

the public's airwaves, the screens of neighborhood theaters, the news media and other forms of communication that reach the family and our young?"

"This troubled world will long remember the scar of the past week's violence," the President said. "But when the week is remembered, let this be remembered too: that out of anguish came a national resolve to search for the causes—and to find the cures—for the outbursts of violence which have brought so much heartbreak to the nation."

The Administration renewed its efforts Monday for stronger gun control legislation.

Clark sent a new proposal to Congress with a warning "rifles and shotguns have become the chosen instruments of slaughter for snipers and assassins."

The omnibus crime bill passed by Congress—and awaiting a presidential signature — bans mail-order sales of handguns, but Congress refused to curb mail shipment of rifles and shotguns as the Administration wanted it to do.

Mr. Johnson spoke of his concern about violence a second time Monday when he met with 121 presiden-

tial scholars—high school graduates honored for outstanding attainment and promise.

He told the young people the most crucial question facing the United States today "is whether we as one people can hold fast in our faith in each other."

If this is possible, he said, "we will erase the strain of violence. . . we will heal and help this country."

"I have not the slightest doubt about the future," he concluded, "as long as a country can develop young men and women with hope like you, with leadership like I hope you will give all of us."

Members of the commission on violence, in addition to Dr. Eisenhower, are Roman Catholic Archbishop Terrence J. Cooke of New York, Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.), Roman Hruska (R-Neb.), Rep. William M. McCulloch (R-Ohio), Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), former Ambassador Patricia Harris, Longshoreman-philosopher Eric Hoffer, Judge A. Leon Higginbotham of Philadelphia and Albert E. Jenner of Illinois.

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Family with him as wound proves fatal

President declares mourning

By GLADWIN HILL

New York Times News Service

LOS ANGELES (Thursday)—Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the brother of a murdered president, died at 1:44 a.m. today.

The New York senator was shot more than 20 hours earlier, moments after he had made his victory statement in the California primary.

At his side when he died today in Good Samaritan Hospital were his wife Ethel, his sisters, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Patricia Lawford; his brother-in-law, Stephen Smith; and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, whose husband was assassinated 4½ years ago in Dallas, Tex.

Hopes had risen slightly when more than eight hours went by without a new medical bulletin on the stricken senator, but the grimness of the final announcement was signalled when Frank Mankiewicz, Kennedy's press secretary, walked slowly down the street in front of the hospital toward the littered gymnasium that served as press headquarters.

Mankiewicz bit his lip. His shoulders slumped.

He stepped to a lectern in front of a green tinted chalk board and bowed his head for a moment while the television lights snapped on.

Then, at one minute before 2 a.m. he said: "I have a short announcement to read," and then he told of Kennedy's death.

The text of Mankiewicz's statement read:

"I have a short announcement to read which I will read at this time. Senator Robert Francis Kennedy died at 1:44 a.m. today, June 6, 1968. With Senator Kennedy at the time of his death was his wife Ethel, his sister, Patricia Lawford, his brother-in-law, Stephen Smith, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John F. Kennedy.

"He was 42 years old."

"He was not able to build back up tissue after the trauma of last night and the surgery this morning," said Mankiewicz, Kennedy's press secretary who made the official announcement.

President Johnson was informed immediately of the death and proclaimed a day of national mourning.

In Washington, the president issued this statement:

"This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

"Robert Kennedy affirmed this country—affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.

"During his life, he knew far more

than his share of personal tragedy. Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women. He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence—and in the right of the old and poor to a

life of dignity. Our public life is diminished by his loss.

"Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family. I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe

a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

The proclamation set next Sunday for a day of national mourning and directs that from now until burial the United States flag will be flown at half staff on all buildings, grounds and ships of the federal government.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey joined the first family, issuing a statement which said:

"Mrs. Humphrey and I feel a sense of profound personal loss. We have all lost a great American—a man of deep concern, compassion, and personal commitment.

"Our hearts go out to his wife and dear children and to his family—which has already known tragedy beyond that which any should endure.

"It is now the obligation of all of us—even in our sorrow and pain—to recommit ourselves to the principles of humanity and individual justice in which Sen. Robert F. Kennedy believed.

"May our nation find the strength, the faith and the wisdom to dispel the forces of irrational hate among us and to replace them with love of man and God."

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said softly when informed of Kennedy's death: "There is nothing I can say. I'm just overcome. Just overcome."

Kennedy died while trying to pick up the torch his older brother, John, dropped when he was murdered in Dallas four and one-half years ago.

He had, first with apparent reluctance and then with the gusto that typified the Kennedy clan, taken the mantle of leadership that came hand-in-hand

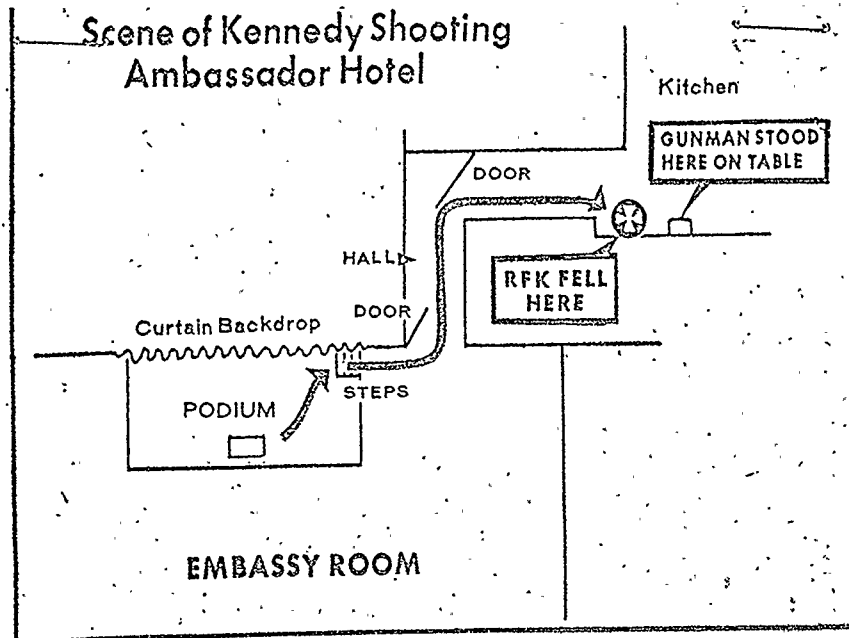


Diagram shows the route Robert F. Kennedy took through Ambassador Hotel corridors from the spot where he gave his victory speech to the spot where he was shot by man standing on bench.

with tragedy to the brood of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy.

He followed both of his older brothers — Joe, Jr., and John—to violent deaths, Joe in a World War II plane crash and the late President in Dallas. It was his duty, in the Kennedy scheme of things, to pick up where they left off.

Kennedy would have been 43-years old on Nov. 20, the same age of his brother when he was elected President. Bobby, a tough and wily campaign manager of his brother, played a key role in that election and only two nights ago—at his California victory celebration—said he now realized just how valuable campaign aides were.



(UPI Telephoto)

THE VICTIM — Robert Kennedy clutches rosary beads.

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MAN TELLS OF SHOOTING

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BY PAUL HOUSTON

Times Staff Writer

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DESCRIBES SHOOTING—Jesus Perez, right, dishwasher at the Ambassador who was shaking hands with Sen. Kennedy when he was shot, appears at the hearing with Karl Uecker, hotel assistant maitre d'.
Times photos by R. L. Oliver

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NEWSMAN'S FIND

Crumpled Page May Hold Last Kennedy Writing

BY DOROTHY TOWNSEND

Times Staff Writer

A long yellow sheet of legal-size note paper that may contain the last written words of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is an unanticipated memento of tragedy for radio newsman Ken Gaydos.

As the senator was giving his victory speech at the Ambassador, Gaydos, news director for Station KBBI here, was taking notes on a dwindling roll of paper.

He realized he would need more paper, and when Sen. Kennedy left the podium Gaydos grabbed a crumpled sheet of paper which was left behind and stuffed it into his pocket.

Gaydos never used the paper for notes. In the events of the next few minutes it was forgotten.

When he pulled the paper out later it appeared to be a key to the remarks Sen. Kennedy made just before he was shot.

Don Drysdale Mentioned

At the top of the page, in large, heavy, black ink script was the name "Drysdale—6 straight." The victory speech opened with a reference to the Dodgers' pitcher's six straight shutout games.

