

# 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.

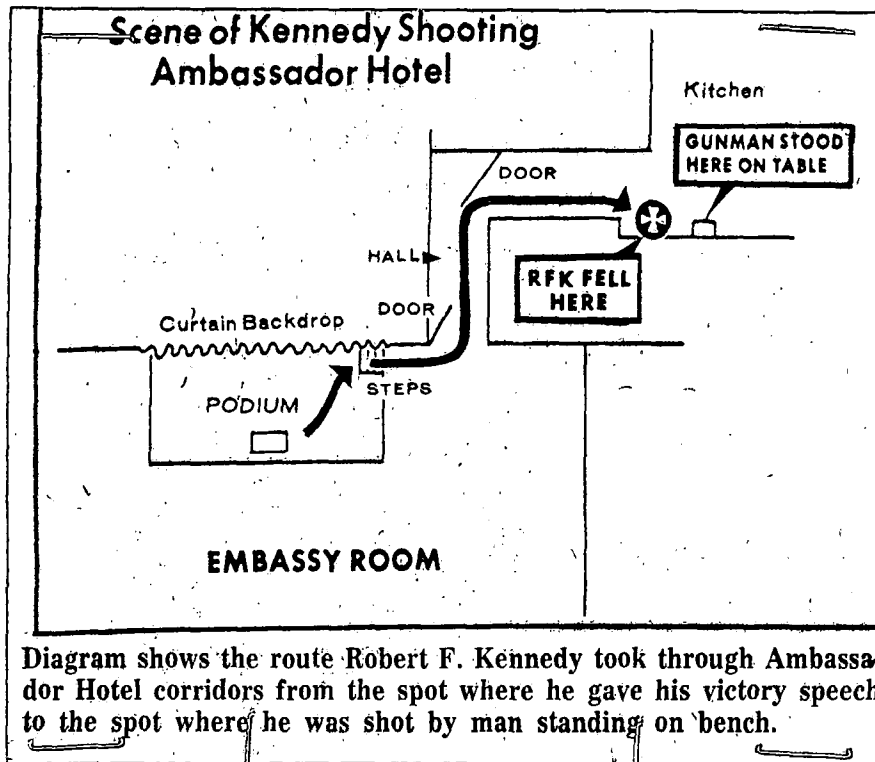
"It is now the obligation of all of us—even in our sorrow and pain—to recommit ourselves to the principles of humanity and individual justice in which Sen. Robert F. Kennedy believed.

"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



with tragedy to the brood of Ambassa-  
dor 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.





**THE VICTIM** — Robert Kennedy clutches rosary beads.

(UPI Telephoto)



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# Sirhan Sirhan: Image Unfolds

A notebook apparently belonging to the man accused of shooting Sen. Robert Kennedy mentions "the necessity to assassinate the senator," Mayor Sam Yorty said yesterday.

The mayor said notes apparently written by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, declare the assassination must be done before June 5, 1968.

Kennedy was shot June 5, moments after thanking supporters for his California presidential primary election victory over Sen. Eugene McCarthy.

It also is the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Sirhan is described by officials and acquaintances as a Jordanian who hates Jews, writes in a pro-Communist way—and fell from a horse recently trying to become a jockey.

"He does a lot of writing, pro-Communist and anticapitalist," Yorty said.

"Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter. He has 'Long-Live Nasser, written in there.'"

He "may have been inflamed" by a statement from Sen. Robert Kennedy during a televised campaign debate Saturday night, said a New York committee on American-Arab relations.

During the debate with McCarthy, Kennedy said the United States should supply jets to Israel.

"It is this disrespect for the human Arab persons which brings about this kind of violence," said Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi, secretary-general of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations.

Under maximum security guard, Sirhan is keeping mum about the shooting. Police said he is the only suspect.

He was hospitalized with a broken index finger and sprained left ankle suffered in the melee of his capture, said an official source at the jail.

"No. No," sobbed Sirhan's mother, Mary, when she learned one of her five sons was arrested.

