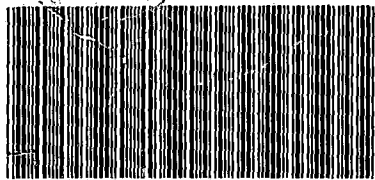


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(GUN)

LOS ANGELES--THE SNUB-NOSED REVOLVER USED IN THE SHOOTING OF SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY EARLY TODAY BEGAN ITS JOURNEY INTO THE HANDS OF THE ALLEGED TRIGGERMAN AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE WATTS RIOTING IN 1965.

THE EIGHT-SHOT WEAPON WAS PICKED OUT OF A LIST OF 2.5 MILLION WEAPONS REGISTERED IN CALIFORNIA IN A MATTER OF SECONDS BY MEANS OF A NEW COMPUTER USED BY THE STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION IN SACRAMENTO.

STATE ATTY. GEN. THOMAS LYNCH SAID THE GUN WAS PLUCKED FROM THE COMPUTER'S MEMORY "JUST SECONDS" AFTER HE WAS SUPPLIED WITH ITS SERIAL NUMBER BY LOS ANGELES POLICE.

THE .22-CALIBER IVER JOHNSON "CADET" MODEL WAS WRESTED FROM THE HANDS OF SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, A NATIVE OF JORDAN WHO RECENTLY CAME TO PASADENA WITH A BROTHER, MUNIER (JOE) SIRHAN, AN EMPLOYEE OF A PASADENA DEPARTMENT STORE.

THE OFFICIAL RECORD ON THE WEAPON BEGAN AFTER IT WAS PURCHASED IN 1965 BY ALBERT HURT OF ALHAMBRA.

FROM THERE IT WAS GIVEN TO MRS. DANA T. WESTLAKAE, 35, WOODACRE. WHEN INTERVIEWED BY UPI, MRS. WESTLAKAE SAID SHE GAVE THE BLACK STEEL WEAPON TO 18-YEAR-OLD GEORGE CHARLES ERHARD IN DECEMBER OR NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR WHEN THE TWO WERE NEIGHBORS IN PASADENA.

"I DIDN'T WANT THAT GUN LYING AROUND THE HOUSE WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN HERE," SHE SAID.

MRS. WESTLAKAE SAID SHE CALLED ERHARD THIS MORNING AFTER SHE LEARNED IT WAS HER GUN THAT HAD FIRED TWO BULLETS INTO SEN. KENNEDY AND WOUNDED FIVE OTHERS WITH THE REMAINING SIX SHOTS. SHE SAID HE TOLD HER HE SOLD IT "TO A BUSHY HAired GUY NAMED JOE," WHO POLICE QUICKLY IDENTIFIED AS THE SUSPECT'S BROTHER, MUNIER SIRHAN.

WHEN HE WAS QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES, "JOE" SIRHAN SAID HE HAD NO IDEA HOW IT HAD FALLEN INTO HIS BROTHER'S POSSESSION.

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FOR MR. TOLSON

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# Sen. Kennedy Gunned Down In a Los



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Senator Kennedy seconds after he was shot in Los Angeles about 3:20 a.m. today Eastern time.





A medic arrives and 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176  
tends to the man while awaiting an ambulance.





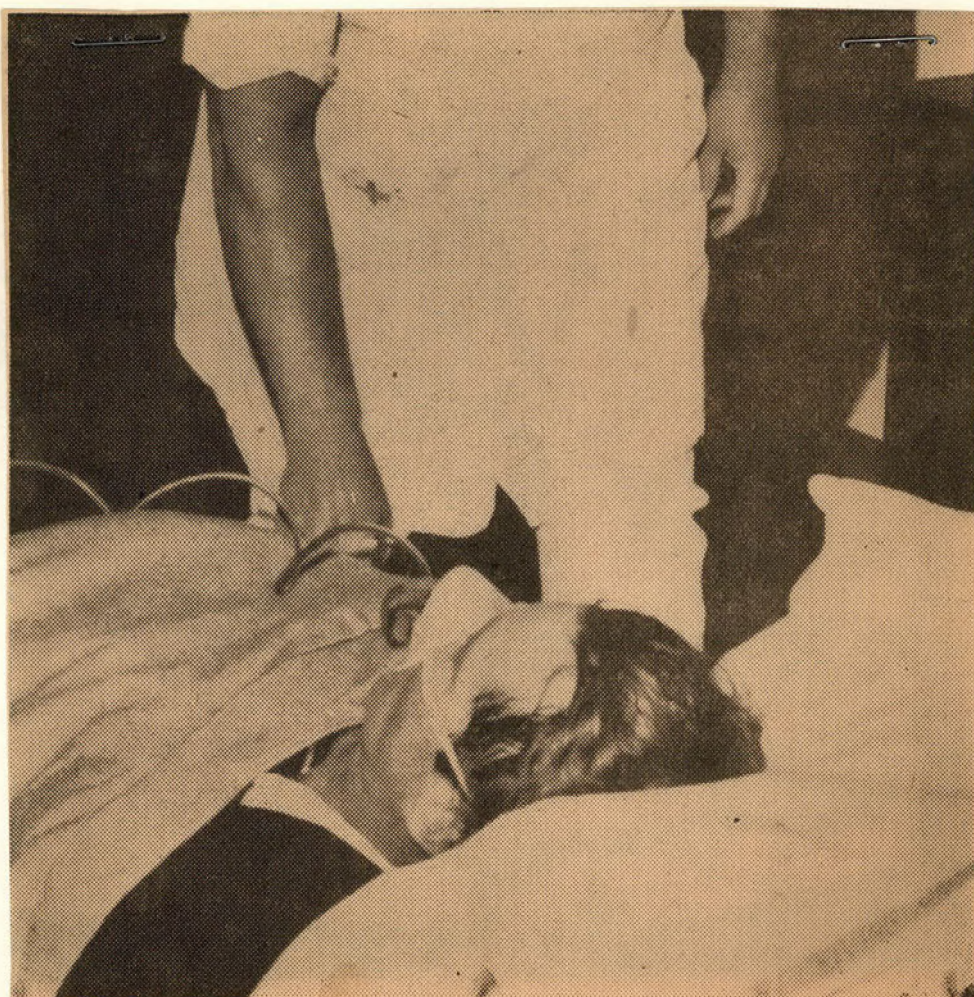
Supporters rush to his aid.





They try to comfort him.





The Senator is taken away on a stretcher.



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## CORRESPONDENTS:

THE FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF SEN. KENNEDY AND IS SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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SEN. KENNEDY, 42, WAS SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED TODAY AS HE ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE A HALL IN LOS ANGELES WHERE SUPPORTERS WERE CELEBRATING HIS VICTORY OVER SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY IN THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY, IN OREGON, THAT KENNEDY SUFFERED THE FIRST DEFEAT IN THE KENNEDY CLAN'S 22-YEAR SKEIN OF SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS.

EVEN BEFORE HE EMERGED AS HIS BROTHER'S TOUGH AND POLITICALLY PRACTICAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER, KENNEDY HAD ACHIEVED A DEGREE OF FAME AS THE RACKET-BUSTING CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE SENATE'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

HE WAS NAMED ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER JOHN KENNEDY DEFEATED RICHARD M. NIXON IN 1960. ROBERT BECAME THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSEST ADVISER DURING THE 34 MONTHS OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION.

THE SENATOR, IN SOME OF HIS RECENT CAMPAIGN APPEARANCES, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS PARTLY TO BLAME FOR GIVING HIS BROTHER ADVICE THAT LED TO THE BAY OF PIGS FIASCO IN CUBA IN 1961.

BOBBY WAS EDUCATED AT MILTON ACADEMY IN MILTON, MASS., HARVARD COLLEGE AND THE VIRGINIA LAW SCHOOL.

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LIKE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HE SERVED IN THE NAVY, INTERRUPTING HIS COLLEGE YEARS TO ENLIST AS A SEAMAN.

AFTER FINISHING LAW SCHOOL, HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. HE MANAGED JOHN KENNEDY'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL SENATE RACE IN 1952, THEN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AS ASSISTANT COUNSEL FOR THE SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

IN 1954, HE WAS NAMED ONE OF THE U.S. JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S "10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN IN THE UNITED STATES."

AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS, ROBERT KENNEDY RAN FOR THE SENATE IN HIS ADOPTED STATE OF NEW YORK. HE DEFEATED POPULAR REPUBLICAN SEN. KENNETH KEATING, IN 1964, HELPED GREATLY BY THE LYNDON JOHNSON LANDSLIDE. HE WAS BORN NOVEMBER 20, 1925.

KENNEDY MARRIED ETHEL SKAKEL OF GREENWICH, CONN., IN 1950. THEY HAVE 10 CHILDREN AND ARE EXPECTING AN 11TH.

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CROWD 6/5 HC

WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--A CROWD OF ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS--SOME WEARING "PRAY FOR BOBBY" AUTOMOBILE BUMPER STICKERS ACROSS THEIR CHESTS--MAINTAINED A QUIET VIGIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL WHERE SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY BATTLED FOR LIFE.