Next were the names Jess, Cesar Chavez, Bert Corona and Rafer Johnson, all of whom the candidate thanked for their help in his successful California primary campaign. The "Jess" apparently is Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh.

The name of Rafer Johnson appears to have been inserted and is in a different color ink and penmanship. Farther down the page, in the same light blue ink and block letters, is the name of astronaut John Glenn, with the last name misspelled with only one "n."

Near the bottom of the page is a reference to South Dakota's primary results, showing 48% for Kennedy, 32% for the Johnson-Humphrey

slate and 20% for McCarthy. There were statistics the senator quoted with others to indicate a change in the temper of American politics.

Gaydos feels the sheet and a separate white envelope with the name of Dolores Huerta, vice president of the Farm Workers Union, on it in the same heavy black script, are very likely the last writings of the senator, who walked away from the podium and into history.

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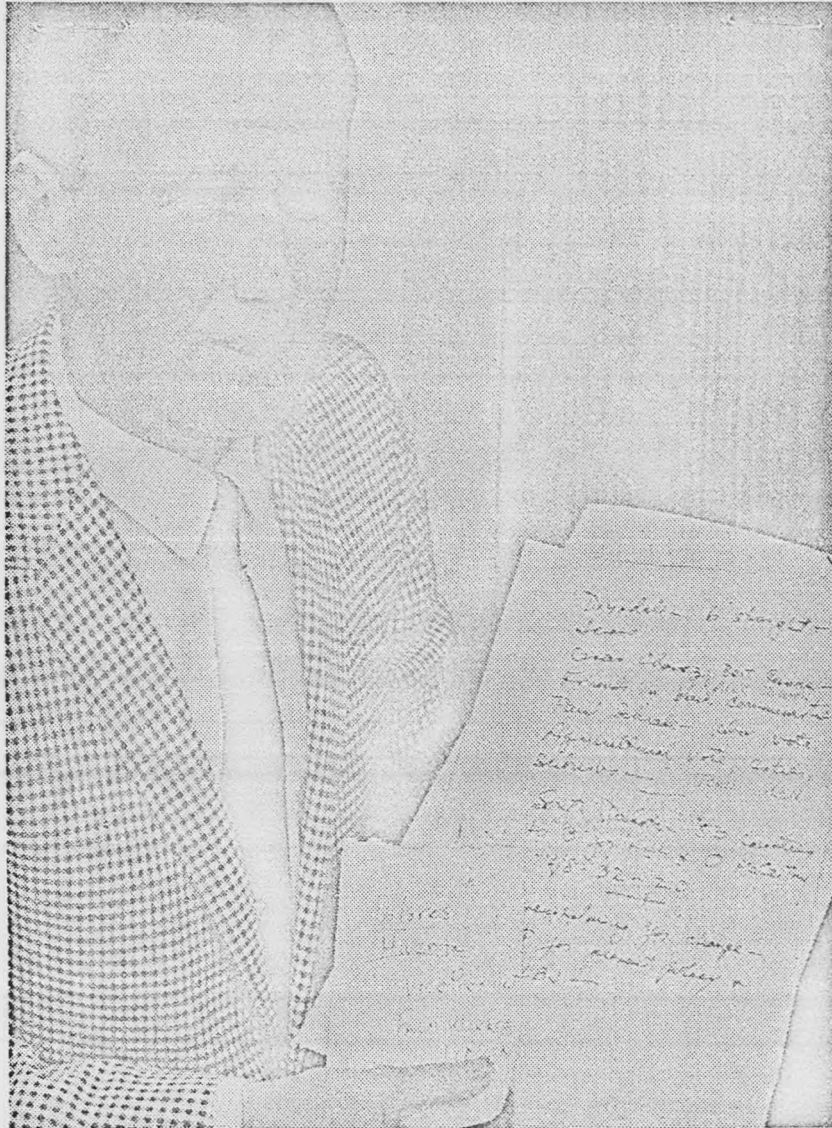
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KENNEDY NOTES—Ken Gaydos, news director for Station KBBI, with the notes of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's Tuesday night victory speech. Times photo by Ray Graham.

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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's personal driver was beaten and robbed as he returned home from nearly 24 hours of duty with the Kennedy family. Police said Lee E. Morrow, 45, was stopped by seven juveniles a block from his Washington home. When he told them he had no cigarets, he was hit in the face with a stick and his wallet was taken. The wallet contained a 50-cent piece, personal papers and three gasoline credit cards in the name of Sen. Kennedy.

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Youth Held in Death of Jordanian

CHICAGO (UPI) — A Negro service station attendant was charged Monday with murder in the fatal shooting of a Jordanian grocer in what police said may have been retaliation for the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Aaron Myers, 19, appeared in boys court and was ordered held without bond in Cook County Jail in the slaying of Abder Rayyan, 51, father of nine, in his south side grocery Saturday.

Detectives said they were seeking a second suspect in the case.

Police said Myers was arrested where he worked a few hours after two Negroes walked into the store and shot Rayyan.

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Throng Filing Past Grave of Kennedy Dwindling Sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The throngs faded Monday from Robert F. Kennedy's grave, leaving a few friends and a smaller stream of visitors to say a prayer, leave a flower or snap a picture of the plain white cross over his resting place.

A political aide, a Kennedy family employe and a nun were among those paying last respects to the assassinated New York senator's grave at the bottom of a flower-strewn slope in Arlington National Cemetery.

Kennedy was buried Saturday night close to the memorial grave of his brother, President John F. Kennedy, who was the victim of a similar assassination in 1963.

"I loved President Kennedy—all the Kennedys," said Sister Mary Theodosia Duffy at Port Arthur, Tex., an Irish-born nun of the Order of the Immaculate Word. She said she had never met any of the Kennedys.

Her black religious garb contrasted with the bright summer clothing of most of the stream of tourists who quietly filed past the graves of the two slain brothers.

Uncounted Crowds at Burial

The number of visitors was sharply down from Sunday's estimated 60,000 and the larger, uncounted crowds that saw Kennedy to his burial Saturday.

Blue-uniformed honor guards, who constantly attend President Kennedy's grave, said the flow of tourists past the site was a little more than on an average day.

Most visitors first stopped at John Kennedy's grave, a black tombstone surrounded by white granite with an eternal flame flickering over it, then walked the few steps to the senator's grave.

Peter Edelman, a campaign aide who had worked for the senator's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, and Marian Wright, a family friend, knelt briefly at the grave.

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'PENETRATING SEARCH' ORDERED**Johnson Instructs Violence Commission**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson's commission to seek causes and cures for violence met with him Monday and got what he called a simple direct charge:

"To undertake a penetrating search for the causes and prevention of violence—a search into our national life, our past as well as our present, our traditions as well as our institutions, our culture, our customs and our laws."

Mr. Johnson spoke of the difficulties the commission will face but said that the truth it sought would yield to search, if only stubbornly, and that the search must start now.

White House officials said the President had not directed the

commission to look specifically into the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy—the event that sparked its creation. The matter of affecting legal processes would be involved there.

For about an hour, the members met in the White House Fish Room under the chairmanship of Dr. Milton Eisenhower, educator and brother of the former President. Mr. Johnson spoke to them and so did Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark.

Then the scene shifted to the Cabinet Room, where Mr. Johnson signed an executive order formally creating the commission.

He announced that he is asking Congress to grant the commission

subpoena power and the Lloyd Cutler, Washington lawyer who was recommended by Clark and by Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford, will be the executive director. Cutler was present.

The commission is set up for a year's operation, but Mr. Johnson, aides said, wants it to try to bring in a report considerably ahead of the 12 months' deadline.

"Your work," Mr. Johnson said, "should help us move toward that day when hatred and violence will have no sway in the affairs of men. Since violence is an international phenomenon your work will be a service not only to your countrymen, but to the world."

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KENNEDY GIFT RECEIVED BY INJURED GIRL

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP)

—The widow of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has sent a teddy bear to the hospitalized 3-year-old girl who narrowly escaped death when the Kennedy funeral train passed through here Saturday.

The child, Deborah Ann Kwiatek of Linden, was being held by her grandmother, who was standing on the tracks. The grandmother was killed when hit by a northbound train, but she managed to hurl the child to safety. Another person also was killed.

A spokesman at Elizabeth General Hospital, where Deborah is reported in good condition, said Ethel Kennedy's secretary telephoned the hospital Sunday night asking that someone buy a teddy bear for the child in the name of Mrs. Kennedy.