A neighbor in suburban Pasadena, Marguerite Daugherty, said Mrs. Sirhan told her that her son fell from a horse recently on a ranch and "since then I can't talk to him."

"All I know is he is a nice kid," said Said Sirhan in New York. He identified himself as a brother of the accused man.

"I mean this is really something that shook me up that my brother would do such things. I don't think so. I don't think that he would pay attention to such things even."

"When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed," said John Shear, who worked with the prisoner at Hollywood Park race track.

"Since I wasn't interested in politics I would not discuss it," said Shear, an assistant trainer. "But he was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israeli."

"He wanted to be a jockey and the people around the track advised him to get a job on a farm where he could exercise horses and learn to ride," said Shear.

He was a hot walker, who walked sweaty horses to cool them off.

Alvin Clark, 40, Pasadena Refuse Department employe, said he talked almost weekly with the suspect and that he (Sirhan) "was very prejudiced against white people."

"He believed in Mohammed and asked me, a Negro, to get him copies of the Black Muslim

newspaper 'Mohammed Speaks,' Clark said. "Once he told me he hated (Senator) Kennedy."

Clark said Sirhan never talked of girls, did not drink or smoke.

"During a number of lengthy conversations, Sirhan talked freely and with interest—until asked who he was and anything about Kennedy," said Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin.

He was "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid," Reddin said, but anytime the questions got around to Kennedy he would say, "I prefer to remain incommunicado."

Police said they found a total of two notebooks apparently belonging to Sirhan. They contained 18-20 pages of handwritten notes and some doodling.

Most of the notes were in English. Some were in Arabic. The notebooks were much like those with spiral binding used by school children.

"I feel a release of the notebooks might be damaging to a trial," Reddin told a news conference.

He said police have "a well-rounded case" against Sirhan. He won't be interviewed much more, Reddin said, because it might "damage the case more than help."

Reddin and Mayor Yorty, who identified Sirhan at a news conference, said they found out who he is by tracing the .22 caliber pistol used in the shooting.

They said Sirhan lived with a brother, Munir "Joe" Sirhan, who works in a Pasadena department store.

Detectives whisked Joe away from the Sirhan home, where

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the brothers, mother, Mary, also live.

When he was taken prisoner, Sirhan Sirhan had with him a schedule of Kennedy's June speaking engagements, four \$100 bills and a clipping. The mayor didn't identify the clipping but he said it was an article critical of Kennedy. It looked like a poem.

In Sirhan's pocket was the key to a 1959 car parked near the Ambassador Hotel where Kennedy was shot after thanking supporters for his California primary victory over Sen. Eugene McCarthy.

The police chief said the car belonged to a hotel employee who worked in the kitchen where Kennedy was gunned down. The employee said he didn't know Sirhan and didn't know how he got the key.

Reddin said Sirhan had no narcotics in his possession when he was apprehended—and apparently wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Questioning of Sirhan—with a representative of the district attorney's office—will be tape recorded, the police chief said. He said this wasn't done after the Dallas assassination in 1963 of Kennedy's brother, President John F. Kennedy.

One neighbor, Brandon Lamont, said Sirhan was a handyman around the house.

"He mowed the lawn," said Lamont, 21, an accoustical tile installer who has lived in the area 1½ years.

"He worked on the shed in back of the house."

He described Sirhan as "quiet and conservative." The Sirhan family rarely had noisy get-togethers, he said, but visitors were frequent.

"I don't know exactly how many sons lived there," Lamont said. "I know two did. Maybe a third. Or maybe he visited often."

Sirhan is a Christian, said Pastor Ben Cowles of the Westminster Presbyterian Church near the family home.

But The Rev. Mr. Cowles said Sirhan rarely attended church.

John H. Weidner, who owns an organic health food store at 1380 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, said he employed Sirhan from September, 1967, to March, 1968. Sirhan was trustworthy, he said, having banked large receipts for him on occasion.

"But he did not like authority, was emotional, and was not happy in America," he added. "He is a man who knows very well what he is doing."

Weidner, a captain in the Dutch Army during World War II, said he finally discharged Sirhan because he resented taking orders.