THE CROWD INCLUDED WHITES AND NEGROES, YOUNGSTERS AND OLDER PERSONS. THEY WERE QUIET, TALKING AMONG THEMSELVES, SOMETIMES ASKING NEWSMEN FOR THE LATEST WORD ON THE SENATOR'S CONDITION.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL--AN IMPOSING EDIFICE ATOP A HILL OVERLOOKING FAMED WILSHIRE BOULEVARD NEAR DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES--ATTRACTED THE CROWD DESPITE A CHILLY EVENING.

BEYOND THE GLARE OF THE TELEVISION CAMERAS FOCUSED ON THE HOSPITAL, CROWNED BY A CROSS, THE LIGHTS OF THE CITY TWINKLED MERRILY.

AUTHORITIES MAINTAINED A TIGHT SECURITY AT THE RAMBLING HOSPITAL COMPLEX. ROPE BARRIERS KEPT THE CROWD AND NEWSMEN AWAY FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE. RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PATIENTS WERE ASKED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BEFORE THEY COULD GAIN ENTRY TO THE HOSPITAL.

CATERING TRUCKS DID A BRISK BUSINESS, SELLING HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS, CANDY AND CIGARETTES TO THE CROWD, POLICEMEN AND NEWSMEN.

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KENNEDY 6/5 HC

SUB AND CORRECT FOR 16TH PGH 3RD NIGHT LD KENNEDY LOS ANGELES 289A:  
 MRS. JACQUELINE

MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS BY A GUNMAN ON NOV. 22, 1963, FLEW IN BY CHARTERED PLANE FROM NEW YORK TO BE WITH ROBERT KENNEDY'S WIFE, ETHEL, WHO IS EXPECTING THEIR 11TH CHILD.

MRS. CORETTA KING, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS ASSASSINATED TWO MONTHS AGO, ENTERED THE HOSPITAL THROUGH AN EMERGENCY DOOR AND APPARENTLY WENT TO MRS. KENNEDY'S SIDE.

PICKUP 289A AT 17TH PGH: THE SECOND MEDICAL

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 CORR FOR 19TH PGH 3RD NIGHT LD KENNEDY LOS ANGELES 289A  
 (ADDS MISSING WORDS): THE SURGEONS

THE SURGEONS WHO REMOVED FRAGMENTS OF THE .22 CALIBER BULLET WHICH PENETRATED THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS HEAD SAID THE PERIOD OF 12 TO 36 HOURS AFTER THE SURGERY WOULD BE DECISIVE.

PICKUP 289A AT 20TH PGH: DR. HENRY CUENO  
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BULLETIN

1ST NIGHT LD 262A

BY MIKE FEINSILBER

WASHINGTON (UPI)-- PRESIDENT JOHNSON, DEPLORING THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, APPOINTED WEDNESDAY NIGHT A SPECIAL COMMISSION LED BY MILTON EISENHOWER, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, TO STUDY THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE.

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310A

CAPITAL 6/5 WA

URGENT

1ST ADD 1ST NIGHT LD. CAPITAL WASHINGTON 309A XXX LIFE.

IN A SEVEN AND ONE-HALF MINUTE ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON RADIO AND TELEVISION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, THE PRESIDENT SAID: "LET US FOR GOD'S SAKE RESOLVE TO LIVE UNDER THE LAW."

HE APPEALED TO CONGRESS TO "BRING THE INSANE TRAFFIC IN GUNS TO A HALT" WITH MEANINGFUL CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF FIREARMS.

THE PRESIDENT SPOKE AS LATEST MEDICAL BULLETINS FROM LOS ANGELES INDICATED THAT KENNEDY, A LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION THAT JOHNSON HIMSELF SPURNED MARCH 31, WAS SHOWING NO IMPROVEMENT FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET IN THE BRAIN.

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CAPITAL 6/5 WA

2ND ADD 1ST NIGHT LD CAPITAL WASHINGTON 309A XXX BRAIN.

JOHNSON TOLD THE NATION THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SHOULD NOT FEEL GUILT FOR THE FATAL SHOOTINGS OF HIS PREDECESSOR, JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE WARNED THAT THE NATION MUST RID ITSELF OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE.

HE BLAMED A "CLIMATE OF EXTREMISM" AMONG OTHER FACTORS WHICH MIGHT HAVE LED TO KENNEDY'S SHOOTING TUESDAY NIGHT AFTER A CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY VICTORY CELEBRATION.

ALL THREE KILLINGS, HE SAID, "GIVE US AMPLE WARNING...VIOLENCE MAY BRING DOWN THE BEST AMONG US."

"WE PRAY TO GOD THAT HE WILL SPARE SEN. KENNEDY," JOHNSON SAID. "WE PRAY THIS FOR THE NATION'S SAKE, FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND FATHER AND MOTHER. WE PRAY THAT THIS FAMILY MAY BE SPARED MORE ANGUISH."

JOHNSON CHOSE AS HEAD OF HIS SPECIAL COMMISSION THE BROTHER OF FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. AMONG THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBERS HE MENTIONED WERE ERIC HOFFER, THE FORMER SAN FRANCISCO LONGSHOREMAN AND PHILOSOPHER, AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP TERENCE COOKE OF NEW YORK.

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3RD ADD 1ST NIGHT LD CAPITAL WASHINGTON 309A XXX NEW YORK.

OTHER MEMBERS ARE SENS. PHILIP HART, D-MICH., AND ROMAN L. HRUSKA, R-NEB. HRUSKA HAS BEEN A LEADING CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENT OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR STRICT GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION.

THE HOUSE A FEW HOURS EARLIER WEDNESDAY CLEARED THE WAY FOR FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF JOHNSON'S ANTICRIME LEGISLATION, TO WHICH THE SENATE HAD ADDED A WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF ADMINISTRATION FIREARMS CONTROLS. THE BILL NOW WOULD BAN ALL MAIL ORDER SALES OF HAND GUNS AND LIMIT THEIR OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE TO PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS INCLUDE PATRICIA HARRIS, THE NEGRO U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LUXEMBOURG, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC WHIP HALE BOGGS, LA.; FEDERAL JUDGE LEON HIGGINBOTHAM OF PHILADELPHIA; REP. WILLIAM MCCULLOCH OF OHIO, RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND ALBERT E. JENNER JR. OF ILLINOIS.

JOHNSON SAID HE WAS APPOINTING THE COMMISSION WITH THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WITH WHOM HE HAD MET EARLIER IN THE DAY. SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD ALREADY HAD PROPOSED CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO FIND WAYS TO COPE WITH WHAT HE CALLED "VIOLENCE ON THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE."

THE PRESIDENT SAID ANY GUN CONTROL LAW THAT CONGRESS MIGHT APPROVE WOULD NOT END THE VIOLENCE BUT AT LEAST WOULD SLOW IT DOWN AND SPARE MANY INNOCENT LIVES.

"LET US PURGE THE HOSTILITY FROM OUR HEARTS -- AND PRACTICE MODERATION WITH OUR TONGUES," HE SAID.

"LET US BEGIN--IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TRAGEDY--TO FIND A WAY TO REVERENCE LIFE, TO PROTECT IT, TO EXTEND ITS PROMISE TO ALL OUR PEOPLE," HE ADDED.

"THIS NATION AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED GRIEVOUSLY FROM VIOLENCE AND ASSASSINATION. FOR THIS REASON, I AM APPOINTING, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS, A COMMISSION OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS TO EXAMINE THIS TRAGIC PHENOMENON."



"T'NIGHT, OUR NATION FACES ONCE AGAIN THE CONSEQUENCES OF LAWLESSNESS, HATRED AND UNREASON IN OUR MIDST," THE PRESIDENT SAID IN A FORCEFUL, BUT SOLEMN MOOD.

"IT WOULD BE WRONG--IT WOULD BE SELF-DECEPTIVE--TO IGNORE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LAWLESSNESS, HATRED AND THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE.

"IT WOULD BE JUST AS WRONG--JUST AS SELF-DECEPTIVE--TO CONCLUDE FROM THIS ACT THAT OUR COUNTRY IS SICK--THAT IT HAS LOST ITS BALANCE, ITS SENSE OF DIRECTION, EVEN ITS COMMON DECENCY," HE SAID.

JOHNSON SAID THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE NEW YORK DEMOCRAT REPRESENTED A WARNING THAT "IN A CLIMATE OF EXTREMISM, OF DISRESPECT FOR LAW, OF CONTEMPT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS, VIOLENCE MAY BRING DOWN THE VERY BEST AMONG US."

"WE CANNOT, WE MUST NOT, TOLERATE THE SWAY OF VIOLENT MEN AMONG US," HE SAID. "WE MUST NOT PERMIT MEN FILLED WITH HATRED, AND CARELESS OF INNOCENT LIVES, TO DOMINATE OUR STREETS AND FILL OUR HOMES WITH FEAR."