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GIFT FROM MRS. KENNEDY — Debra Ann Kwiatek, 3, is shown a stuffed dog, a gift from Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, in a Newark, N.J., hospital. Debra was injured when group of spectators watching Kennedy funeral train was hit by another train. Her grandmother was killed.

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Jail Gun-Smuggling May Be Linked to Police Slaying Case

Police are investigating a report that three loaded guns a woman attempted to smuggle into the county jail Friday evening were meant for Gregory U. Powell, 34, it was disclosed Monday.

Powell and Jimmy Lee Smith, 37, were appearing in court Monday for retrial in the 1963 slaying of Ian James Campbell, Los Angeles police officer.

The woman, Edyth Grant, 55, of 1800 N. La Brea Ave., who identified herself as the secretary of a bail bondsman, is being held on suspicion of bringing firearms into a jail.

When she appeared at the jail, Mrs. Grant said she was delivering the typewriter in which the three guns were found, to J. Avery Bayer, a man being held for petty theft. Investigators reportedly are attempting to determine if there is any link between Bayer and Powell.

Powell currently has so-called proper privileges (which are accorded to persons representing themselves)

in jail under a court order and has been given the right to have a typewriter. He is, however, being defended by an attorney.

It is not known whether Bayer received permission to have a typewriter.

Powell and Smith's 1963 conviction was reversed last year by the State Supreme Court on the grounds that the two men were not fully informed of their constitutional rights. While on death row, Powell attempted to escape, reportedly by using hacksaw blades, which an investigation disclosed were brought in to him taped inside a typewriter.

Dep. Dist. Attys. Joseph P. Busch Jr. and P. Philip Halpin indicated that they will seek to have Powell stripped of his proper privileges if it is determined that the guns were meant for him.

The trial is scheduled to be heard before Superior Judge Alfred P. Peracca.

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Police Laboring to Put Kennedy Case Together

25 Officers Sift Reports on Slaying but Decline to Discuss Investigation

Twenty-five police officers labored Monday to piece together the mosaic of the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Much of the work was clerical drudgery—compilation of reports, transcriptions of tape-recorded interviews with witnesses and others who may be able to shed light on the June 5 slaying.

Police Inspector John Powers, who is heading the investigation, declined to discuss details. He pointed to a sweeping order issued last Friday by Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon that limits public discussion of the case by police and others to only barest essentials.

Inspector Peter Hagan said the order was the most sweeping of its kind ever issued by a local jurist.

Meanwhile, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of the slaying, remained under 24-hour guard in his County Jail cell. Sheriff's officers also declined to discuss the case under the Alarcon order.

However, Sheriff's Capt. Albert Natividad, who is in charge of the jail, said Sirhan received another visit shortly before noon Monday from A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the Southern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

ACLU Not Connected

The ACLU is not officially connected with the case, but Wirin has made frequent visits to the suspect to insure that Sirhan's constitutional rights are protected.

An ACLU statement issued Monday said neither Wirin nor any other ACLU attorney would represent Sirhan, since no civil liberties issue is involved.

The statement also called again for the court to request that the bar associations provide volunteer counsel for the defendant, although it admitted that Sirhan was not dissatisfied with the public defender assigned to the case.

The statement disclosed that Wirin twice was asked by Sirhan to defend him.

Sheriff's Capt. Natividad revealed that Sirhan apparently has a good appetite.

"He ate rather well for breakfast this morning," said the captain.

Sirhan's father, Bishara Sirhan, 52, was more talkative. According to a United Press International report from Jerusalem, the elder Sirhan said Sen. Kennedy was to blame for his own assassination.

"It's Kennedy who was to blame for what happened," UPI quoted the father as saying. "It was his tongue which led to his assassination."

Kennedy, said the elder Sirhan, had "insulted the Arabs enough."

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The comment's were in obvious reference to pro-Israeli statements made by Kennedy during his campaign to win the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The elder Sirhan, according to the UPI report, also said he now felt sure that the shooting "was carried out entirely on my son's initiative and alone."

Previously, the father maintained that his son had been "put up to" the slaying.

The elder Sirhan was quoted by the news service as saying he changed his mind as a result of conversations with a friend just returned from the U.S. The friend, he said, "put things straight for me."

The father returned to Jerusalem, the accused slayer's birthplace, shortly after the family came to the United States in 1957.

In a report from Cairo, the UPI quoted a dispatch from the semi-official Middle East News Agency that Sirhan's brother, Soliman, was arrested by Iraqi authorities some months ago as an Israeli spy.

UPI said the agency, in a dispatch from Baghdad, said Soliman was arrested near the Jordanian border while carrying maps of Iraqi military airports.

Sirhan is scheduled to enter a plea on the charge of murder at 9 a.m. June 28. He is presently represented by Dept. Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield.

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LAWMAKER ASSAULT BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) introduced a bill to make it a federal crime to assassinate, kidnap or assault a U.S. senator or congressman.

Byrd said the bill, which would provide a death penalty for murder, "would correct an obvious oversight in our federal criminal statutes.

"The oversight lies in the fact that there is no federal prohibition against assassinating senators or representatives while federal jurisdiction is extended over the President and Vice President, federal judges, attorneys, a wide variety of federal law officers and a host of minor federal employees."

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Ted Kennedy Urged to Quit, Bishop Reveals

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The archbishop of New Orleans says close friends of the Kennedy family are asking Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the only surviving brother, to drop out of politics.

In an interview with the New Orleans Times-Picayune, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan said the natural reaction is for family and friends to discourage the Massachusetts senator from pursuing a career in politics.

The prelate, a friend of the Kennedys, presided at graveside services for the assassinated Sen. Robert F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery Saturday night.

The archbishop said he could not predict what Kennedy's decision will be.

"Teddy now has an assuredness and a sense of mission that he could not have had before the tragedies," Archbishop Hannan said. "Teddy is a completely different character from his brothers, and if he does decide to follow the Kennedy tradition, he will have his own individual programs."

He added that "we must all bear in mind that Teddy is the final legatee of a great American political tradition."

And it must also be considered that the 36-year-old Kennedy is the only adult son of a large family with many fatherless children, he said.



Archbishop Philip Hannan
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The senator's Washington office said it was not possible immediately to find DeDell's name on the invitation list.

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Seized Quietly

DeDell was seized quietly at St. Patrick's after a policeman inspected the briefcase and found an unloaded revolver inside.

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DeDell told newsmen he arrived by plane from Syracuse the morning of the funeral and went to pick up his invitation. His attorney stopped him before he could say where he had gone.

DeDell, who claims to be a distant cousin of Sir Winston Churchill, said he first met Kennedy at a dinner in Syracuse five years ago and had actively campaigned for Kennedy during his senatorial race.

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Frank Mankiewicz, aide to the late senator, said DeDell convinced a volunteer worker at Kennedy headquarters at 5 a.m. Saturday that he was a friend of the murdered man and of his campaign advance man, Jerry Bruno.

Mankiewicz said DeDell had done volunteer work for Kennedy in Syracuse, N.Y., until "he was asked not to come around."

Said He Forgot

"But he wasn't a bad guy," Mankiewicz added.

DeDell, 30, a Syracuse, printing firm executive, had maintained since his arrest Saturday morning that he had an invitation and had forgotten there was an unloaded gun in the attache case he brought with him from his upstate home.

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At his hearing on weapons charges Monday, his attorney, Francis F. Belge, of Syracuse, asked to be allowed time to examine certain information and make motions.

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The Inmates Have Finally Taken Over the Asylum

BY ART BUCHWALD

To the rest of the world the United States must look like a giant insane asylum where the inmates have taken over. The guards are gone, the doors are open and everyone thinks the other person is sick.

Except for the charity wards where the people are all shoved together on top of each other, the rest of the asylum couldn't look prettier. The buildings are all new and shiny, the equipment is the most modern in the world, the grounds are green and decorated with flowers. To look at it from the outside, you would think it is the ideal spot on the globe.

But inside, the patients are running amuck and no one seems to know what to do about it. Every time a doctor is called in to suggest a

remedy for the chaos, the residents of the hospital shout him down. Besides, they believe anyone who is trying to come up with new cures for their sickness must be crazy himself.

The United States is a very special type of insane asylum in that all the inmates are permitted to have guns. These guns are sold right in the hospital or can be ordered by mail

because when the hospital was built in 1775 the founders wrote it into the rules. Every time someone wants to change the rules, the gun-loving inmates cry that they only want the guns to kill animals during their recreation periods.