**SUSPECT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN**  
Jordanian extraction, born in old Jerusalem

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**MOTHER LEARNS OF HER SON'S ARREST**  
Mrs. Clarence Robinson comforts Mrs. Mary Sirhan





—Herald-Examiner Photo

**THE SUSPECT'S HOME AT 696 E. HOWARD IN PASADENA**  
Neighbors offer varied opinions of 24-year-old Jordanian Sirhan Sirhan



## The Sound of Gunfire, Tolling

Political assassination in all its horror has again struck into the consciousness—and the conscience—of the American people. The enormity of this crime goes even beyond the depths of the poignant personal tragedy that has once again enveloped the Kennedy family: political assassination strikes at the very fabric of the state, of American democracy and of the most basic American institutions.

But now the thoughts and prayers of all Americans are focused not on the shattering implications of this latest example of man's unrestrained violence, but rather on a gallant young figure fighting for his life in a Los Angeles hospital. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and his anguished family have the grieved and shocked sympathy of their fellow-citizens throughout this country and their fellowmen in every corner of the civilized world.

And as Americans everywhere watch through the night in prayerful hope that Mr. Kennedy will pull through this terrible ordeal, they must resolve once again—so soon again—that this Government and this society will do everything, literally everything, it can do to thwart such terroristic acts that defy all decency and reason.

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By grim coincidence, in the House of Representatives of the United States today there comes up for vote a Senate-approved measure that contains a thoroughly inadequate, half-hearted attempt to control the trade in guns.

"It amazes me that we continue to tolerate a system of laws which make it so outrageously easy for any criminal, insane person, drug addict or child to obtain lethal firearms which can be used to rain violence and death on innocent people."

These words were spoken in the Senate last month by Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, but the Senate ignored them. Title IV of the so-called crime control bill on which the House will vote today is, as it now stands, a minimal attempt at genuine firearms regulation. It merely prohibits the interstate mail-order sale of pistols and revolvers and bans over-the-counter sale if the buyer lives outside the dealer's state.

The obvious hole is, as we have repeatedly noted, failure to regulate interstate shipment of rifles and shotguns. Senator Edward Kennedy introduced an amendment to control such mail-order sales. Defeated, 53-29. Senator Dodd introduced an amendment making it illegal for anyone under eighteen to buy a rifle or shotgun on his own. Defeated, 54-29. Senator Javits introduced an amendment that included an affidavit procedure for mail-order rifle and shotgun sales. Defeated, 52-28. Senator Brooke introduced an amendment to outlaw other destructive devices, such as hand grenades, bombs and machine guns. Defeated, 47-30.

Thus, the record is clear. Senators mainly from the Southern and Western states, in lockstep with the National Rifle Association and other lobbyists for private arms and ammunition, have repeatedly failed to

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again to take these steps to prevent weapons from falling into the hands of potential lawbreakers and assassins. This failure to act set a discouraging example for those state legislatures, city councils and officials who were seeking stronger local firearms control.

It can be debated long into the night whether there is deep malaise in a society that breaks out in fits of madness and violence. What is not debatable is that when it came time to "do something about it" by law, the United States Congress failed.

And people all over the country, who look for leadership and guidance from Washington, heard once again the sound of gunfire, tolling.

