nations the thanks of all members of the family for the many speeches of sympathy which have been made at the United Nations."

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LA Leaders At Funeral

Los Angeles city's official delegation, headed by Mayor Sam Yorty, today is in New York for the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Others in the delegation are Councilmen Edmund D. Edelman, Bill G. Mills, Gilbert W. Lindsay, Paul H. Lampert, Arthur K. Snyder and Deputy Mayor Joseph Quinn.

To a question to Yorty yesterday as to why he was going to attend the funeral in view of his running verbal feud

with the late senator, Yorty replied:

"In the first place, let's make it clear. I don't believe in funerals. I'm going out of respect for a great man.

"Senator Kennedy and I had our differences but they were political and not personal. I enjoyed the way he joked about this relationship and was never offended. The good thing was that, throughout it all, I had the highest respect for the man. That's why I'm going to New York!"

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Pay Tribute to RFK

Los Angeles citizens flocked to church services and public memorial programs, canceled planned events, and privately mourned the late Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Clergymen, public officials, and private citizens paid tribute as the city's flags flew half staff.

Many eulogies were voiced in services yesterday and today. Los Angeles has planned additional memorial programs for tomorrow as it joins the nation in a day of mourning proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Former Gov. Edmund G. Brown eulogized the late senator in public services at noon today in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 615 S. Figueroa St.

Other memorial services set for today included:

Prayer service, 10.30 a.m.,

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox
Cathedral, 1324 S. Normandie
Ave.

Memorial service, noon,
Temple Israel, 7300 Hollywood
Blvd.

Low Requiem Mass, 6 p.m.,
Blessed Sacrament Catholic
Church, 6657 Sunset Blvd.,
with the Rev. Wallace A.
Brown delivering the eulogy.

Memorial service, 5 p.m., Temple Isaiah, 10345 W. Pico Blvd., led by Rabbi Albert M. Lewis.

Tonight's dancing at the Palladium has been cancelled.

Thrifty Drug Stores and member markets of the Food Employers Council closed this morning out of respect to the late senator, and the drug chain will remain closed until noon tomorrow.

A Sunday jazz concert at

the Pilgrimage Theater has also been postponed.

Special services scheduled for tomorrow include.

.Solemn Requiem Mass, 9 a.m., at St. Vibiana Cathedral, Los Angeles, conducted by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre.

Memorial service, noon,
Temple Israel, 7300 Hollywood
Blvd.

Solemn High Mass of Re-
quiem, 12.15 p.m., Blessed
Sacrament Catholic Church,
6657 Sunset Blvd.

Prayer service, 12.30 p.m.,
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox
Cathedral, 1324 S. Normandie
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Memorial service, 3 p.m., Wrigley Field, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Senate Rejects Gun Bill Amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Roman L. Hruska predicted that Congress will reject President Johnson's latest appeal for a ban on mail-order sales of rifles and shotguns. "You can't make a case for it," he said.

The Nebraska Republican led the fight against the proposal in Senate action on the crime-control bill and won by a 53-29 vote.

Among those voting with him were the Senate leaders of both parties, Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill.

The vote came on an amendment offered by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. As urged by Johnson, it would have banned interstate mail-order sales of rifles and shotguns and

prohibited their sale to persons under 18 years of age.

Hruska said that even if mail-order sales were banned, it would not prevent persons from buying long guns in stores where they live.

The crime bill, on which congressional action was completed Thursday with House passage by a 368-17 vote, bans interstate mail-order sales of handguns.

It also prohibits their over-the-counter sale to non-residents of a state and to persons under 21 years old.

Johnson, in a letter to Congress as the bill was being passed, called the firearms section a halfway measure and urged amendments or separate legislation applying to shotguns and rifles.

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RFK Death Prompts End to Weapon Sales

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Due to the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York, one midwestern discount firm has decided to go out of the gun business while another that earlier stopped selling firearms announced it will no longer sell ammunition.

J-Mart's family discount stores here yesterday donated its entire inventory of small arms, hand guns, ammunition and related items—valued at more than \$20,000—to the Columbus police department.

An Indiana-based discount chain discontinued its sale of ammunition after quitting the gun business two years ago.

"The action is being taken to help preserve safety and sanity, although ammunition sales are one of the stores' largest revenue sources," explained Sanford Friedman, president of Wonderland Department Stores.

Wonderland has stores at LaPorte and Michigan City, Ind., and Niles, Mich.