The people who live on the Hill and represent the inmates are afraid to do anything to offend the armed inmates, so they ignore the problem until there's a killing in the hospital, at which time they all express horror that the inmates should be allowed to walk around with guns.

Then they forget about it until the next tragedy comes along.

Despite its beauty and size there have been many injustices committed in the asylum against the patients. For 100 years, the black patients were kept in isolation wards and only permitted out to scrub the floors. They got no treatment from the white doctors until recently when they became violent and insisted that if they were patients in the asylum they wanted the same rights as the other inmates.

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The administrators of the asylum have belatedly sought to improve the lot of the black patients, but there has been a reluctance amongst the other inmates to pay the bill, particularly since the asylum is supporting so many other insane asylums around the world.



"You realize, of course, this gun is sold to you only for protection of your home and loved ones."

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Up until recently the hospital was a model for all other hospitals. But in the '60s people everywhere have been watching it with horror and despair.

The more affluent the hospital becomes the sicker the patients behave. The remedies prescribed for the illnesses are always given too little and too late. And as in all insane asylums, every person thinks the other patient is the one who should get the treatment.

Nobody knows how many more doctors the patients will shoot, nor how long the asylum will survive before the inmates destroy it once and for all.

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Court Forbids Yorty to Talk of Sirhan Case

Order Issued by Judge
Also Bans Discussion by
'Certain Other Persons'

BY HARRY TRIMBORN
Times Staff Writer

Mayor Sam Yorty was served Monday with a court order that prohibits him and certain other persons from publicly discussing the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon issued the order Friday to make certain that the accused slayer, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, receives a fair trial.

Some members of the legal profession have voiced concern over the possible inadmissibility of evidence as a result of Yorty's press conference remarks about the case.

Yorty said in a statement after being handed a copy of the court order that he "certainly will abide" by the order . . . now that the accused has been indicted by the (County) Grand Jury.

The order was issued almost immediately after the grand jury returned a murder indictment against Sirhan. Yorty's remarks were made prior to the issuance of the indictment.

Yorty added in his statement:

"It is rather strange that newspapers and the media were not included in the court order. I noted that the Los Angeles Times carried a highly derogatory report on the accused's conduct when he was arraigned last week."

Explains His Reference

Yorty later told a Times reporter that he was referring to Sirhan's arraignment June 6, the day after Kennedy was shot but still alive, on six counts of assault with a deadly weapon to commit murder. The five other counts covered the wounding of five persons in the Ambassador kitchen where the New York senator was shot.

The Times report on the arraignment, published prior to the Alarcon order, covered witnesses' descriptions of Sirhan's behavior and his refusal to reveal his identity.

"In addition," Yorty said in his statement, "one exhibit, the gun allegedly used by the suspect, has been photographed and published by some newspapers, including The Times."

"The court order specifically calls attention that exhibits cannot be released for public dissemination. Yet the court order does not affect newspapers."

(A photo of the alleged murder weapon, a 22-caliber revolver was weapon, a .22-caliber revolver was after the shooting, also prior to the court order.

Recipients of Information

(Newspapers and other news media are not originators of public information about the case. They are recipients of such information that can come only from officials and others directly involved.)

Judge Alarcon agreed that his order does not apply to news media. "It is directed only at those categories of persons named in the order," he said.

The judge did not name any individuals in the order.

However, his ban—said by one police official to be the most sweeping of its kind issued by a local jurist—touches every person who could conceivably be linked to the case, whether it be the mayor or a police clerk.

Judge Alarcon issued the order on his own motion, and any violation, he wrote, "will result in swift action to punish for contempt any offender within the jurisdiction of this court."

"Under our Constitution," the judge wrote, "each defendant is entitled to the due process of the law."

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and to a fair trial. This court has an affirmative duty to do everything possible within its constitutional powers and jurisdiction to make certain that each defendant does receive a fair trial."

Because of the "massive news media publicity" about the slaying, "any out-of-court statements relating to his case may interfere with the constitutional right of the defendant . . ." the order set forth.

Among other things, the order bars "any statement for public dissemination as to the existence or possible existence of any document, exhibit or any other evidence, the admissibility of which may have to be determined by the court."

Criticism of Yorty's press conference remarks—some of it from State Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch and Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger—centered on discussion of two stenographic notebooks allegedly found in Sirhan's Pasadena home.

Some Exclusions

The judge, however, specifically excluded from his ban certain details of the case. These included information about Sirhan's identity, residence and occupation.

Also excluded from the ban were circumstances of his arrest, the charges against him, and other information normally available to the public in criminal cases.

The order has raised a wall of secrecy around the progress of the investigation. Police inspectors would say only that 25 officers are laboring to piece together the mosaic of the slaying, a key piece presumably being the motive.

Clerical Drudgery

Much of the work is clerical drudgery—compilation of reports, transcriptions of tape-recorded interviews with witnesses and others who may be able to shed light on the slaying.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian immigrant accused of the slaying remained under 24-hour guard in his County Jail cell.

Sheriff's officers declined to discuss the case under Alarcon's order.

However, Sheriff's Capt. Albert Natividad, who is in charge of the jail, said Sirhan received another visit shortly before noon Monday from A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the Southern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU is not officially connected with the case, but Wirin has made frequent visits to the suspect to insure that Sirhan's constitutional rights are protected.

An ACLU statement issued Monday said neither Wirin nor any other ACLU attorney would represent Sirhan, since no civil liberties issue is involved.

The statement also called again for the court to request that the bar associations provide volunteer counsel for the defendant, although it admitted that Sirhan was not dissatisfied with the public defender assigned to the case.

However, Leonard S. Janofsky, president-elect of the County Bar Assn., said there has been "no request from any source" to secure legal representation for Sirhan from the association.

Bar Would Act

"Should the county bar be officially asked by the defendant and the court to assist in finding private defense counsel, the officers and the board of trustees will certainly take immediate and proper action," Janofsky said in a statement.

Sirhan apparently wants Wirin to defend him. The ACLU statement said Sirhan twice asked the ACLU lawyer to be his counsel.

Natividad revealed that Sirhan apparently has a good appetite.

"He ate rather well for breakfast this morning," said the captain.

Sirhan's father, Bishara Sirhan, 52, was more talkative. According to a United Press International report from Jerusalem, the elder Sirhan said Sen. Kennedy was to blame for his own assassination.

"It's Kennedy who was to blame for what happened," UPI quoted the father as saying. "It was his tongue which led to his assassination."

Kennedy, said the elder Sirhan, had "insulted the Arabs enough."

The comments were in obvious reference to pro-Israeli statements made by Kennedy during his campaign to win the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The elder Sirhan, according to the UPI report, also said he now felt sure that the shooting "was carried out entirely on my son's initiative and alone."

Previously, the father maintained that his son had been "put up to" the slaying.

The elder Sirhan was

quoted by the news service as saying he changed his mind as a result of conversations with a friend just returned from the U.S. The friend, he said, "put things straight for me."

The father returned to Jerusalem, the accused slayer's birthplace, shortly after the family came to the United States in 1957.

In a dispatch from Tel Aviv, the Washington Post reported the elder Sirhan asked Israeli authorities for information and assistance in his plan to return to the United States to be with his son.

If Sirhan goes through with the plan, disclosed over the weekend, he apparently will have no difficulty with Israeli authorities, according to the report.

It stated that Israeli officials fear, however, that the trip might be exploited for pro-Arab propaganda.

Sirhan is scheduled to enter a plea on the charge of murder at 9 a.m. June 28. He is presently represented by Dep. Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield.

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Yorty Receives Court Gag

Mayor Sam Yorty has been personally served with a sweeping court order restricting comment on the Sen. Robert F. Kennedy assassination case.

A deputy of the Sheriff Department's civil division presented the order by Judge Arthur L. Alarcon to the mayor at City Hall shortly before noon.

Yorty has come under criticism as a result of his remarks about accused assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan at two news conferences last week.

To insure a fair trial for the defendant, Judge Alarcon clamped tight restrictions on law enforcement officials, attorneys, public officials and witnesses in the case.

The jurist, who issued the order following his arraignment of Sirhan on a charge of murder and five counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, warned violation of the edict "will result in swift action to punish for contempt."

It was learned that acting police chief James Fisk was also served with the order Friday night. Yorty returned to Los Angeles from Sen. Kennedy's New York funeral services Saturday night.

The mayor's only public

Order Prohibits Official Discussion of Sirhan Case

comment upon receiving the order was to note that it "did not, for some strange reason, apply to newspapers."