"WE CANNOT SANCTION THE APPEAL TO VIOLENCE NO MATTER WHAT ITS CAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT THE GRIEVANCE FROM WHICH IT SPRINGS," HE SAID.

JOHNSON SAID THE EISENHOWER COMMISSION WOULD STUDY THE "CAUSES, THE OCCURRENCE, AND THE CONTROL OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE ACROSS THE NATION, FROM ASSASSINATION MOTIVATED BY PREJUDICE, IDEOLOGY, POLITICS AND INSANITY TO VIOLENCE ON OUR CITY STREETS AND EVEN IN OUR HOMES."

JOHNSON SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMISSION WORK WITH CRIMINOLOGISTS, SOCIOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS AMONG OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TO TRY TO ESTABLISH "WHY WE INFLICT SUCH SUFFERING ON OURSELVES."

"AND," HE ADDED, "I HOPE AND PRAY--HOW TO STOP IT."

SPEAKING OF THE MAN WITH WHOM HE NEVER ENJOYED WARM POLITICAL OR PERSONAL RELATIONS, JOHNSON SAID HE WAS "SHOCKED AND DISMAYED" BY KENNEDY'S SHOOTING.

HE SAID THAT A "BRILLIANT CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE HAS BEEN BRUTALLY INTERRUPTED, THAT A YOUNG LEADER OF UNCOMMON ENERGY AND DEDICATION -- WHO SERVED HIS COUNTRY TIRELESSLY AND WELL AND WHOSE VOICE AND EXAMPLE HAS TOUCHED MILLIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD--HAS BEEN SENSELESSLY AND HORRIBLY STRICKEN."

EARLIER IN THE DAY, JOHNSON SAID "THERE ARE NO WORDS EQUAL TO THE HORROR" OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE BROTHER OF THE MAN WHOSE OWN DEATH BY A SNIPER'S BULLETS HE WITNESSED IN DALLAS, TEX., ON NOV. 22, 1963.

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CORRN 1ST NIGHT LD CAPITAL WASHINGTON 309A FOR 12TH PGH BGNG: OTHER  
(WRONG IDENTIFICATION OF MRS. HARRIS)

OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS INCLUDE PATRICIA HARRIS, THE FORMER  
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BOGGS, LA.; FEDERAL JUDGE LEON HIGGINBOTHAM OF PHILADELPHIA;  
REP. WILLIAM MCCULLOCH OF OHIO, RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE HOUSE  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND ALBERT E. JENNER JR. OF ILLINOIS.

PICKUP 13TH PGH 309A: JOHNSON  
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WOUNDED 6/5 HC  
 WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--NONE OF THE OTHER FIVE PERSONS WOUNDED DURING THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS IN SERIOUS CONDITION WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THOSE WOUNDED WERE:

PAUL SCHRADE, 43, OF LOS ANGELES, UNITED AUTO WORKERS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WHO WAS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION AT KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, AFTER UNDERGOING A TWO-HOUR OPERATION FOR REMOVAL OF BULLET FRAGMENTS FROM HIS SKULL.

WILLIAM WEISEL, 30, OF WASHINGTON, D.C., AN AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY ASSOCIATE NEWS DIRECTOR, WHO WAS ALSO IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION AT KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, WHERE HE UNDERWENT SURGERY FOR REMOVAL OF A BULLET IN HIS ABDOMEN.

IRA GOLDSTEIN, 19, OF ENCINO, CALIF., A CONTINENTAL NEWS SERVICE REPORTER, WAS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED "IN A FEW DAYS" FROM ENCINO HOSPITAL, WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR A BULLET WOUND IN HIS LEFT THIGH.

MRS. ELIZABETH EVANS, OF SAUGUS, CALIF., A KENNEDY SUPPORTER, WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AT HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE WAS TREATED FOR A SCALP WOUND.

IRWIN STROLL, 17, OF LOS ANGELES, WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AT MIDWAY HOSPITAL, WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR A WOUND IN THE LOWER LEFT LEG.

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JACKIE 6/5 HC  
 WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY, DISTRAUGHT AT THE SECOND GREAT TRAGEDY OF HER LIFE, FLEW ACROSS THE COUNTRY WEDNESDAY TO THE BEDSIDE OF HER CRITICALLY WOUNDED BROTHER-IN-LAW, SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THE FORMER FIRST LADY, WHO WAS WIDOWED BY AN ASSASSIN, HURRIED FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOSPITAL OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHERE THE SENATOR LAY UNCONSCIOUS FROM HEAD WOUNDS INFLICTED BY A GUNMAN EARLY WEDNESDAY.

SHE AND SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL IN THREE WHITE CARS. MRS. KENNEDY, WEARING A WHITE COAT AND BROWN DRESS, HER DARK HAIR STREAMING DOWN HER BACK, WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO THE MEDICAL CENTER.

SECRET SERVICEMEN AND POLICE KEPT ONLOOKERS AT A DISTANCE.

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KENNEDY 6/5 HCE  
 3RD NIGHT LD 253A  
 BY JACK V. FOX

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--ROBERT F. KENNEDY HUNG BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER A BULLET FIRED AT POINT BLANK RANGE PLUNGED NEAR HIS BRAIN FROM A GUN WIELDED BY A JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT AMIDST AN EXULTANT PRIMARY VICTORY CELEBRATION CROWD.

THE THIRD MEDICAL BULLETIN ISSUED 17 HOURS AFTER THE 42-YEAR-OLD BROTHER OF THE LATE PRESIDENT WAS WOUNDED SAID DOCTORS WERE CONCERNED OVER THE SENATOR'S CONTINUING FAILURE TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN HIS "EXTREMELY CRITICAL CONDITION."

THE GUNMAN, IDENTIFIED AS SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, 24, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE WRITTEN IN A SPIRAL NOTEBOOK DIARY FOUND IN HIS APARTMENT: "KENNEDY HAS TO BE ASSASSINATED BEFORE JUNE 5, 1968."

THAT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIX DAY ISRAELI-ARAB WAR OF 1967.

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KENNEDY 6/5 HC

INSERT 3RD NIGHT LD KENNEDY LOS ANGELES 289A AFTER 4TH PGH XXX OF 1967  
SIRHAN WAS CHARGED WITH SIX COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO  
COMMIT MURDER. FIVE OTHER PERSONS BESIDES KENNEDY WERE WOUNDED BY  
THE ASSAILANT.

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KENNEDY 6/5 HCE

1ST ADD 3RD NIGHT LD LOS ANGELES 289A X X X 1967.

KENNEDY, IN HIS VICTORIOUS CAMPAIGN FOR THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY BACKING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, HAD SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY FOR THE JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL AND URGED THAT IT BE SUPPLIED ARMS BY THE UNITED STATES SO LONG AS ARAB STATES DID NOT CEASE AGGRESSION.

KENNEDY WAS CUT DOWN AFTER LEAVING A TUMULTUOUS PARTY IN THE BALLROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL AND WHILE TRYING TO MAKE HIS WAY ~~THROUGH~~ THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR. THE GUNMAN EMPTIED EIGHT SHOTS FROM A 22 CALIBER REVOLVER FROM A DISTANCE OF THREE FEET.

SIRHAN, WHO WAS BORN IN JERUSALEM WHEN IT WAS AN ARAB CITY, CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH THE STATUS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT 11 YEARS AGO. HE ENTERED THE PORT OF NEW YORK AND MOVED TO PASADENA WHERE HE LIVED WITH A LARGE FAMILY.

LOS ANGELES MAYOR SAM YORTY REVEALED LATE WEDNESDAY THAT OFFICERS HAD FOUND A NUMBER OF HIS POSSESSIONS AT THE HOME INCLUDING THE TWO DIARIES. THEY CONTAINED 18 TO 20 PAGES OF HANDWRITTEN NOTES EXPRESSING PRO-ARAB AND PRO-COMMUNIST BELIEFS.

ONE OF THE TEAM OF DOCTORS WHO PERFORMED MORE THAN THREE HOURS OF SURGERY TO REMOVE BULLET AND BONE FRAGMENTS SAID KENNEDY "MIGHT NOT MAKE IT" AND THAT IF HE LIVES HE MAY SUFFER EXTENSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE.

ABOUT 5:20 P.M. PDT KENNEDY'S PRESS SECRETARY FRANK MANCIEWICZ APPEARED FOR A THIRD TIME TO GIVE THE LATEST REPORT ON HIS CONDITION.

"THE TEAM OF PHYSICIANS ATTENDING SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY IS CONCERNED OVER HIS CONTINUING FAILURE TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT DURING THE POST-OPERATIVE PERIOD," HE SAID.

"AS OF 5 P.M. SENATOR KENNEDY'S CONDITION IS STILL DESCRIBED AS EXTREMELY CRITICAL AS TO LIFE."

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KENNEDY 6/5 HCE

3RD ADD 3RD NIGHT LD LOS ANGELES 289A X X X LIFE."