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The Aftermath of a Tragedy:
Strengthen Laws on Crime

The assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy is a tremendous shock that has saddened rational men not only in Los Angeles, but throughout the world.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the Senator's family and we join with all people everywhere in mourning his passing. His loss will be shared by all mankind.

This senseless act dramatically demonstrates once again the growing violence our country is experiencing. Businessmen everywhere can do much in helping to put a stop to this growing attitude. It is high time that government at all levels faces up to its problems. Instead of it being made easier to commit crime, it should be made more difficult. Instead of coddling the guilty they should be prosecuted vigorously and thoroughly punished. Instead of increasing liberality in our thinking toward violence and evil, it is time we turn completely about and restore the solid thinking that made our country great.

We hope this tragic act will serve to drive us into working toward solving our nation's problems through peaceful and lawful means.

ROBERT L. GORDON
 President,

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Hell on Earth

PARIS--Perhaps no political family since that of Atreus has suffered so cruelly as the Kennedys and not the least part of their suffering is to see the torment of this patriotic house become a symbol of what ails America today. For, although the United States believes itself the leader of free world decency, it is coming to be reviled abroad as a system of democracy tempered by assassination.

Three of our last five presidents have been targets for murderous attack to which one succumbed. His brother, a leading presidential candidate, lies dead. Martin Luther King, a token of moderation in the increasingly vehement American race revolution, was slaughtered. The U.S.A. has been a violent land since early frontier days but now the violence is out of hand.

Dark and bloody as America looks today, however, it is not alone in truculent confusion. The earth is gripped by uncomprehended and incomprehensible madness. One wonders if the subconscious of this generation may not indeed have been infected by the horror of problems it cannot understand, as symbolized by the total weapon.

The only comparable period of modern political terror occurred after the first vaunted total weapon was invented. Alfred Nobel, the Swedish chemist who patented dynamite a century ago, later wrote to his friend Bertha von Suttner, a famous agitator against war who was then

attending a peace conference:

"My factories may end war sooner than your congresses. The day when two army corps will be able to destroy each other in one second, all civilized nations will recoil from war in horror and disband their armies."

As awareness of this weapon, then held capable of incomparable destruction, crept into the public mind, an unprecedented wave of political terrorism engulfed the world. It even developed its own political philosophy to explain assassinations.

Widespread military use of Nobel's series of new explosives was not attempted until the 20th century. However, long before that the anarchists, the nihilists and Narodniki, and the ego-anarchists of Max Stirner encouraged political murders and opposed law, order and society itself.

Nietzsche proclaimed "God is dead." A wave of killings occurred in Italy, France, Germany and even the United States where a self-proclaimed anarchist slew President McKinley "because he was an enemy of the good working people."

The movement, which grew in the shadow of the first total weapon, swore to do away with everyone and everything representing government in any form. Even if that total weapon now seems picayune when compared with its fantastically horrible successor, there was certainly a profound condition of psychosis evident in a world then accus-

ing itself to Nobel's concept of the first balance of terror.

Will it be possible some day for historians and psychoanalysts to make a similar judgment concerning the initial decades of the thermonuclear age which has certainly not accustomed itself to living under constant threat of extinction?

Savage acts of violence have become almost commonplace even if holocaust has been avoided. In the shadow of the second total weapon there have been successful assassination attempts against both Kennedy brothers, King, and Mahatma Gandhi and unsuccessful assassination attempt against President Truman, Palmiro Togliatti, General De Gaulle and Rudi Dubcek.

The Russian Narodniki sponsored a program very similar to that of Che Guevara and Regis Debray, heroes of contemporary student agitators, extolling "terrorist activity." Can there be some remote subconscious link between intellectual advocates of violence three generations ago and their successors today? Perhaps both eras felt themselves lurching towards uncertainty and possible doom.

Was it not possible that at the time of Nobel the mere existence of potential mass terror dimly commended individual terror as a means of political action to deranged minds and unbalanced spirits? If this was so then, might it not be even more so now?

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JAMES RESTON**Qualities
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WASHINGTON—In many ways the personal characteristics of Robert Kennedy were very much like the dominant characteristics of the American people. We are an ambitious, strenuous, combative, youthful, inconsistent, abrupt, moralistic, sports-loving nonintellectual breed, and he was all these things. Yet paradoxically, he was running behind for the presidency precisely because he exploited and personified these typical American traits of character.