The key portion of the order declares:

"It is the order of this court that no party to this action, nor any attorney connected with this case as defense counsel or as prosecutor, nor any other attorney, nor any judicial officer or employee, nor any public official, including but not limited to any chief of police, nor any sheriff, nor any agent, deputy, or employee of any such persons nor any

grand juror, nor any witness having appeared before the grand jury in this matter, nor any person subpoenaed to testify at the trial of this matter, shall release or authorize the release for public dissemination of any purported extrajudicial statement of the defendant relating to this case, nor shall any such persons release or authorize the release of any documents, exhibits, or evidence, the admissibility of which may have to be determined by the court, nor shall any such person make any statement for public dissemination as to the existence, or possible existence of any document, exhibit, or any other evidence, the admissibility of which may have to be determined by the court.

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Sirhan Attended Castro Meeting

By SAM CAMPBELL

Two weeks prior to Robert Kennedy's assassination, the accused killer attended a pro-Castro meeting in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles, according to information in the hand of this Freedom Newspaper's editor.

José Duarte, a former major in Castro's rebel army, said he encountered Sirhan Sirhan at a meeting in a mansion on Amesbury Road on May 21.

When Sirhan's picture was published in a Los Angeles newspaper June 6, Duarte said he recognized the man who since has been indicted in the fatal shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Duarte said Sirhan later was independently identified by three other Cubans who attended the May 21 meeting.

Now a resident of Los Angeles, Duarte said he broke with Castro shortly after the successful takeover of Cuba in 1959. He currently heads a Cuban exile organization called UNARE, that opposes the Castro regime.

At the May 21 meeting, Duarte said, he got into a scuffle with Sirhan when he (Duarte) began to make an anti-Castro speech.

"He very angrily stood up and accused me of being a CIA agent," the Cuban said. He described Sirhan as "a small fellow, olive skin, looks like a jockey, about 125-130 pounds."

He said he sat in a group and that he spoke English with a heavy accent.

Sirhan accused Duarte of being paid by the Central Intelligence Agency and told the gathering of about 50 persons that the CIA had done the same thing in the Middle East with the Arabs, Duarte stated.

The scuffle broke out some minutes later when Sirhan called him a liar, Duarte said.

"We started pushing each other. Some people interfered. So they had to calm him down. I was quite excited, also," Duarte said.

Duarte recounted that he asked Sirhan to settle the matter outside and "he was ready to do that." He said Sirhan left the house "with several of his friends."

The Amesbury Road address is in the Los Feliz area near Griffith Park. Duarte said he happened to go there May 21 with other members of the exile organization when they got a copy of a handbill. The flyer, he said, advertised what promised to be a pro-Castro meeting.

Duarte said the program consisted of a talk by a "young man" identified only as "Paul." He said the spokesman showed slides of Cuban scenes and of students who had made a trip to Cuba. The talk by "Paul," he said, included derogatory remarks about the United States, praise of Castro, and a description of conditions inside Cuba.

At one point, he said, "Paul" took up a collection for a person whom he identified as "Newton," who was being held by Oakland authorities.

"Detective Sgt. Roy Anderson

of the Oakland Police Department said that "Newton" was Hughie Newton, 26, president of the Black Panther Society, who is being held in the county jail awaiting trial for first degree murder in the shooting death last November of Patrolman John Fry.

After the assassination Duarte said he went to the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart Division and picked Sirhan's photograph from among others in the police file. It was not the same photograph that was in the paper, he said.

Duarte said other Cubans who attended the May 21 meeting recognized Sirhan from television pictures.

The information that Sirhan had been seen at what was described as a pro-Castro meeting came to this writer Saturday. At that time, the writer questioned Duarte in Los Angeles. He had talked to the Cuban once previously.

That was in December, 1967, when Duarte appeared in Anaheim voluntarily to answer questions about the attendance of members of his organization at a performance of the Moscow State Circus in the Convention Center, where a stink bomb was thrown.

Monday, this writer went to Los Angeles a second time. He questioned Duarte again, but in a different sequence, and asked to be taken to the mansion on Amesbury Road where the May 21 meeting was said to have taken place.

Duarte agreed to do so immediately. He described in advance what the house would look like and how it would be reached. Duarte directed the way there without hesitation.

Amesbury is a winding road, and the specific address where the May 21 meeting that Sirhan attended is difficult to find.

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Talked of Sirhan to Avert Rioting, Yorty Contends

Mayor Says Rumors Had Called Suspect Member of Two Innocent Groups

BY DICK WEST

Times Staff Writer

Mayor Sam Yorty said Tuesday he disclosed certain evidence against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the alleged slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, to prevent riots such as those which followed the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"I think it should be pointed out that after the (Kennedy) assassination the whole world wanted to know who the suspect was," Yorty told a City Hall news conference.

Rumors were going around that the crime was committed by a Mexican-American or a Cuban, the mayor said, and "I think it was a public service to identify the suspect as not coming from those groups.

"I think we had to get the facts to the people to prevent violence."

Would Protect City

Yorty said it was necessary to release the information which he did "to protect the image and reputation of the City of Los Angeles."

The mayor added that he had a right to do this because "I am in a sense the chief law enforcement officer" of the city.

"I didn't reveal all the information I had at the time—only a small part of it to prevent rumors," Yorty said.

Yorty has been criticized for his statements about the case by State Atty Gen. Thomas C. Lynch, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger and other legal officials.

They were particularly upset over Yorty revealing that Sirhan had assertedly written a memo to himself that "Kennedy must be assassinated by June 5, 1968" and for calling Sirhan pro-Arab and pro-Communist.

Judge Prohibits Talk

Then on Monday Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon issued an order prohibiting Yorty and certain other persons from publicly discussing the case. News media were not included in the order.

Yorty said Tuesday he would abide by the order but that he was not interested in discussing the case anymore anyway.

"It wasn't necessary for the judge to issue the order as far as I'm concerned," the mayor said.

Yorty complained, however, that in being served with the order "I was not accorded due process as I was not given notice of a hearing

"He (Judge Alarcon) has limited my right of free speech by not giving notice of a hearing."

Yorty said he would have been glad to "sit down with the judge" and go over the matter with him.

News Media Omitted

Anyway, Yorty said, the order "cannot be very effective if it doesn't apply to news media. It is a very limited order in view of the extent of its coverage."

Yorty's assertion Wednesday that he had revealed the Sirhan evidence to prevent violence marked the first time he had given that reason for his disclosures.

In previous statements he said that the public had a right to know the facts of the case and that he had revealed nothing that would prejudice Sirhan's trial.

Yorty said Wednesday that the case against James Earl Ray, the captured suspect in the Dr. King murder, has been widely discussed and that the suspect has even been referred to as a "white racist."

No one has called this publicity unfair, the mayor said.

Criminal law, he said, has become a "jungland of technicalities" because of recent Supreme Court decisions, making it difficult to decide what information about a crime the public can be given and "what you can't say."

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"We have reached the point . . . where the main purpose of a trial is lost—the truth," Yorty said. "We are constantly having to try people over again."

Yorty was to leave for Chicago later in the day to attend a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He is scheduled to return to Los Angeles Friday.

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President's Commission on Violence

We cannot share in the skepticism being voiced in some quarters concerning the usefulness of President Johnson's newly-appointed commission on the causes and control of violence in our society. With the proper staff and approach, the commission could expose to public view a good deal of information and opinion which might not otherwise be readily accessible.

As a popular educative instrument, the commission thus possesses a considerable potential.

It is no secret that widespread and divergent views on the nature and meaning of violence in our nation have long existed. Indeed, this very divergency of outlooks helps explain the doubts being voiced about the commission's value, for such doubts may emanate essentially from those whose primary concern is having their own prejudgments speedily ratified, rather than seeing exposed more difficult questions and answers.

There should be no underestimating this point: controversy over the question of violence in American life runs deep, for fundamental issues of what may or may not be innate human behavior are raised by investigation of this subject. The recent and continuing argument over the applicability of the studies of ethologists—students of animal behavior—to the human condition, and particularly to human aggressiveness, is a reminder of how sensitive an area this is.

Anyone who has thought about the

question of violence in American life has his own favorite theory, and usually there is ample—if disputable—evidence to support each case.

Some see violence as a continuing and constantly replenished stream, going back to Jamestown and our European origins. Others hold to the view that it is a culturally - encouraged phenomenon of more recent origins, fed by movies or television or cheap paperback books.