MANCIEWICZ SAID THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER "REGULAR" BULLETINS UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING.

ALSO FOUND IN SIRHAN'S POCKET WERE SEVERAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS OUTLINING HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE IN CALIFORNIA. THE LAST ENTRY WAS THE PARTY AT THE KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL ON WILSHORE BOULEVARD.

KENNEDY WAS UNCONSCIOUS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. ASKED WHETHER THE SENATOR WAS PARTIALLY PARALYZED, MANCIEWICZ SAID: "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS BY A GUNMAN ON NOV. 22, FLEW IN BY CHARTERED PLANE FROM NEW YORK TO BE WITH ROBERT KENNEDY'S WIFE, ETHEL, WHO IS EXPECTING THEIR 11TH CHILD.

THE SECOND MEDICAL BULLETIN HAD SAID "THE RESULTS OF A SERIES OF TESTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE MEDICAL TEAM ARE INCONCLUSIVE AND DO NOT SHOW MEASUREABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S CONDITION.

IT SAID HIS "LIFE FORCES -- PULSE, BLOOD PRESSURE, HEART -- REMAIN GOOD." KENNEDY CONTINUED TO SHOW THE ABILITY TO BREATHE ON HIS OWN ALTHOUGH HIS BREATHING REMAINED ASSISTED BY A RESUSCITATOR.

THE SURGEONS WHO REMOVED FRAGMENTS OF THE 22 CALIBER BULLET WHICH PENETRATED THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS HEAD WOULD BE DECISIVE.

DR. HENRY CUENO, WHO ASSISTED IN THE OPERATION, SAID SEVERAL MAJOR ARTERIES WERE SEVERED AND KENNEDY'S BRAIN SUFFERED EXTENSIVE LOSS OF BLOOD AND OXYGEN AS WELL AS SEVERAL BLOOD CLOTS. CUENO SAID KENNEDY ALSO SUFFERED INJURIES TO THE SPINAL CORD.

THE SUDDEN SPURT OF SHOOTING CAME WITH HORRIFYING SUDDENNESS AND LED TO WILD CONFUSION BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS IN THE HOTEL.

PICKUP 2ND NIGHT LD 253A 11TH PGH: THE INFURIATED

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ADD KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES

KENNEDY WAS REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON AS STILL IN "VERY CRITICAL  
CONDITION." AN AIDE SAID THE RESULTS OF TESTS UNDERTAKEN BY  
PHYSICIANS "ARE INCONCLUSIVE AND DO NOT SHOW MEASUREABLE  
IMPROVEMENT."

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UPI-233

ADD KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES  
IN WASHINGTON, AT HIS AFTERNOON NEWS BRIEFING, WHITE HOUSE PRESS  
SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS ANY DETAILS OF  
THE KENNEDY SHOOTING.  
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UPI-235

ADD KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES

A MEDICAL BULLETIN ISSUED 14 HOURS AFTER KENNEDY WAS WOUNDED SAID TESTS SHOWED NO IMPROVEMENT IN KENNEDY'S "EXTREMELY CRITICAL" CONDITION.

KENNEDY REMAINED UNCONSCIOUS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. THE SECOND BULLETIN SINCE HIS OPERATION SAID "THE RESULTS OF A SERIES OF TESTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE MEDICAL TEAM ARE INCONCLUSIVE AND DO NOT SHOW MEASUREABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S CONDITION."

IT SAID HIS "LIFE FORCES -- PULSE, BLOOD PRESSURE, HEART -- REMAIN GOOD." KENNEDY CONTINUED TO SHOW THE ABILITY TO BREATHE ON HIS OWN ALTHOUGH HIS BREATHING REMAINED ASSISTED BY A RESUSCITATOR.

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ADD KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES  
PRESS SECRETARY MANCIIEWICZ READ THE SECOND MEDICAL BULLETIN  
AND THEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS.  
ASKED WHETHER FURTHER SURGERY WAS ENVISIONED, MANCIIEWICZ SAID  
"NOT AT THIS TIME." HE SAID KENNEDY REMAINED UNCONSCIOUS.  
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ADD KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES  
 MANCIEWICZ SAID THE TESTS HAD INCLUDED X-RAYS AND ELECTRO-  
 ENCEPHALOGRAPHS.

HE SAID A SECOND BULLET, INTACT, WAS STILL LODGED AT THE BACK  
 OF KENNEDY'S NECK BUT THAT IT PRESENTED NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

THE BULLET WHICH ENTERED HIS SKULL FRAGMENTED. MOST WAS  
 REMOVED BUT A SMALL FRAGMENT WAS STILL IN THE MID-SKULL AREA.

IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, MANCIEWICZ SAID THAT THE PROTECTION  
 OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT OFFERED TO THE  
 SENATOR AND THEREFORE IT COULD NOT BE SAID THAT IT WAS REFUSED.

POLICE CHIEF REDDIN HAD BEEN ASKED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE  
 EARLIER IN THE DAY WHY LOS ANGELES POLICE WERE NOT ASSIGNED.

"SENATOR KENNEDY DID NOT WANT SECURITY FROM THE LOS  
 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WHEN PROBLEMS DEVELOPED,  
 ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN OFFERED BUT THE KENNEDY PEOPLE REFUSED IT.

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UPI-226

CORRECTION:  
 IN JACKIE, NEW YORK (UPI-218) MAKE LAST PGH:  
 RADZIWIILL GRASPED MRS. KENNEDY'S ARM FIRMLY AS THEY  
 WALKED TO A TWIN-ENGINE JET PUT AT THEIR DISPOSAL FOR THE TRIP  
 TO CALIFORNIA BY IBM CHAIRMAN THOMAS J. WATSON JR. THEY TOOK  
 OFF AT 3:45 P.M.. A LITTLE MORE THAN 12 HOURS AFTER KENNEDY WAS  
 CRITICALLY WOUNDED.

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UPI-263

(COUNCIL)

UNITED NATIONS--THE SECURITY COUNCIL TONIGHT ADJOURNED AN URGENT MEETING ON THE LATEST MIDDLE EAST FLAREUP IN RESPECT TO SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHO WAS SHOT BY A MAN IDENTIFIED AS A JORDANIAN.

THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OCCURRED ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 5-10 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

BEFORE POSTPONING DISCUSSION OF BORDER FIGHTING BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN THAT ERUPTED TUESDAY, THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS "SENSE OF SHOCK AND DEEP SORROW" AT THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE BROTHER OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR JUNE, READ A TELEGRAM HE SENT TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY ON BEHALF OF THE 15-NATION BODY.

IT CONVEYED THE "SENSE OF SHOCK AND DEEP SORROW WHICH ALL MEMBERS FEEL AT THE GRIEVOUS NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE YOUR HUSBAND.

"SENATOR KENNEDY'S SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS PURPOSES OF PEACE IS KNOWN AND RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL JOIN ME (GOLDBERG) IN HOPING AND PRAYING FOR HIM AND IN PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR YOU AND FOR THE ENTIRE KENNEDY FAMILY."

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REAGAN 6-5 SX

WITH KENNEDY

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (UPI)--GOV. RONALD REAGAN WEDNESDAY CONDEMNED THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LAWLESS ATTITUDE "SPURRED BY DEMOGOGIC AND IRRESPONSIBLE WORDS OF SO-CALLED LEADERS IN AND OUT OF PUBLIC OFFICE."

THE GOVERNOR EXTENDED TO KENNEDY'S WIFE AND FAMILY ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIANS "OUR DEEP SYMPATHY" AND OFFERED THEM FULL RESOURCES OF THE STATE "IN THIS TIME OF GREAT NEED."

REAGAN REFUSED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TO IDENTIFY THE "SO-CALLED LEADERS."

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT READ TO HIS SECOND FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE DAY, REAGAN SAID: "THE AVERAGE MAN, DECENT, LAW-ABIDING, GOD-FEARING, IS AS DISTURBED AND WORRIED AS YOU AND I ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED."

"HE, AND ALL OF US, ARE THE VICTIMS OF AN ATTITUDE THAT HAS BEEN GROWING IN OUR LAND FOR

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"HE, AND ALL OF US, ARE THE VICTIMS OF AN ATTITUDE THAT HAS BEEN GROWING IN OUR LAND FOR NEARLY A DECADE--AN ATTITUDE THAT SAYS A MAN CAN CHOOSE THE LAWS HE MUST OBEY, THAT HE CAN TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS, THAT CRIME DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN PUNISHMENT."

"THIS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN SPURRED BY DEMAGOGIC AND IRRESPONSIBLE WORKS OF SO-CALLED LEADERS IN AND OUT OF PUBLIC OFFICE AND IT HAS BEEN HELPED ALONG BY SOME IN PLACES OF AUTHORITY WHO ARE FEARFUL OF THE WRONG, BUT TIMID ABOUT STANDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT."