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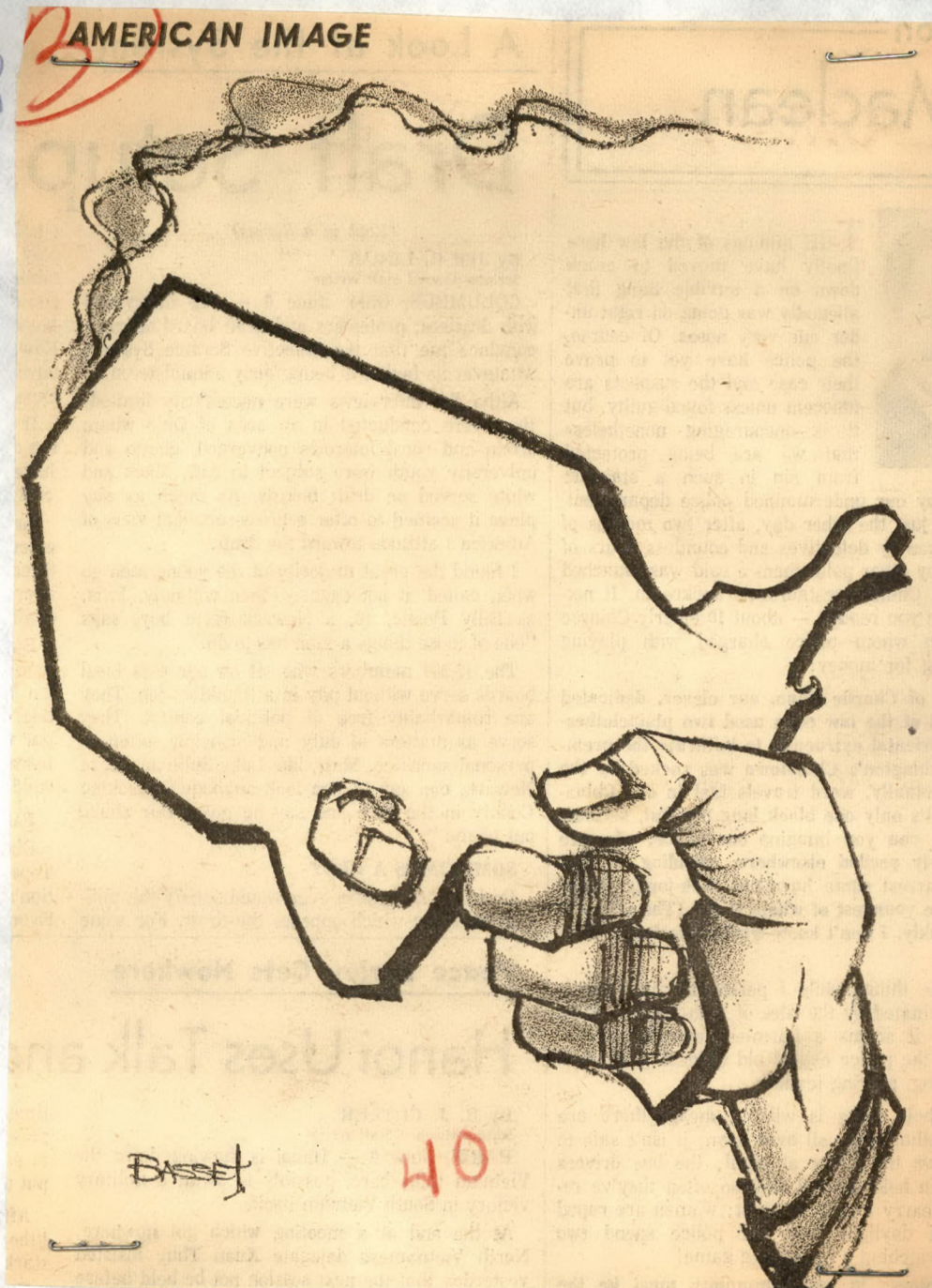
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**'Wonder It Didn't Happen Sooner'****RFK Had Refused Bodyguard**

By CLARE CRAWFORD



ONE of the most horrifying aspects of the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy is the frequently heard comment: "It's a wonder it didn't happen sooner." Or "I knew something like this was in the air."

America is even sicker than the continual cowardly rain of assassin's bullets indicates, if people

are accepting them as inevitable.

But, in fact, as long ago as last April Kennedy aides and reporters covering him were deeply concerned for his safety.

Time and again the subject of bodyguards and special police were suggested. And the Senator flatly vetoed them.

Brawny, tall New York banker Bill Barry, a family friend, was the nearest thing to a guard Bobby would accept. He was officially explained as somebody who made a path for Bobby and Ethel thru the pressing crowds. Several times he saved both of them from being crushed — ~~perhaps~~ seriously — by enthusiastic supporters. The Kennedy camp was quite indignant when Mr. Barry was identified in a newspaper picture as a "bodyguard."