For many the seeming American mystique of the gun and the still-living frontier mentality are sufficient explanation, while others cite extensively the statistics which show that there are far more violent societies than ours in the world today.

We don't know the answers, or even if there are answers. Perhaps the best that can be hoped for is that a responsible commission, drawing on the best available work of social and behavioral scientists and others, will help in illuminating the problem and defining its dimensions.

That would be the first step towards possible controls.

In any case it should not take the national trauma of an assassination to awaken us to the unhealthy and basically aggressive tendencies which permeate our culture. These are matters of immediate concern in every home and family. Whatever the findings and recommendations of the Presidential commission, there is ample scope for individual response, beginning now, to these too-long accepted threats.

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News: Propriety vs. Public Need

BY STUART H. LOORY
Times Washington Bureau

By midnight Saturday, when the giant klieg lights had darkened and the honor guard was trying gently but persistently to clear the Arlington National Cemetery, the a jumble of litter.

Empty beer and soda pop cans were left on the turf mingled with cardboard boxes, wires, newspapers, plastic bags, melting ice cubes, sandwich wrappers and discarded press releases.

Tangles of wires led to no longer used telephones and thick cables lay lifeless, no longer providing juice or carrying signals from the huge television cameras. In the darkness, abandoned olive drab tables, used only a few minutes before as desks, loomed like driftwood on a secluded beach.

A large temporary viewing stand for newsmen and photographers was vacant now, a derelict testifying to the ingenuity of the mass communications industry which could, with only a few hours' notice, wire any spot in the nation—maybe in the world—into a network that leads inevitably into homes and minds thousands of miles away.

This was the press area at the gravesite of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and as one picked his way through the rubble he was forced, for an instant, to think about the impact of the mass communications industry on the events it covers.

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The morning after, a reporter's wife remarked about how terrible it was that the television cameras played so relentlessly on Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her children as they stole away to lay flowers on the headstones of the late President and his children.

"Why couldn't they just leave her alone?" she asked.

It was not easy to explain, with professional coldness, that the former First Lady knew full well that the cameras were in place and could trace her every move, that she knew newsmen were straining to pick up every detail of "color" in this day of funeral spectacle, that no detail of what the press and television saw or did not see escaped the scrutiny of the Kennedy family.

The reporter was able to explain all this knowing that the law was on his side. Short of malice and within the bounds of truth, there is virtually nothing about public figures that must be kept out of the public prints or off the television tube.

Did Ethel Kennedy maintain her stoic demeanor throughout the long day? Yes, she did but at times it seemed as if it were a contest between the widow and the reporters.

Did her black stocking drop around her ankle during the grueling train ride? Yes it did and the fact that she straightened it was reported.

Did the slain senator's children work off their grief over the weekend with some touch football? They did and the television cameras zoomed in on the backyard of Hickory Hill to show the world.

The funeral led one to recall how, as a cub reporter, he was sent out in the middle of one cold winter's night to secure a photograph of a serviceman killed in a Far Eastern airplane crash. A knock on the door of a sturdy farmhouse brought an elderly man wrapping a bathrobe around flannel pajamas.

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"I'm sorry to disturb you but I was sent out to pick up a photograph of your son."

"Why?" the man asked sleepily.

"Because . . . I'm sorry, didn't you know? . . ."

After the explanations, after the father was thus informed for the first time that his son was dead halfway around the world, he produced the only photograph available.

"If you can," he said differently, "please

"If you can," he said deferentially, "please

Some unwritten law of communications appears to make Americans realize they have a responsibility, if their fellow human beings insist, to share their sorrow.

It is not easy for a newsman to raise this problem of propriety. To deal with all the questions is to fall into a snakepit of philosophy involving the public's right to know and the freedom of the press to inform it.

Certainly nothing must ever be done to keep the press from probing deeply—ever more deeply than public figures want—into the issues and mechanisms by which issues are resolved. And where the actions of public figures—and their personalities—shed light on the activities of society, these must be reported.

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Beyond this, comes a confusing, ~~endless~~ spiral of situations in which public figures demand—and usually receive—unwarranted attention and the mass media, representing the public, seek unwarranted intimacy with its subjects.

As television lenses grow longer, as the passion for detail to fill endless columns grows more intense, the problems of propriety born in the old days of yellow journalism can only grow more perplexing.

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House Passes Subpoena Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)

The House passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday legislation to give subpoena powers to the President's new commis-

sion on violence.

Rep. Durward G. Hall (R-Mo.) suggested that the bill be delayed and considered in a more deliberate manner, with allotted time for debate. Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa) asked why another commission was needed, and suggested

that investigating violence was in the province of the Justice Department.

Neither member, however, exercised his right to block the action.

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Post Office Plans to Notify Police of Guns Sent by Mail

BY JOHN H. AVERILL
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Without waiting for Congress, the Administration moved on its own Wednesday to regulate mail-order gun sales.

The Post Office Department ordered that all guns shipped by mail be labeled "firearms" and said they will not be delivered until the police chief of the community to which the package is addressed is notified.

Announcing the order, which is effective immediately, Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson said any gun shipment that doesn't bear the "firearms" label will not be accepted in the mails.

"I hope that Congress acts soon on effective gun control legislation," Watson told a National Press Club luncheon. "Meanwhile, this is an interim measure that I believe will assist in achieving that goal."

Watson also said sawed-off shotguns and short-barreled rifles will now be classified by the Post Office as concealable weapons and will no longer go through the mail except to authorized law enforcement and military personnel.

Others Urged to Follow

The new regulations will not apply to guns shipped by Railway Express or other nongovernmental carriers, but Watson has sent telegrams urging them to take similar action.

A Post Office Department spokesman said that the government had no enforcement powers, except to refuse to accept packages containing guns unless they are marked "firearms."

Watson's order was promptly challenged by Harold W. Glassen, president of the National Rifle Assn., which has spearheaded opposition to President Johnson's gun control proposals.

"The postmaster general has a lot more authority than I thought he did and I think most lawyers agree that he doesn't have that authority," Glassen told a press conference.

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Meeting with reporters in the eighth-floor board room of the

NRA's marble headquarters building in downtown Washington, Glassen denounced new gun control bills introduced in Congress this week as steps toward "a plan to disarm American citizens."

In an apparent reference to the outpouring of mail to Congress since the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy urging new gun control laws, Glassen said:

"Today, we are witnessing an almost unbelievable phenomenon in America. We see Americans behaving like children, parroting nonsense, accepting unproved theory as fact, and reacting as the German people did in the 1930s as the Goebbels propaganda mill drilled lies into their subconsciousness and dictated their every move."

'Strange Spectacle'

"We are witnessing the strange and masochistic spectacle of tens of thousands of normally proud and levelheaded Americans begging the federal government to take from them by force of law one of their basic civil rights, the right to keep and bear arms."

Although Glassen insisted the NRA supports "proper gun controls," he renewed his opposition to the new Administration bill that would outlaw interstate mail-order sales of all guns, including rifles and shotguns, and ammunition. He also expressed unhappiness with the provision in the crime control bill passed by Congress last week to outlaw interstate mail-order sales of handguns but said the NRA could live with it.

Even before Glassen denounced the gun registration bills, a step beyond what the Administration

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was anticipated by Sen. Joseph D. Tydings (D-Md.).

In unveiling a far-reaching bill to register guns and license gun owners, Tydings told a press conference:

"We who support rational gun laws must gird ourselves for the campaign of misrepresentation which will certainly begin today. The gun lobby in this nation—led by paid Washington lobbyists of the National Rifle Assn., the Minutemen and other extremist groups—has, without the slightest apparent tinge of conscience, opposed with a vicious disregard of fact every effective piece of firearms legislation introduced since the gun protection effort began.

"We expect the NRA and its satellites to continue their opposition. But we do not intend to remain passive. I shall today demand that the Internal Revenue Service tell us why an organization, with an annual budget of \$5.7 million — an organization which spends a large percentage of that budget lobbying against the public interest—why such an organization remains unregistered and untaxed."

Asked about this, Glasen said the NRA, which is tax exempt, spends no money for lobbying and hence is not required to register as a lobbyist. "We have no lobbyists," he said.

The new bill, entitled the Gun Crime Prevention Act, would give the states a chance to pass their own laws, but in any state that failed to do so, the proposed federal legislation would apply.

All persons who wanted to own, borrow or otherwise possess a firearm would have to obtain a license. It would be illegal to sell or transfer a firearm or ammunition to a person who did not have a license.