The professional politicians, and much of Big Business and Big Labor, all of them ambitious, competitive and abrupt men of action themselves, opposed him actively. The young, the Negroes and much of the rest of the poor backed him, all in both categories for the same reason: He was a passionate and pugnacious man who confronted the inevitable and sometimes the avoidable contradictions of life, and inspired great loyalty and great fear in the process.

He was not going to make it in this election—there were too many powerful forces against him—but this does not prove that he was either wrong or right. It merely proves that he was more willing than his party and the rest of his country to throw all his passion and energy into ending the war in Vietnam and transforming the life of the cities. He was an all-or-nothing man and he lost everything in the end, but he was determined to face the terrible dilemmas of the war and the cities. He was prepared to choose, between defeat at home and defeat in Vietnam, and between Israel and the Arabs, as few politicians and few Americans are, and this cost him not only the leadership of his party but his life.

One of the many tragedies of his death is that it occurred just when he seemed to be regaining confidence in his own power. He lost it for a while during the agony of his brother's death. He went through a couple of bad years, when he seemed stunned and stumbled into a couple of silly and unnecessary conflicts.

Even in the early primaries, when he was winning, he sounded strident and even immature, but typically, the defeat in Oregon

received his Irishness and he came out of the California struggle with a new sense of purpose and even serenity.

This was quite apparent in the last hours of his life. He had that fierce intensity under control. His voice was much calmer in the last week. He seemed, somehow, to regain both his sense of history and his sense of humor—and then he was gone.

Somehow the Kennedys draw the lightning. They seem to be able to save everything but themselves. Having all the attributes of life most men desire—good looks, money, power, success, love and even fame—they are the targets of envy and, to twisted minds, the symbols of the inequality of life.

Killing Robert Kennedy to avenge the hatred of the Arab States for Israel—if that was the assassin's motive—was a wholly irrational act. He had nothing to do with Israel's spectacular victory in last year's war. He had no influence on President Johnson or Secretary of State Rusk on Middle Eastern policy—or any other policy for that matter. He was not on his way to the presidency, where he might have directed American foreign policy, and he was certainly not the favorite political darling of the Jews in New York or anywhere else. Yet he is gone.

Many men succeed in politics by using their worst qualities and this applied to Robert Kennedy at the beginning of his legislative career. But in the end, he failed while using his best qualities. It is all very strange, and for the moment, repulsive.

"Politics!" exclaimed Paul Valery, "at that word I am overcome with silence. . . . I regard the political necessity of exploiting all that is lowest in man's psyche as the greatest danger of the present time . . . there (in politics), vibrant and buzzing, are the meddlers, the bores, the buffoons. . . ."

"Some roar, others whisper in your ear. Some know everything and are silent. Those who talk know nothing. By a trick of inverted lights, friends see each other as enemies, fools look impressive to the intelligent. . . . I could lose myself at this fantastic Fair, where even arithmetic—in fact arithmetic especially—is subject to strange distortions."

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Legal Death Sign Came 7 Hours Before Verdict

Neurosurgeon and Friend of Family Says No One Has Survived Such Brain Damage

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy met the legal requirements for death at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, seven hours before he was officially declared dead, a Boston neurosurgeon said Friday.

Dr. James L. Poppen of Lahey Clinic, who was summoned by the Kennedy family, said the senator died from massive, irreparable damage to a small but vital communications section of the brain.

"There has been no survival in any patient that had any injury like the one Sen. Kennedy received," Dr. Poppen said.

Arrived Too Late

Although he was sped by government aircraft to Los Angeles, the 65-year-old friend of the Kennedy family said he arrived after the operation.

"My only value was to keep the family informed and give them moral support," he explained.

By about noon Wednesday, less than 12 hours after Kennedy was shot, it was obvious that he would not live, Poppen said. The senator was shot at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday.

By 6:30 o'clock that night, he said, the senator met the legal requirement for death—tracings of his brain waves were flat—but a slim hope remained

because the waves sometimes fade out and come back, and shortly afterwards his pulse and heart rate actually improved for a time.

Brain Waves

But Poppen said that as the hours wore on the brain waves did not revive, the senator's kidneys and other vital organs began to shut down and finally his heart stopped beating.

Poppen said the ultimate cause of death was "overwhelming, irreversible damage to the pons and midbrain (or brain stem),"

two adjacent regions deep in the center of the brain.

The two are narrow pathways through which all the vital information exchanged between major parts of the brain must pass.

Traffic in the pathways includes the data that specialists in brain research believe are linked with controlling consciousness, heart rate, blood pressure and all the body's automatic processes.