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(NIXON)

NEW YORK--RICHARD M. NIXON, CONTENDER FOR THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, CANCELED HIS APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK AND REMAINED IN SECLUSION IN HIS FIFTH AVENUE APARTMENT UNDER THE GUARD OF SIX SECRET SERVICE MEN IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS WERE ASSIGNED TO NIXON ON ORDER OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WHO DECIDED ALL PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS SHOULD BE PUT UNDER PROTECTIVE GUARD. THEY ARRIVED AT THE NIXON APARTMENT ABOUT SIX HOURS AFTER KENNEDY WAS GUNNED DOWN IN LOS ANGELES.

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UPI-264

(RECORD)

NEW YORK--SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS SHOT WHILE HE WAS BEING INTERVIEWED FOR THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM ON TAPE. IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION TTEMPT.

KENNEDY WAS TALKING TO ANDREW WEST, A MUTUA CORRESPONDENT WHO WAS COVERING THE KENNEDY VICTORY PARTY IN LOS ANGELES FOR STATION KRKD IN LOS ANGELES AND THE MUTUAL NETWORK.

THE RECORDING WAS FIRST AIRED ON THE NETWORK AT 7 A.M. EDT. AGAINST A CHEERING BACKGROUND OF KENNEDY BACKERS, WEST ASKED: "HOW ARE YOU GOING TO COUNTER MR. HUMPHREY AND HIS BACKGROUNDING YOU AS FAR AS THE DELEGATE VOTES GO?"

KENNEDY REPLIED--"IT JUST GOES BACK TO THE STRUGGLE FOR IT..." AT THIS POINT HIS VOICE CHOKED OFF AND THERE WAS THE BACKGROUND NOISE OF A GUNSHOT. THE CROWD STARTED TO SCREAM. WEST IN A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL VOICE CONTINUED TO REPORT AND DESCRIBE THE SCENE. WEST SHOUTED DIRECTIONS TO BYSTANDERS, ORDERING THEM TO DISARM THE ASSAILANT AND TO CLOSE THE DOORS TO THE ANTEROOM.

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GRIECO 6/5 HCE  
 WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--"IS EVERYBODY OKAY? IS PAUL ALL RIGHT?"  
 THESE WERE THE WORDS THAT SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY UTTERED  
 SECONDS BEFORE LAPSING INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS EARLY WEDNESDAY,  
 ACCORDING TO PAUL GRIECO, 21, WOODBURY COLLEGE SENIOR.

GRIECO WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO EXTEND AID TO KENNEDY AFTER THE  
 SENATOR WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. HE HELD KENNEDY'S  
 BLEEDING HEAD IN HIS HANDS UNTIL AN AMBULANCE CREW ARRIVED.

"KENNEDY'S FIRST THOUGHTS WERE FOR THE OTHER WOUNDED," GRIECO  
 SAID. "KENNEDY SAID, 'IS EVERYBODY OKAY? IS PAUL ALL RIGHT?'"

KENNEDY WAS REFERRING TO PAUL SCHRADE, A UNION OFFICIAL WHO  
 SUFFERED A SCALP WOUND IN THE SHOOTING. SCHRADE WAS A FEW STEPS  
 BEHIND THE SENATOR WHEN THE SHOOTING OCCURRED.

"I TOLD HIM EVERYBODY WAS OKAY AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY--  
 JUST LIE STILL" SAID GRIECO. "THEN I HELD HIS HEAD BEACUSE  
 I THOUGHT HE SHOULDN'T BE LYING DOWN LIKE THAT. I THOUGHT HE WOULD  
 BLEED LESS IF I HELD HIS HEAD UP A LITTLE."

GRIECO OF ONTARIO, CALIF., SAID KENNEDY "WAS AT THE HEIGHT  
 OF HIS CONSCIOUSNESS" WHEN HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE OTHERS.

"HE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE IN TOO MUCH PAIN, ALTHOUGH I COULD SEE  
 THE WOUND IN HIS HEAD CLEARLY, HE WASN'T BLEEDING A GREAT DEAL,"  
 GRIECO RECALLED. "ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS TRYING TO HELP THE  
 MAN AND KEEP PEOPLE BACK AS MUCH AS I COULD."

GRIECO SAID THE GUN "SOUNDED LIKE A KID'S CAPGUN GOING OFF VERY FAST.  
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## Suspect Held in Assassination Attempt

# RFK Is 'Extremely

# Critical'

LOS ANGELES, June 5 (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in the head and neck and critically wounded early today as he left a jubilant primary election celebration. After nearly four hours of surgery doctors said his condition was "extremely critical."

A team of surgeons removed bullet fragments from his head but did not take out a bullet still lodged in his neck. Until the operation he was able to breathe only with assistance, and the doctors warned that the Senator might have suffered impairment of the blood supply to the part of the brain that governs the eye track, the level of consciousness and, indirectly, his speech.

The next 12 to 36 hours will be critical, a medical report said.

The Senator's press aide, Frank Manciewicz said Sen. Kennedy had been returned to the intensive care room and that his condition was "extremely critical."

### FRAGMENT REMAINS

"The vital signs remain about as they were except he is now breathing on his own which he was not prior to surgery. All but one fragment of the bullet has been removed from the head injury. There is still one bullet apparently somewhere in the back of his neck altho this is not regarded as a major problem.

"Senator Kennedy lost a considerable amount of blood as a result of the bullet which entered and passed thru the mastoid bone on the right side of his head and some of the fragments of bullet and bone went toward the brain stem.

The 42-year-old New York Senator was shot from about three feet away. Three Kennedy aides subdued a swarthy man in his 20's. He was later turned over to the police.

Five other persons in the crowd were wounded.

Sen. Kennedy's wife Ethel, who is expecting their 11th child, was not hurt. She bent over her husband as he lay bleeding from the wounds, one near his right ear and another in his shoulder, whispering to him and trying to console him.

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# OTHERS INJURED

The others hit by the burst of gunfire were Paul Schrade, a Steelworkers Union official; Bill Weisel, a television newsmen, and Ira Goldstein, 19, a radio newsmen; Irwin Stroll, 17, and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans.

Mr. Schrade, who had been on the platform earlier with Sen. Kennedy, suffered a scalp wound but was reported in good condition. Mr. Weisel, 30, of 2700 Upton-st nw, Washington, suffered a serious abdominal wound, while Mr. Goldstein, 19, was wounded in the back and leg but was in good condition. Mrs. Evans had a scalp wound and Mr. Stroll was hit in the leg.

Sen. Kennedy had come down from his suite in the Ambassador Hotel to claim victory and to speak to his supporters massed before TV cameras in the Embassy room.

"I think all these primaries have indicated it is quite clear that we can work together in the last analysis and that what has been going on the last three years, the divisions, violence, disenchantment with society between black and white, poor and affluent can be healed," he said.

## FLYING WEDGE

Then Sen. Kennedy left the podium and was pushing his way thru hand-shaking and cheering supporters with a sort of flying wedge led by his aide, Bill Barry, a former FBI man; Roosevelt Grier, a 300-pound tackle for the Los Angeles Rams football team, and Rafer Johnson, former Olympic Decathlon champion.

They headed into a corridor leading to a hotel kitchen, seeking to get on a freight elevator and go back to the suite. Sen. Kennedy was shaking hands with a young busboy near a row of refrigerators when the shots began ringing out "like a string of Chinese firecrackers."

Los Angeles Times Photographer-reporter Boris Yaro was standing a few feet away.

"Kennedy backed up against the kitchen freezers as the gunman fired at him at point-blank range," he said. "He cringed and threw his hands up over his face.

"I turned around and saw Kennedy lying on the floor. Blood seemed to be pouring out of a wound in his head or ear. It seemed as tho he was trying to say something but you couldn't hear him."

Pandemonium erupted in the room when word flashed thru the crowd that the Senator had been shot. Many thought some firecrackers had been triggered to climax the celebration. A suspect was seized within seconds by Sen. Kennedy's aides, Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson, sports star members of Sen. Kennedy's party. They said the suspect attempted to hide behind a steam table in a kitchen off the Embassy room.

## FOR MY COUNTRY

One witness said the man who was captured "was yelling something about saving the country or something. What he said was something like 'I did it for my country'."

Sandra Serrano of Pasadena, Calif., a student and Kennedy worker, was present when the suspect was seized. "He was about 23 years old and he was Mexican-American," Miss Serrano said.

The shooting occurred about 12:15 a.m. PDT (3:15 a.m. in Washington).

Martin Petruski, a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, said he had just finished shaking hands with Sen. Kennedy and "all of a sudden this fellow jumped out and he started to fire. It was so fast. And all of a sudden somebody was yelling 'Grab him! Grab him!'

"Then the Senator slid down to his knees.

"His eyes were open when he started to go down.

"His wife came over and she asked the photographers to please stop taking pictures. She wasn't crying or anything."

The Senator was a half step ahead of his wife, Ethel, when the shooting occurred.

"He was walking thru the kitchen toward a corridor going to the freight elevator," said Nor-

bert Schlei, a Los Angeles Democrat who was 10 feet behind the Senator.