Violations would be punishable by a \$20,000 fine and 10 years' imprisonment.

Tydings emphasized that the bill would not deprive any law-abiding citizen of the right to own and use a gun for home protection, hunting, target shooting or other legitimate purposes.

Joining Tydings in sponsoring the bill to require the registration and licensing of all firearms are Sens. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), Daniel B. Brewster (D-Md.), Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.), Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), and Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio).

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Sirhan's Counsel Chosen

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan will be defended against the charge of slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy by a public defender, although he would prefer that private attorneys handle his case.

Wilbur Littlefield, chief trial deputy in the county public defender's office, was appointed to represent Sirhan when the suspect was arraigned last Friday.

Residing Judge Donald R. Wright of the Superior Court placed Littlefield in permanent charge of the case Tuesday after a meeting with representatives of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the public defender's office. Sirhan said at his arraignment he could not afford to hire private counsel. He asked the American Civil Liberties Union to help him find two private attorneys to take his case, although he said he was not dissatisfied with Littlefield.

A. L. Wirin, head of the Southern California ACLU, asked the bar association to choose attorneys to represent Sirhan and said the defendant would accept the choice.

Wirin revealed Tuesday that the defendant has rejected offers from Melvin Belli, who defended Jack Ruby, and F. Lee Bailey, who represented Dr. Sam Sheppard.

Leonard Janofsky, president of the bar association, met with Wirin Tuesday, and then announced the association "has no power to designate counsel."

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Changes in Attitude Toward Violence Seen

Luckman Says Kennedy Slaying Created Revulsion That May Curb Permissiveness

BY DOROTHY TOWNSEND
Times Staff Writer

The assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy could be the turning point from a trend of permissiveness toward violence "and demonstrated disrespect for law and order," architect Charles Luckman said Tuesday.

"The sounds of last Wednesday's gunfire have died away," he told a Town Hall luncheon audience at the Biltmore, "but the echoes are still reverberating."

Luckman said the slaying has created a "revulsion toward violence" and that this revulsion could begin a "swingback" to less permissive attitudes toward civil disobedience.

"We must use this horrendous thing that happened last Wednesday as a turning point," he said in a news conference.

If not, he said, the nation is "doomed to a downhill course toward anarchy, revolution and the ultimate destruction of our total freedoms."

"But when liberty destroys order," he said, "the hunger for order will destroy liberty. We are dangerously close to this today."

Luckman said pendulum swingbacks from revolutionary courses historically have led to other extremes and "the suppression of liberties."

"But if I have to choose," he said, "I would prefer to see the pendulum swing too far back than to see it swing any further in the direction of violence."

Luckman said there is a connection in the demonstrated forms of violence on campuses, at draft boards and in riot-torn streets with the assassination of Sen. Kennedy.

He defined the connection as the widespread acceptance of violence.

800,000 Killed

"Twenty-seven million people in this country own firearms," he said. "In this century 800,000 Americans have been killed by guns—more than all our war dead."

Legislation which would limit and control firearms ownership "would help." But Luckman said present control bills are "absolutely wrong to limit control of guns to revolvers and for lobbyists to say rifles should be excluded from control."

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A Grand Conspiracy? No, It Just Doesn't Seem Likely

BY MAX LERNER

Inevitably the legend of Robert Kennedy will swell, and inevitably the human being behind the legend will lose sharpness and become a blurred folk-hero. The process has already begun, and it will go farther than is healthy, for Robert Kennedy—with all his vulnerabilities and strengths—was a striking human being. As Edward Kennedy put it in his eulogy of his brother, he does not need the legend to magnify him.

The legend may prove strongest among those who had the greatest need and hunger for a symbol—those in the Negro ghettos of the inner city. When Martin Luther King was killed, they felt bereft. King left behind him a vacuum of leadership. There was too little time for a black leader to move into the vacuum, so the Negroes reached for a white leader whose family and fame and fervor made him reachable, and whose staccato candor excited and warmed them. For a brief moment in the sun they relaxed in the glow of feeling between him and them—and then he was there no more.

When they put together—as they do—the killings of President Kennedy and Dr. King and Robert Kennedy, they feel a gnawing understandable despair. One can hear them saying: "Everytime we find someone we feel we can trust, someone who shows he cares about us, he is cut down." It is a bleak feeling to have, but who can blame them for having it?

On one score there is a glimmer of satisfaction for them and for all of us—in the arrest in London of James Earl Ray. The prime suspect in the killing of Dr. King slipped through the FBI net, and the anger at the assassination was compounded by the feeling that no one would ever catch up with the killer and his accomplices. But in the end the FBI did catch up with Ray. What lies ahead—extradition, trial, perhaps some flight on whom he was in touch



"Seems like every time I have a dream, I'm awakened by the sound of a gun. And, man, I'm fast running out of dreams."

Cartoon by Haylie

with and where he got the money he spent—will prove fascinating.

In all three assassinations — of John Kennedy, of Martin Luther King, of Robert Kennedy—the anger and the legend-building come first, and then the talk of conspiracy. With many people it isn't just talk but certainty. In fact, so great is their need to draw a perfect circle around whatever troubles them, that some people are convinced of a single great conspiracy that envelops and explains all three assassinations.

Len Deighton, a gifted and somewhat raffish writer with a fertile imagination, wrote a suspense thriller a few years ago called "The Billion Dollar Brain," about a far-out right-wing Texas billionaire who had programmed his intricate intrigues into a computer. I find people who are willing to accept some theory like it as an explanation of what happened in the three assassinations, and if others happen

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—which is not impossible in an age of unbridled violence—they will enlarge the conspiracy circle to cover them.

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In general I don't find a conspiracy theory of history fruitful, but who could reasonably reject the idea of a conspiracy out of hand in all three cases? Yet I find in each of them a separate case to be taken on its merits. There may well have been more than one killer in the assassination of President Kennedy: The technical evidence suggests that there was, although we may never know what actually happened and who was involved. I am almost certain that Dr. King was the victim of a number of people working together, and Ray's arrest offers some hope that we will find out who they were. But in the case of Robert Kennedy the chances of conspiracy seem slight to me, although they cannot yet be ruled out.

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As for an overall Grand Conspiracy covering all three, involving the same shadowy group of people, I would bet wild odds against it. In fact the idea of a Grand Conspiracy is one of the key ideas of people who live in a hallucinatory world, the victims of paranoia. For years there was talk of the fake master-plan of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and some of the gullible believed it enough to feed their hate on it. More recently men like Sirhan Sirhan fed their hate by conjuring up a master-plan of a Jewish world conspiracy centering on Israel. None of this stuff washes. I suggest we drop it.

My own feeling about things is less sweeping, more imperfect. I believe there are unjust people and forces in our society, but it is not an Unjust Society. I believe there are sick people in it, but it is not a Sick Society. I believe there are men in it who make conspiracy, but it is not a society about to be taken over by a Grand Conspiracy.

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Sirhan Wants Pair of Private Defense Lawyers, Wirin Says

Accused Slayer of Sen. Kennedy Has Already Turned Down Belli and Bailey, ACLU Attorney Tells Newsmen

BY DIAL TORGERSON

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan wants a pair of private attorneys to defend him on charges that he murdered Robert F. Kennedy, American Civil Liberties Union attorney A. L. Wirin said Tuesday.

Many "distinguished attorneys" already have volunteered to do so, Wirin said. He told newsmen he had informed the Los Angeles County Bar Assn. of the defendant's wishes.

Melvin Belli of San Francisco and F. Lee Bailey of Boston—defenders, respectively, of Jack Ruby and Dr. Sam Sheppard—are among those who have offered their services, Wirin said. He added that Sirhan had told him he did not want either Belli or Bailey.

Wirin said that Sirhan had asked that he handle the case himself—making the request on three different occasions—but that he had declined because of his commitment to ACLU causes.

Wirin has been a visitor to Sirhan at Los Angeles County jail almost daily since his arrest early Wednesday.

Wirin talked to newsmen before entering County Jail Tuesday for another conference with the prisoner. Sirhan is now represented by the Public Defender's office.

Soon after his arrest he asked to see an ACLU officer, and Wirin, chief counsel for the Southern California ACLU chapter, has been frequently conferring with him since.

The attorney said that he was seeing Sirhan because of the ACLU's interest in seeing that the defendant receive proper representation. This, he said, is a constitutional right. No others are apparently involved in the case, Wirin said.