Bone Pierced

Poppen said the bullet which pierced the mastoid bone behind the senator's right ear continued to the temporal bone, which was shattered.

He said the bullet and its fragments caused bleeding and swelling along the path, but didn't

penetrate as far as the pons and brain stem, where swelling and bleeding were set off by shock waves resulting from the force of the injury.

Areas Lose Vitality

In time, this bleeding and swelling caused the pons and brain stem tissues to lose their vitality and thus die.

Poppen said that the shattering of the temporal bone also destroyed cranial nerves which control hearing and facial expressions on a person's right side.

If damage to the pons and brain stem had not been so severe and the senator had lived, Poppen said, he would also have been paralyzed on his left side and would not have been able to speak clearly.

Poppen said the senator was operated on not so much to remove bullet fragments as to determine whether a blood clot might have lodged between the brain and his skull and remove it so that his brain would have room to swell as part of its natural reaction to the injury.

Such a blood clot can cause the same symptoms as the more severe damage done to Kennedy's brain and lead to death if not removed, Poppen said, but there is no way to tell the extent of such injuries unless an operation is

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Israeli Police Submit Sirhan Family Dossier

BY YUVAL ELIZUR

Exclusive to The Times from the Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Israeli police Friday transferred to Interpol at the request of the FBI a complete dossier of the Sirhan family including family history, environment and childhood experiences of Sirhan Beshara Sirhan.

From the dossier it appears that Sirhan is completely estranged from his father and other members of his family here. Evidence included in the dossier fully identifies Sirhan Beshara Sirhan and thus refutes reports emanating from Jordan which gave a different description of the man who is accused of shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Meantime, friends and members of the family of Sirhan Beshara Sirhan Friday denied newspaper reports from the United States claiming that Sirhan witnessed Israeli atrocities in his childhood. His mother's sister told reporters that Sirhan never encountered Israelis and that the family were not refugees.

Additional information obtained Friday also shows that under a facade of politeness and meekness, Beshara Salameh Sirhan, the father of Sirhan, now a resident of Taibeh village 20 miles from Jerusalem, is a complex individual given to fits of temperament.

Neighbors said he used to beat his children. Friction in the family may have influenced Mrs. Sirhan to leave for the United States in 1957.

The reaction of Beshara Salameh Sirhan since he was told of his son's

apparent involvement in the assassination, seems to be characterized by sudden changes of mood.

At first he was cooperative with reporters. Later, he refused to admit to his home an NBC news crew who came to interview him, but shortly thereafter he was friendly and talkative for a CBS team.

The principal of the Lutheran school in the Old City said Sirhan's record showed him an above-average student.

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Loss Mourned by Millions Around World

By United Press International

A peasant woman knelt by flickering candles in a Warsaw church Friday and prayed for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Pope Paul VI offered Mass in his private chapel in Vatican City.

The pontiff named Angelo Cardinal Dell'Acqua to represent him at Sen. Kennedy's burial at Arlington National Cemetery today. Cardinal Dell'Acqua, the papal vicar for Rome, flew to the United States Friday.

Millions around the world mourned the death of the brother of the murdered U.S. President.

A Calcutta newspaper summed up India's reaction to the assassination of the New York senator in a front-page cartoon: It shows Columbus in a boat covering both of his eyes and saying, "I wish I had not discovered America."

Soviet Sees Plot

The official Soviet press speculated that both the senator and his brother, President John F. Kennedy, were victims of right-wing plots.

A black leather book of condolences was opened at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. It was filled with hundreds of signatures of

Poles who waited in line to enter the embassy.

The Japanese government awarded the nation's highest decoration to the senator. The first-class order of the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun was awarded posthumously "in appreciation of his efforts for the promotion of Japanese-American friendship."

Memorial services for Sen. Kennedy were scheduled in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and scores of other countries.

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RUMORED PLOT TO KILL JOHNSON IS PROBED

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U.S. border guards at Rouses Point, about 50 miles south of here, also said they were maintaining their watch on Canadians passing through into New York state.

The alleged assassination plans were revealed Thursday in an anonymous telephone call to the U.S. consulate here. A male caller, with no obvious accent, threatened to revenge the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and said eight men would drive to New York to accomplish the three assassinations.

A spokesman for the consulate said the report was treated seriously although it was thought to be far-fetched.