"He stopped to shake hands with the kitchen help and I heard a sound . . . clap, clap, clap, clap. It didn't sound at all like gunfire.

Sen. Kennedy's brother-in-law Stephen Smith rushed to the podium and shouted, "Is there a doctor in the house? Is there a doctor in the house? A doctor is needed urgently!"

Gabor Kadar, who said he was waiting at the rear exit to the room to shake hands with the Senator, heard four or five shots and saw Sen. Kennedy and a woman fall to the floor.

Warren Wilson, a reporter for the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co., reported that Sen. Kennedy was conscious and talking after the shooting.

Mr. Kadar said he saw Sen. Kennedy's wife, Ethel, kneeling beside the Senator as he lay on the floor of the hotel kitchen.

## SEEMED CONSCIOUS

"Sen. Kennedy lay on the floor and his face was tense and white but he seemed conscious. I didn't hear him say anything," Mr. Schlei said. He said an ambulance crew took him away on a stretcher by way of the freight elevator. He said there was blood on the floor. ABC said a priest rushed up to Sen. Kennedy and handed him a rosary. Sen. Kennedy clutched it as he was carried to the ambulance.

Max Behrman, an ambulance attendant who accompanied Sen. Kennedy to the hospital, said that when he arrived at the hotel Sen. Kennedy was on the floor, his wife sitting beside him, rubbing ice on his forehead.

"I knelt down but she fought me away — she

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**The suspect held after the shooting.**

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wouldn't let me touch him," Mr. Behrman said.

"I said, 'What do you want an ambulance for then?'"

"She said, 'I want to get him to a hospital.'"

"I said that was what I was there for."

"We got him on a stretcher but as we did, he said, 'Please don't! Please don't! Please don't lift me.'"

"We got him down to the ambulance on a stretcher, but on the way Mrs. Kennedy kept pulling back on the stretcher saying she didn't want it going too fast that we were hurting him," Mr. Behrman said.

"We got him into the ambulance. I wanted a little information for my (record) book. She took it out of my hand and threw it into the lot of the hotel."

"From what I could see, he needed a bandage on his head — at the left ear where one bullet wound was. And I had to give him oxygen which he needed very badly."

## THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD

Sen. Kennedy was taken by ambulance to Central Receiving Hospital where the examining physician, Dr. Victor Baz, first believed he was dead. He slapped him on the face, saying, "Bob, Bob," and the wounded Kennedy stirred. He was later transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital.

The gunman was not immediately identified. He refused to talk. Police said he had been offered an attorney but made no response.

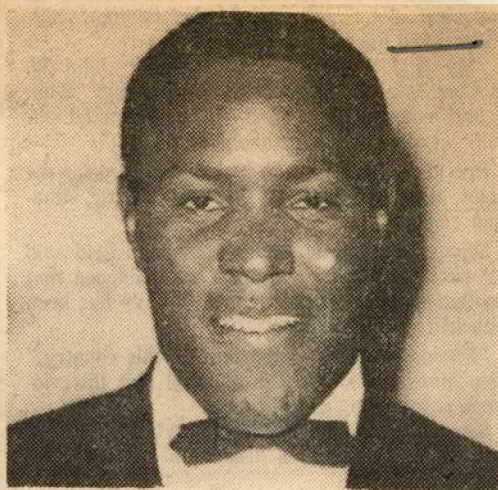
Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin described him as white, 25 to 28 years old, 5 foot 6, 125 to 140 pounds with swarthy complexion. He said the weapon was a .22 caliber pistol and all eight shots had been fired before the suspect was seized.

"We do not have information at this point to lead us to believe that any conspiracy was involved, altho we have not ruled that out," said Police Inspector Robert Rock later.

"As of now, he has declined to tell us who he is or anything about himself," Inspector Rock said. "We have the gun in custody."

"He does not respond to questioning but apparently understands questions put to him," Chief Reddin said. "He doesn't appear to be under the influence of drugs. Nobody has any idea who he may be."

When asked later whether newsmen could photograph the suspect, one of Chief Reddin's assistants said:



RAFER JOHNSON

"After Dallas, nobody is going to get within a thousand feet of him."

He referred to the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's killer.

The suspect was shisked to a secret arraignment at 7 a.m., before Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein. He was charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

The man was arraigned as "John Doe" and was represented by the Public Defender. He was then returned to the city jail.

Bail for the suspect was set at \$250,000.

Chief Reddin said the man was "extremely articulate and with a good vocabulary" in talking about matters other than the shooting. But he refused to give even his name. He said he had a slight accent, seemingly either Cuban or Jamaican.

## FAMILY CALLED

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D., Mass.), brother of Robert Kennedy, phoned his family in Hyannis, Mass., and said his brother had been shot twice, a family spokesman said.

The Senator's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, were not awakened and informed of the shooting, according to Ann Gargan, a niece of the elder Mr. Kennedy. She said Mrs. Kennedy probably would be told when she awakened to attend an early morning Roman Catholic mass. Sen. Kennedy's father is a semi-invalid as a result of a stroke several years ago.

Six of the Kennedy's 10 children were in Los Angeles with their parents at the time of the shooting.

They were flown back to Washington on an Air Force plane supplied by Vice President Humphrey, accompanied by Colonel John Glenn and his wife.

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Right, suspect (under raised arm) is subdued. In foreground, is football tackle Rosie Grier.

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Left, Sen. Kennedy lies on floor after being shot.

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# 5 Others Shot In Los Angeles; Suspect Held

By **PAUL HOPE**  
Star Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot in the head early today and remained "extremely critical" after a team of six neurosurgeons removed most of a .22-caliber bullet from his brain in a three-hour, 40-minute operation at Good Samaritan Hospital here.

The next 12 to 36 hours—that is, sometime between mid-morning today and tomorrow night—will be "a very critical period," Kennedy's press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz, announced after the senator was transferred from the operating room to an intensive care unit.

Meanwhile, a young man held by police here as the suspect in the shooting was identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 23, of Pasadena. He was charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

The shooting took place in a kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel, a few minutes after Kennedy left a celebration marking his victory in the California Democratic preferential primary.

Kennedy's attacker also wounded at least five other persons. Among these was a Washington man—William Weisel, associate director of the American Broadcasting Corp.'s Washington news bureau. Weisel was reported to be in "good shape" after surgery.

Dr. Henry Cuneo of the University of Southern California Medical School, one of the surgical team who operated on Kennedy, was quoted today as saying that it was unlikely that the senator "will be able to recover fully . . . and (his condition) makes it doubtful that he could live."

This remark, and other dire conclusions supposedly drawn by Cuneo, were reported in an NBC television interview by Dr. Lawrence Pool, who said he had talked with Cuneo. Pool is chief of neurosurgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Cuneo was quoted as saying that several major arteries were severed and Kennedy's brain suffered extensive loss of blood and oxygen, as well as several clots. He also suffered injuries to the spinal cord, Dr. Pool said.

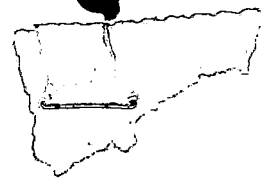
Pool himself concluded that "the outcome may be extremely tragic." He attributed this to the potential damage done to Kennedy's "mid-brain" and the "stem" that connects the brain "to all the rest of the body" and influences such functions as arm and leg movement, eye and face movements, blood pressure, breathing and even the heart rate.

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# Kennedy 'Extremely Critical,' Bullet in Brain Removed

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two other wounds—apparently not serious—in the left shoulder and one in the forehead. The bullet which inflicted the shoulder injury is lodged "somewhere in the back of his neck," but "this is not regarded as a major problem," Mankiewicz told newsmen outside the hospital.

Here is the key part of the medical bulletin read by the New York senator's press aide: "His (Kennedy's) condition is described as extremely critical. The vital signs remain about as they were except that he is now breathing on his own, where he was not prior to surgery, although he now has the assistance of a resuscitator."

"All but one fragment of the bullet has been removed from the head injury. There is still one bullet apparently somewhere in the back of his neck, although this is not regarded as a major problem."

"He lost a considerable amount of blood as a result of the bullet which entered and passed through the mastoid bone on the right side of his head, and some of the fragments of the bullet and of the bone went toward the brain stem."

"There may have been an impairment of the blood supply to the mid-brain, which doctors explained as controlling or at least governing certain of the vital signs—pulse, heart, eye track, level of consciousness—although not directly the thinking processes."

"Doctors say that the next 12 to 36 hours will be a very critical period."

Early in the afternoon, a brief hospital bulletin said Kennedy's condition remain unchanged—"extremely critical."

Mankiewicz declined to answer questions about further medical details, except to say that no further surgery was not planned. He also refused to answer questions about the condition of the senator's wife, Ethel, at the moment.

## Mrs. Kennedy at Hospital

Mrs. Kennedy was with the senator in the hospital along with his brother, Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, and other members of the family.

Mrs. Kennedy was close behind her husband when he was shot, and she accompanied him in an ambulance to the hospital.