In the face of a court order prohibiting officials from comment-

ing on the case, few details of how the Jordanian immigrant has been spending his time in jail have been made available to news media. Wirin gave reporters these details:

—"He spends his days mostly in reading." What books? "Books on occultation."

—"He is not dissatisfied with the representation of the public defender. But he has said that at the time of his trial he would prefer to be represented by a private counsel and that he cannot afford a private counsel."

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"—He has made a number of requests of me. One is that he be allowed to get exercise. I discussed this with the sheriff, and he is now allowed to have a few minutes exercise each day in his hallway."

"—He is a member of a Protestant religious organization."

"—He has voiced no complaint and has voiced contentment and satisfaction, if it were possible to be contented or satisfied in a small cell. He has made no complaints about his treatment."

"—He has access to newspapers, but he has advised me he doesn't want to read them."

"—He has asked me to get his money (four \$100 bills in his possession at the time of his arrest) and give \$300 to his mother, \$20 to a religious organization I will not name, 20 cents to me for two newspapers I purchased for him the first morning, \$3 to me for a sum I advanced him the first morning, and the rest is to be deposited to his account with the sheriff's office for purchase of items needed in jail."

A newsman asked Wirin: "He knows his cell is more spacious than a casket, doesn't he?" Replied Wirin:

"He does. He prefers

neither. But he knows the difference."

Wirin came to the jail after a conference with Judge Donald R. Wright, presiding judge of the Superior Court, and Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon, who presided at Sirhan's arraignment on the murder charge. (Sirhan faces a court appearance June 28 for plea, possibly before Alarcon.)

A statement released by the jurists after the County Courthouse meeting said:

"Judges Wright and Alarcon advised him (Wirin) that the court had appointed the public defender to represent the defendant. Any motion for the substitute of counsel should be made in open court with the defendant present, with proper notice."

It wasn't immediately announced what disposition the bar associations would make of the information provided it by Wirin, who said he hoped one would agree to act as a clearing house in the selection of two attorneys agreeable to the defendant and willing to work without compensation.

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Harmful Theory

In the Los Angeles horror, as in the Dallas horror, we are told and told and told to blame the assassinations on ourselves. Our nation is condemned as a place where society is at fault. We are bombarded by the false shout: "The guilt is ours," or "It is society's fault."

President Johnson made an important protest against this.

Is the "society's guilt" contention wrongheadedness or mischief, or a combination of both? Nothing could be more indefensible, or more damaging and dangerous to the United States.

We sorely want a more perfect Union. We must strive to create a more perfect Union. There is much we can do to make this land richer and better for all the people. But we are the victims of those who pound home the preaching of individual rights instead of individual responsibility.

An insidious and weakening poison is pumped into our structure by politicians, special interests and even by some churchmen whenever they automatically call criminality society's fault and dismiss the individual from responsibility.

We heard President Kennedy's assassination blamed on Dallas and on a "sick American society." Even before the assassin was identified CBS—for one—made it plain that in its opinion the President was killed by a "right wing" conspiracy. Blame society. Sen. Barry Goldwater was deluged with vile and obscene calls. Sen. John Tower himself told me that he and his family were so abused that they had

to move out of their house that night to escape the TV viewers' abuse, as if he had assisted Lee Harvey Oswald to re-enter the United States.

Yet it's hard to imagine anything more false than to indict American society on the grounds of Oswald, a man about as typical of American society in this country of 200 million people as the man on the moon. How many people in the entire nation have the life record of Lee Harvey Oswald—who, incidentally, was from New Orleans and had no Dallas roots whatever?

Nevertheless, we note again that the ghastly Los Angeles crime is widely pronounced as our society's fault, even though allegedly committed by an equally untypical Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Tragically for our country this false approach is also the Communist approach. Every bit of it is water on the Red wheel. In the Red lexicon the system means everything. The individual means nothing. Any faults in other countries, therefore, are the faults of the systems. And that claim has helped mightily to make communism the biggest and crookedest confidence game in the world.

In addition, this false approach by American politicians, special interests and some churchmen opens the door for envious or enemy countries abroad to chop great America down to size. Accordingly, and predictably, the infamous Los Angeles shots, like the Dallas and Memphis shots before them, presented an excuse for another wave of hypocrisy from overseas.

Assassination horrors have always been a part of European national life, and these foreign critics of America know it.

Austrian Archduke Ferdinand, killed by the shot that exploded into World War I, is a simple recollection. But five chiefs of state and government were also assassinated in the 20 years before 1914: President M. Sadi-Carnot of France in 1894, Premier Canovas of Spain in 1897, Empress Elizabeth of Austria the next year, King Humbert of Italy two years later, and another Spanish Premier, Canalejas, in 1912. Fed up by assassinations by Soviet agents in Britain, the Baldwin government broke off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union in 1927. And on and on it has gone to this day abroad.

Instead of falsely blaming "society," and falling into the Red trap while doing so, one proper blame concerns retribution, as a just deterrent. It has been horribly weakened.

Giuseppe Zangara was tried, found guilty and electrocuted (March 20, 1933) only 33 days after his Miami attempt to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. But our Supreme Court's continued twisting of the Constitution and the statutes is making a shambles of the criminal laws in our country.

The end result of this process pursued for sociological purposes can only be, as we see, more crime and the consequential loss of freedoms and security, which are the supposed goals of judicial lawmaking.

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Sirhan At Pro-Castro Meet In Hollywood

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's accused assassin attended a pro-Castro meeting in Hollywood two weeks prior to last Wednesday's slaying, it was reported in Santa Ana.

Jose Duarte, onetime major in Castro's army, said Wednesday he met Sirhan Bishara Sirhan at a gathering in a home on May 21.

An account of the meeting was reported in today's Santa Ana Register.

Writer Sam Campbell said when Sirhan's picture was published in a Los Angeles newspaper June 6, Duarte recognized the man who is charged with murdering Sen. Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel.

Campbell continued:

"Duarte said Sirhan later was independently identified by three other Cubans who attended the May 21 meeting.

"Now a resident of Los Angeles, Duarte said he broke with Castro shortly after the successful takeover of Cuba in 1953. He currently heads a Cuban exile organization called UNARE, that opposes the Castro regime.

Sirhan In Scuffle

"At the May 21 meeting, Duarte said he got into a scuffle with Sirhan when he (Duarte) began to make an anti-Castro speech.

"He very angrily stood up and accused me of being a CIA agent," the Cuban said. He described Sirhan as 'a small fellow, olive skin, looked like a jockey, about 125-130 pounds.' He said he sat in a group and that he spoke English with a heavy accent.

"Sirhan accused Duarte of being paid by the Central Intelligence Agency and told the gathering of about 50 persons that the CIA had done the same thing in the Middle East with Arabs, Duarte stated.

"The scuffle broke out some minutes later when Sirhan called him a liar, Duarte said.

"We started pushing each other. Some people interfered. So they had to calm him down. I was quite excited, also," Duarte said.

"Duarte recounted that he asked Sirhan to settle the matter outside and 'he was ready to do that.' He said Sirhan left the house 'with several of his friends.'

"Duarte said he happened to go there May 21 with other members of the exile organization when they got a copy of a handbill. The flyer, he said, advertised what promised to be a pro-Castro meeting.

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"Duarte said the program consisted of a talk by a 'young man' identified only as 'Paul.' He said the spokesman showed slides of Cuban scenes and of students who had made a trip to Cuba. The talk by 'Paul,' he

said, included derogatory remarks about the United States, praise of Castro, and a description of conditions inside Cuba.

"At one point, he said, 'Paul' took up a collection for a person whom he identified as 'Newton,' who was being held by Oakland authorities.

"Detective Sgt. Roy Anderson of the Oakland Police Department said that 'Newton' was Hughie Newton, 26, president of the Black Panther Society, who is being held in the County Jail awaiting trial for first degree murder in the shooting death last November of Patrolman John Fry.

"After the assassination Duarte said he went to the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart Division and picked Sirhan's photograph from among others in the police file.

"It was not the same photograph that was in the paper, he said.

"Duarte said other Cubans who attended the May 21 meeting recognized Sirhan from television pictures.

"The information that Sirhan had been seen at what was described as a pro-Castro meeting came to this writer Saturday. At that time, the writer questioned Duarte in Los Angeles. He had talked to the Cuban once previously.

"That was in December, 1957, when Duarte appeared in Anaheim voluntarily to answer questions about the attendance of members of his organization at a performance of the Moscow State Circus in the Convention Center, where a stink bomb was thrown.

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