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LATER, as the crowds were not content to just press close to Bobby, they wanted his clothes for souvenirs — pro football player Roosevelt Grier spelled him.

Grier would wrap himself around the Senator's waist as the motorcade inched thru throngs. Several times, the crowd was almost able to pull the Senator out of the car despite Grier's anchorage. Once Bobby even got his tooth chipped. And this was from the people who loved him.

In recent years the sickest portion of the nation's lunatic fringe has been writing the RFK's — threatening him and his family with the worst the writers could imagine.

This is one of the reasons, friends say, that Ethel Kennedy is so shy and is the only recent candidate's wife to refuse interviews. Every Kennedy article generates a

new spate of vicious mail to both the Kennedys and the writer. And the Kennedys have had to ignore it.

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SIMPLY, Bobby Kennedy has been just another victim of America's lawlessness. The families of the crippled and maimed and dead bus drivers suffer for their men just as much as the Kennedys.

We are sick and grieving for Sen. Kennedy and this family.

If one good thing can be drawn from this dreadful act, all of us might realize that no matter how important or obscure we are; how rich or how poor; how advantaged or deprived that nut or criminal can get us. And get us first. We as individuals have to do something. Write a congressman: throw our gun away; stop name-calling; get involved with the neighbor next door and downtown, and pray for the soul of Sen. Kennedy.

It's not much. It won't make anything the same again. But it may be a step towards sanity.

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# First Treatment: They Lifted His Head...

By Stuart Auerbach

Washington Post Staff Writer

The first medical treatment Sen. Robert F. Kennedy received yesterday was touchingly simple.

An aide lifted his head a few inches from the cement floor, and another knelt and fanned him.

From then on he received progressively more sophisticated care. Here is a chronology of his treatment from the time he was shot:

At Los Angeles Central Receiving Hospital, a one-mile ambulance ride from the hotel, doctors and nurses were waiting.

Sen. Kennedy, said Dr. Victor Baz, "was practically dead" when he arrived. Dr. Albert Holt said the Senator was in a coma, in deep shock, not breathing and with practically no heart beat. "I thought we would have to pronounce him as expired," Dr. Baz said.

## Heart Massage

Dr. Holt stood on a stool beside the emergency room stretcher and began massaging Sen. Kennedy's heart. Other doctors administered adrenalin and oxygen, and placed a tube down his throat to aid breathing.

"I was ready to put adrenalin into the heart," said Dr. Baz, "but as we were working we saw we didn't need that. At first he was pulseless. Then his pulse came back and we began to hear a heartbeat and he began to breathe a little erratically."

The patient was then placed on a machine that massages his heart by pushing his chest up and down.

Dr. Baz said he slapped the Senator's face several times and called "Bob, Bob," to look for signs of consciousness, "but he failed to respond."

Ethel Kennedy, he said, couldn't believe her husband was alive.

"When we did get a heartbeat I put the stethoscope to her ears and just like a mother hears a baby's heartbeat, she was overjoyed," Dr. Baz recalled.

As an emergency center, the Receiving Hospital is not equipped to perform intricate surgery. Sen. Kennedy was given fluid in the veins of both arms and prepared for transfer to the Hospital of the Good Samaritan about a half-mile away.

The Hospital of the Good Samaritan, run by the Episcopal Church, is considered the best hospital in Los Angeles by many authorities and one of the best on the West Coast.

## USC Medical School

It is a square block medical center with three main sections, the first built in 1908. The most recent East Wing, where Sen. Kennedy was taken, opened in 1952. The hospital is affiliated with the University of Southern California Medical School.

A team of six doctors — three neurosurgeons and three chest surgeons — was assembled in the middle of the night from the medical faculties of the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles.

The Senator was taken to the fifth floor intensive care unit and prepared for surgery.

Dr. Maxwell M. Andler Jr., 54, a graduate of USC and a clinical professor of neurosurgery at UCLA, headed the team. He was aided by Drs. Henry Cuneo and Nat Downs Reid, neurosurgeons, and Drs. Burt Meyer, Paul Ironside and Hubert Humble, chest surgeons.