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SIRHAN THREATENED DOCTOR IN DISABILITY CHECK QUEST

By ROBERT McLAUGHLIN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, threatened an ophthalmologist who examined him after he fell from a horse and allegedly sustained head and other injuries, according to the doctor.

Dr. Milton Miller of Corona said Sirhan visited his office twice, on Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, 1966, complaining he suffered pain, blurring and "extreme motion" in his eyes after falling from a horse in September.

Miller's examinations revealed "visual acuity was normal in both eyes and the eyes looked healthy." He added that Sirhan "seemed to exaggerate" his disability.

Miller said the young Jordanian telephoned him after the second visit to request a letter verifying his injuries so he could file a disability claim.

When Miller declined, he said, "Sirhan said I'd better do what he told me to, or he was 'gonna git me' and I 'would be sorry,' or words to that effect.

"I didn't know what to think. Before I could answer him, he just hung up."

Miller said Sirhan did not specify what he would do to him if he did not write the letter.

The fall occurred when Sirhan was working as an exercise boy at Granja Vista Del Rio, a ranch in Corona owned by Altfillisch Construction Corp.

Sirhan went back to work two weeks later, quit on Nov. 13, asked for and got his job back Dec. 1 and left for good Dec. 10.

He started the job in June at \$250 a month and was making \$375 just before the injury.

Sirhan filed a workman's compensation claim against the corporation and its insurance company, Argonaut Insurance Company of Los Angeles.

An examination by The Her-

ald-Examiner of the extensive medical reports filed with this claim, which was settled for \$2000, disclosed that Sirhan was examined by and got limited treatment from at least eight doctors in 15 visits in 15 months. One doctor gave him some eyedrops, another some ointment.

He also visited Dr. Miller, who did not file a report, and he may have seen other doctors who were not called upon by either the plaintiff or the defendants to give written opinions.

The first examinations of Sirhan were summarized in three work injury reports.

conflict over the date of the accident. They say the patient reported it occurred at 7:30 or 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 30, 25 and 24. Attorneys later agreed to assume it took place the 25th.

This is how Sirhan described the mishap to one doctor in August, 1967:

"I was breezing a filly, asking her to run as far as she could. . . It was a very foggy

morning. . . A few seconds after I had started the filly I was down. She threw me. I don't know how I fell, when, everything went blank. . ."

He recounted how stitches were taken in his lower chin and left eyelid at Corona Community Hospital, and that he left the hospital the next

day although the doctor asked him to stay a week.

The doctor, Richard A. Nelson, filed the first workman's injury report. He said Sirhan had sand in both eyes, a cut on the upper lid of his left eye and a two-inch cut on his chin, a large bruise on his back, a bruised left hand and multiple abrasions. X-rays for fractures were negative.

Sirhan returned to Nelson a month later to complain about his eyes and Nelson referred him to a Corona ophthalmologist, Paul Nilsson.

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Dr. Nilsson reported Sirhan had a half-inch scar on his left eyelid, that his vision was 20-20 in each eye but "left eye not as sharp as right."

Sirhan saw Miller once before and once after seeing Nilsson. Then he moved to Pasadena and early in April saw another doctor who referred him to two more specialists.

In August, according to the reports, Sirhan visited Los Angeles eye doctor Albert Tashma, who recorded these complaints:

"Very much facial discomfort. The eye I can't rotate it, too tight. I can't look in both directions as I used to. . . I can't shift the gaze back and forth. I never did complain about the vision. I seem to fail the side vision."

After a detailed examination, Dr. Tashma reported:

"Patient has normal binocular function. Essentially normal eye examination. . . (Sirhan's symptoms) are not organic in origin."

He concluded: "No permanent disability involving his eyes."

Two weeks later, in early September, 1967, Sirhan saw neurologist Forrest L. Johnson, who recorded complaints of "discomfort of chin, left eye and low back."

This is the first document to mention chin and back troubles.

It also contains the first reported allegation by Sirhan that he was fired in November, 1966, "because he felt he was unable to physically work the hours on the job that were required of him. The patient reports that he has not been working since his discharge from that employment."

"The patient reports that he has back pain all the time."

but this is increased with bending movements or with lifting even minimal weights."

But Sirhan touched his toes with his fingertips at the doctor's request.

The doctor's conclusion: "I believe the patient is capable of returning to work as a stable boy at this time."

To check on any possibility of organic damage, Johnson sent Sirhan to Good Samaritan Hospital. The radiology report was "normal skull" and "normal lumbar spine."