When the senator was first taken into an emergency room at Central Receiving Hospital, attending doctors thought he was "practically dead," it was reported. They massaged his heart externally and gave him



The suspect is taken to a secret arraignment.

Yorty said the brother "is talking with us" but he did not disclose what he was saying.

Yorty said authorities do not know what nationality the suspect is, but that he apparently lived in Jerusalem at one time.

A police photo of the suspect showed a man with dark curly hair, dark complexion, pocked face and possible scars on the forehead. He had a large nose, full lips, square chin and bushy eyebrows. He wore a white shirt, open at the neck, and a medium dark windbreaker.

Authorities said the man had uttered only one word "yes"—during their first encounter with him. It was several hours before the identification was made. Police said Sirhan had been advised of his rights, including his right to have a lawyer before being questioned. He declined a lawyer's services at that point, police said.

## Other Victims

Enough for Me?" A few in the neighborhood crowd looking on joined in.

The hospital itself was bathed in lights from television cameras and trucks parked directly across the street. Two other spotlights, on top of the hospital, added an even more garish appearance to the night street scene.

Crowds in front of the hospital were cordoned off to permit only newsmen into the immediate area, but through the darkness faces of patients could be seen looking down on the crowd from within the hospital.

## Conspiracy Doubted

At police headquarters, authorities tended to discount the possibility that there was a conspiracy involved in the shooting.

Police Chief Reddin told a news conference: "As near as we can tell, there's only one person involved."

In Washington, Attorney Gen-

greasy floor amid empty soft drink bottles and dirty dishes.

There were cries of "Get a doctor, get a doctor," and the senator's wife—pregnant with her eleventh child—fell over her husband's prostrate body and began wiping his face.

The curly haired, olive skinned assailant was set upon by 10 or 12 men, one of them Roosevelt Grier, the huge Negro lineman of the Los Angeles Rams football team, who has been helping Kennedy campaign around the country.

## Five Shots Fired

Eugene Cesar, a 26-year old special security officer, described the shooting this way:

"I was holding his arm. We were coming through the crowd. The senator reached out to shake hands with someone in the direction where the gunman was standing."

"When he reached out, this



Football player Roosevelt Grier (foreground) grabs suspect's arm.

## LATEST TV INFORMATION

Due to the shooting of Sen. Kennedy regular programming may be preempted without notice during the day. This may include the Senators baseball game tonight.

of whom were kicking and beating him. The hand holding the revolver was the only part of the gunman reporters could see at first.

"Don't kill him, don't kill him," people kept shouting as the man struggled to get away but was kept pinned down by the huge bulk of lineman Grier. Another of those who captured the assailant was Rafer Johnson, a decathlon champion who also had been involved in the Kennedy campaign and who moments

fore Kennedy came into the kitchen.

"He asked three or four times: 'Is Kennedy coming through here?'" Perez said.

Joseph Jones, a waiter, said he saw the suspect, too, and that he was shuffling some sketches on top of the steamtable.

Earl Williman told reporters he saw the man with the gun in his hand. Williman, who was among those surrounding Kennedy, said he ran around the security guards and helped pin the gunman.

The suspect was reported to have said: "I did it for my country" after the shooting. He was pinned down on the steamtable for about 20 minutes before police armed with shotguns came and took him into custody.

It was more than 15 minutes before rescue squadmen arrived and removed Kennedy to Central Receiving Hospital for emergency treatment. About 1

me, I was standing right behind him?" she kept saying over and over.

## Held Rosary

One man who said he was a Catholic told reporters he said prayers over Kennedy while he was lying on the kitchen floor. He said he had a rosary and that Kennedy "took the rosary and my hands. The blood was coming from his head and ears."

At Central Receiving Hospital a priest administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

## THIRD OF NEGROES LIVE IN POVERTY, U.S. REPORT SAYS

The government says one-third of America's Negroes live in poverty—a report issued as the Poor People's Campaign was telling a cabinet official of al-

As the word of the shooting passed out to the crowd, there were cries and moans and curses.

"This country isn't safe," one person shouted.

"Oh, no," said a young boy who then fell to the floor.

"They don't understand," another kept saying.

"What kind of a country is this," another said.

In the kitchen, hotel employees scrubbed away the blood.

Norbert Schlei, a former assistant attorney general when Kennedy headed the department of Justice, was standing there. Someone came up and demanded to know why there was not more security for the senator.

## Little Security

Schlei, who has been working for Kennedy in the campaign, said: "There has been very little security in the campaign. He's been through mob scenes like this 50 times."

Hugh McDonald, a young Kennedy press aide, stumbled around the press room in a daze. In his hands were Sen. Kennedy's shoes. McDonald was sobbing. He sat down in a chair and put his head on a table. Then he got up and went back to the kitchen and sat down with the shoes clutched in his arms. Later he went to the hospital, still sobbing, with the shoes still in his hands.

Mrs. Edna Weisel of Greenbelt, Md., mother of the wounded ABC executive, left early today to join her son in Los Angeles. He is a bachelor.

Before joining the ABC network in 1961, Weisel was an assistant director, assistant to the promotion director, and film editor-cameraman at Washington's WMAL television station. He became associate director of the ABC news bureau in 1963.

Weisel is a native of Washington and a 1959 graduate of American University.

## Resurrection City Truck Overturns, Five Are Injured

A rented truck from Resurrection City struck a curb at the Virginia end of Memorial Bridge early today and flipped on its side, injuring the driver and his four passengers, police reported.

Two of the passengers, who along with the driver are residents of Resurrection City, were admitted to George Washington University Hospital, where they were listed in satisfactory condition.

The driver, identified as How-



leged injustices toward the needy. Demonstrators from the predominantly Negro campaign had a two-hour session yesterday with Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark. The Commerce Department reported 6 million of the nation's 49 million families were considered poverty-stricken in 1966, last year covered in a seven-year survey. It said both the number and the percentages declined over those seven years, but while families made more progress than Negro families, 34.9 percent of which were classified as below the poverty line.

**Wounds Described**

Kennedy was receiving a solution, described as detraene, in one arm and blood in the other. Receiving. There also were tubes in his nose and an oxygen mask over his mouth.

At the hotel, the scene was one of grief. The celebrants of a few hours earlier were huddled around television sets trying to find out the senator's condition. Many of them were crying and many knelt on the red carpeted floors and prayed.

Lisa Urso, a young girl dressed in a red and white Kennedy Girl uniform, sobbed uncontrollably as she sat on a chair in the press room.

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made available by Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty announced the identification of suspect. Yorty and Police Chief Thomas Reddin said identification was made by tracing the ownership of the murder weapon.

**DODD URGES LAW  
FOR REGISTERING  
OF ALL FIREARMS**

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., called today for "compulsory registration" of all guns—a measure far stronger than the mild restrictions on guns in the Senate-passed anti-crime

"No words can express my shock and horror—yes and my shame, that America should again be the scene of so vile and senseless a crime," he said of the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"Pious condolences over the assassination of an American president or a Negro leader or over the attempted assassination of Sen. Kennedy will no longer suffice. If our country is not to be regarded by the

tion of assassins, we must take the most energetic action to put an end to the conditions that today make America a land of murder and violence.

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**Ballroom jammed**

Kennedy was surrounded by aides and supporters and was on his way to a nearby press room to talk to reporters when he was shot. He had to pass from the ballroom through part of the kitchen to get to the pressroom because the main entrance to the ballroom was jammed with jubilant supporters. Reporters heard several reports that sounded something like balloons bursting. But they came in such rapid succession that newsmen waiting for him thought it might be gunfire. As reporters burst through the doors leading to the kitchen, the narrow hallway was jammed with seething humanity and shouts for doctors and police. The gunman was smothered under about a dozen men some

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Another person, 43-year-old Paul Schrader, received a skull fracture from a bullet which lodged in his brain. He was listed in good condition at Kaiser Hospital.

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Mrs. Kennedy was permitted to listen through the instrument to hear the heartbeat, the doctors said.

Kennedy went into surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital at about 3:12 a.m. (6:12 a.m. Washington time) after being moved there from Central Receiving Hospital.

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Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty announced the identification of Thomas Reddin said identical ownership of the murder weapon.

Yorty and Reddin said Strhan was identified by a brother, Muntz (Joe) Strhan, who lives at the same Pasadena address.

**Elizabeth Evans of Sausalito, Calif., holds handkerchief to her forehead grazed by bullet.**

Associated Press

A black and white photograph of a person in a costume. The person is wearing a large, shaggy, light-colored wig and a crown or tiara. They are holding a newspaper in front of their face, which has the word "SMASH" visible on it. The person is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. The background is dark and textured.

UAW official Paul Schrade, 43, lies with his head resting on a Kennedy campaign hat after being wounded.

—Associated Press

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# Sen. Kennedy Gunned Down In a Los Angeles Hotel



Mrs. Kennedy reaches down for her husband seconds after the shooting.



Supporters rush to his aid.