Sirhan returned to see Johnson Oct. 10, but apparently was dissatisfied with him and on the same day went to see eye doctor Maurice W. Nugent.

Dr. Nugent wrote a letter to Sirhan's attorney in Pasadena, saying there might have been "very minor" eye damage.

This was the first medical examination that produced a document entered as plaintiff's expert testimony.

In early November, Sirhan was examined by a specialist in physical medicine, Leonard J. Yarnashon, who also wrote the attorney to state the patient had small scars on his eyelid and chin and that he said he could not bend or squat for any length of time because of back pain.

This was the second and last plaintiff's witness.

Sirhan made one more try to obtain medical documentation of his back ailment, visiting general practitioner Martin Albori on Dec. 18.

Dr. Albori noted the patient's plaint that he couldn't get a job because of his bad eye and bad back, although he admitted working as a grocery clerk for the past three weeks.

Dr. Albori found that at this time he has no impairment of vision."

Although he conceded that an eye specialist might possibly find some sort of eye problem, Dr. Albori declared, "I feel that recovery has been complete without any after effects."

Sirhan's lawyer filed an application for workman's compensation anyway, and at a Feb. 7 hearing the Workmen's Compensation Board in Los Angeles observed the "wide variance in the medical reports."

In a settlement filed March 15 and approved by the board March 27, the defendants agreed to pay Sirhan \$1705, his attorney \$200 and his two doctors \$50 and \$45.

A referee calculated Sirhan was 5.5 per cent disabled for 22 weeks and deserved \$1155 plus the \$95 in doctors' bills. A doctor reviewing the settlement for the referee said \$2000 "appears adequate."

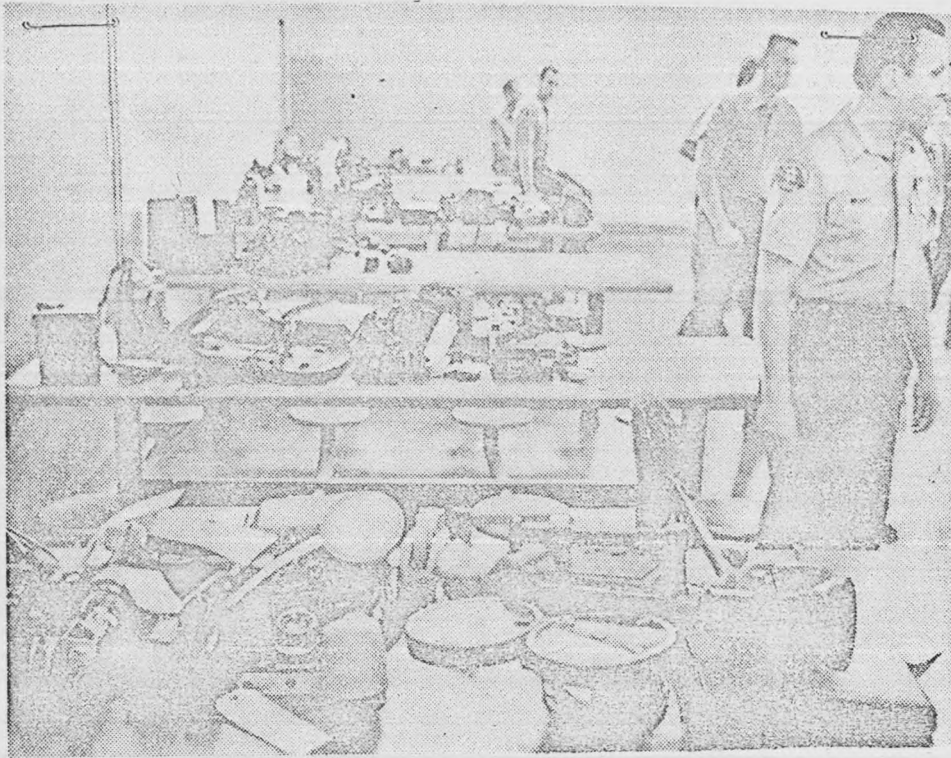
Checks to each party were mailed within 20 days of the approval, according to the defendants' attorneys.

Early Wednesday morning Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was seized at the scene of Sen. Kennedy's murder with four \$100 bills in his pocket.



THE FACE OF CAPTURED SIRHAN SIRHAN

His left eye, he claimed, was injured in a fall from a horse



—United Press Telepho

IN AN UNUSUAL order, Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon allowed only pen and paper at the arraignment of Sirhan Sirhan, charged with the assassination of

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