—Associated Press and United Press International

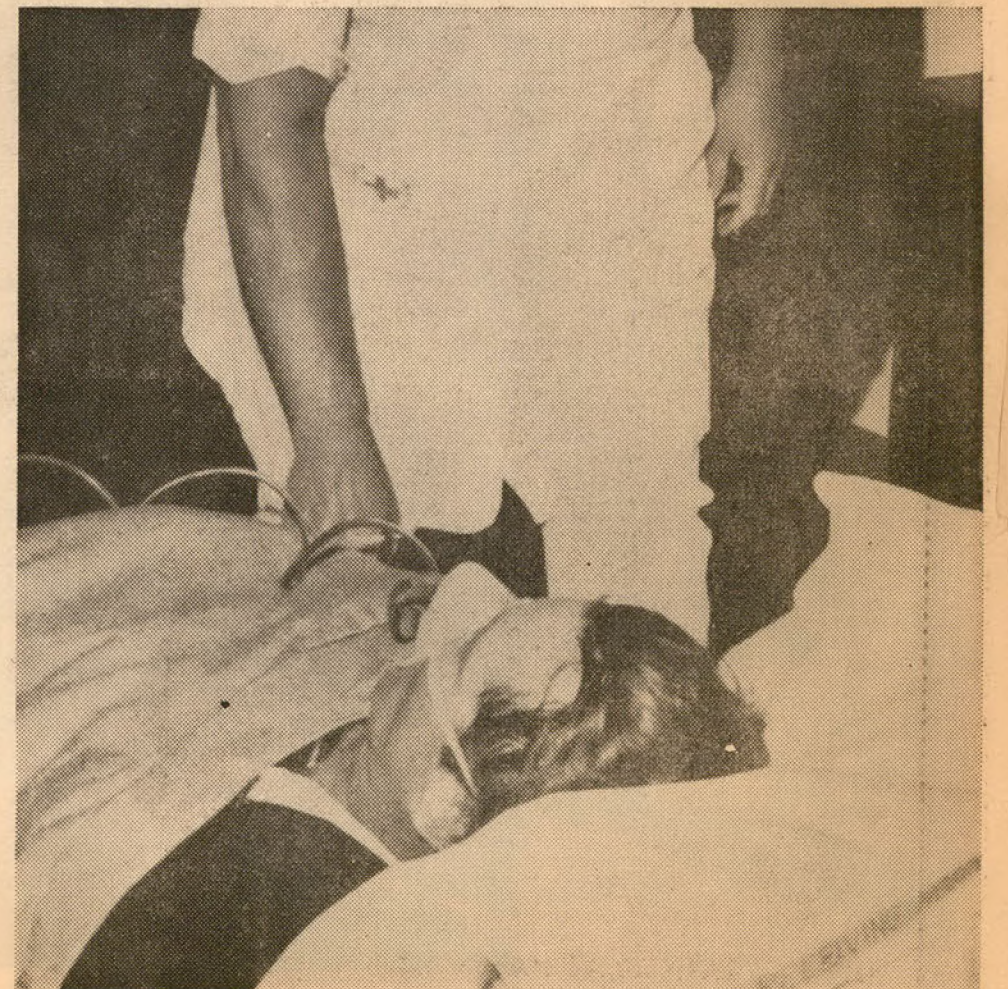




A medic arrives and does what he can while awaiting an ambulance.



They try to comfort him.



The Senator is taken away on a stretcher.



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# American GIs, Vietnamese Stunned; Fear for Nation's Sanity and Future

By William Touhy **A-21**  
 Los Angeles Times

SAIGON, June 5 — Americans and South Vietnamese engaged in a war of great violence nevertheless reacted strongly to the news that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had been shot in Los Angeles—with shock, shame, and outrage.

The reception was widespread, from U.S. diplomats to Vietnamese officials to the lowliest American serviceman.

"I have a sense of profound personal shock that this could happen to Sen. Kennedy in my country," said one high U.S. official. "Is this the kind of nation that I am going home to with my family after a long stay abroad? This is a personal tragedy for the Kennedy family — and tragically symptomatic of what is going on in the United States.

A Vietnamese publisher declared: "Violence seems to be the destiny of the Kennedy family. It reminds me of the family of President Ngo Dinh Diem."

A Marine corporal said simply: "I feel shock. I feel grief. What else can I say?"

A Marine major added: "It makes you wonder about the trend toward ignoring law and order in the United States. There seems to be a shift toward taking the law into your own hands, toward anarchy, a hell of a thing."

"The shooting of Sen. Kennedy," said a Vietnamese government official, "will create more trouble

for the United States government. First President Kennedy, then Martin Luther King, now Sen. Kennedy. We don't know what will happen next in America."

"Why do the American people use assassination?" asked a prominent Vietnamese lawyer and political leader. "Are the American people running out of democracy? This will upset the internal policy of the U.S."

A U.S. Army sergeant with 25 years service said "We're supposed to have a free society. When a man can't get up and say what he thinks without fear of being shot, then we are returning to the barbarian days. What is happening to people? What is happening to the world?"

And a Negro military policeman declared: "I was stunned. This is really sick. I think the country is getting sick. We are out here trying to teach these people something. But how can we, when people behave at home the way we do? How can the United States teach anybody about anything?"

*News agencies reported these additional comments from U.S. servicemen:*

"The guys over here are fighting and people back there are killing each other," said Marine Cpl. Robert L. Wolfe, 20, of Dodge City, Kan. "It just ain't right."

"It's really a tragic thing that a man can't go out and be in a primary and run for President of the United States without being cut

down like that," said Sgt. William R. Grubbs, 24, of Bristol, Tenn. "It's a tragic thing."

"I think it's a horrible thing," said Capt. Neil Slocum, 32, of San Jose, Calif. "I myself did not like Bobby Kennedy. I would not have voted for him had he been nominated, but this is terrible."

"I'm shocked," said Sgt. William Bodnar, 38, of Toledo, Ohio. "I wouldn't have voted for him but I'm shocked..."

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Ed Brey of Minneapolis, Minn., said, "I can't understand that mentality, that type of mentality that makes war, I guess. If you don't like something, kill it."

Sgt. James A. Spann, 21, of Shelby, N.C., said, "So far as the Negro is concerned I think this really hurts us. I just hope he will still be able to win."

"I was just hoping Bobby would have made it, that's all," said Spec. 4/c James Handlin, 19, of Uniontown, Pa. "I can't believe it."

"That was one man I was hoping that would really get elected," said Sgt. Charles Renfore, 25, of Ashland, Ky.

"We are over here trying to stop the killings and yet it's still going on back home," said 1st Lt. Ralph Ribbeau of New York City. "I don't know what to say. It is hard to believe it still happens back home."

"I don't know what the world is coming to. It doesn't seem real," said Airman 1/C William Budman, 21, of Bethlehem, Pa.

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BY JOSEPH ST. AMANT

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED CRITICALLY EARLY TODAY MOMENTS AFTER HE HAD JUBILANTLY DECLARED A VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION.

A SWARTHY GUNMAN FIRED A BULLET INTO KENNEDY'S BRAIN AS THE SENATOR LEFT A CROWD OF SUPPORTERS CHEERING THE ELECTION RESULTS IN A BALLROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

FIRING AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE GUNMAN HIT KENNEDY TWICE AND WOUNDED FIVE OTHER PERSONS.

THE JUBILATION IN THE BALLROOM TURNED TO PANDEMONIUM AS WITNESSES SHOUTED "BOBBY'S BEEN SHOT".

KENNEDY WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE A TEAM OF SIX SURGEONS THREE HOURS LATER OPERATED IN AN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE BULLET.

NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE OPERATION, KENNEDY'S POLITICAL FUTURE WAS CLOUDED WITH UNCERTAINTY DESPITE HIS VICTORY OVER SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY IN TUESDAY'S CRITICAL CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY.

MOMENTS BEFORE HE WAS SHOT, KENNEDY HAD GONE BEFORE HIS SUPPORTERS AND A TELEVISION AND RADIO AUDIENCE. HIS BRIEF STATEMENT INCLUDED A REMARK DEPLORING VIOLENCE.

FLASHING A V-FOR-VICTORY SIGN, HE WALKED FROM THE PODIUM INTO A HALLWAY WHERE THE GUNMAN WAS LURKING.

KENNEDY AIDES, INCLUDING A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL STAR AND AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION, SUBDUED THE GUNMAN AND TURNED HIM OVER TO POLICE WHO WHISKED HIM AWAY IN SECRECY UNDER HEAVY GUARD. THE GUNMAN REFUSED TO GIVE HIS NAME, AND POLICE WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM.

THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED BY THE SHOOTING, AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON ORDERED THE SECRET SERVICE TO GUARD ALL THE OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

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AT 4:50 A.M. PDT, A KENNEDY AIDE TOLD NEWSMEN THE SENATOR HAD  
BEEN IN SURGERY FOR TWO HOURS. HE SAID PHYSICIANS ESTIMATED HE WOULD  
REMAIN IN SURGERY "FOR ANOTHER HOUR--PERHAPS TWO HOURS."

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