The operation started around 3 a.m. California time (6 a.m. in Washington).

The crowd of about 300 persons gathered outside the 10-story Hospital made so much noise that Fred Dutton, a Kennedy aide, had to plead for quiet. He said the noise bothered other patients in the 391-bed hospital and reached the fifth floor, where members of the Kennedy family awaited the end of surgery.

The doctors emerged from the operating room three hours and 40 minutes after they started surgery.

They said they had successfully removed all of the bullet except a fragment.

## First Word

They disclosed no details of their surgery, but the usual course, according to neurosurgeons, is to: (1) put a tube down the windpipe or make an opening in the

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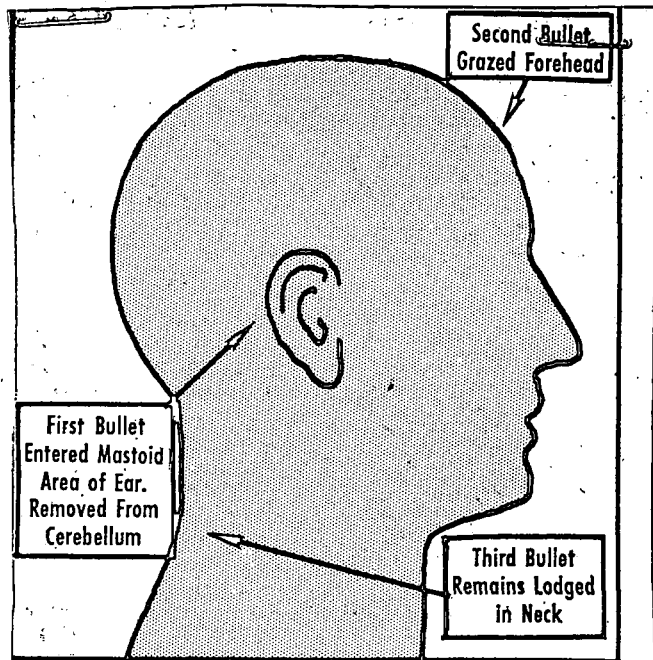
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neck to establish a clear airway; (2) give blood, fluids and drugs to combat shock; (3) shave the head and clean the wound; (4) lay open the scalp and expose the skull; (5) remove part of the scalp; (6) gently expose the damaged brain tissue and follow the track of the bullet to drain away blood and clots, halt bleeding and remove bullet fragments.



June 6, 1968

The Washington Post

Of the three bullets that struck Sen. Kennedy, only the first, which entered behind his right ear, caused grave damage. Most of bullet was removed by surgery.



# The Shattering of

# Kennedy's Victory Party

By DONARA LEGENDRE

North American Newspaper Alliance

LOS ANGELES — There was a party going on in Sen. Robert Kennedy's suite on the seventh floor of the Ambassador Hotel on Tuesday night. In the early part of the evening it was not a very gay party. With 2 percent of the vote in, Sen. Eugene McCarthy was five points ahead.

Writer Budd Schulberg, looking woolly-haired and tweedy, chatted with "Paper Lion" author George Plimpton.

Mrs. Plimpton sat on the corner of a bed in the adjoining room talking to Jean Smith, wife of Kennedy campaign manager Steve Smith and sister of the senator.

Tanned and looking lovely in a silk dress embroidered at the neck, Mrs. Smith seemed to prefer the quiet of a few friends dropping by the bedroom than the chaos of the living room.

John B. Martin, former ambassador to the Dominican Republic, wandered from room to room looking serious and gnawing on his pipe.

Film director John Frankenheimer, who made a very successful half-hour commercial about Kennedy, said he would leave for Kansas in the morning to start a new film.

## Discussing Movie

And Hollywood-based director and producer Dick Silbert lounged about discussing the movie he would start in Mexico in the morning.

With New York producer Bill Wilson and brain trust-writer Dick Goodwin, Frankenheimer and Silbert made all the TV commercials for the campaign.

Sitting on a couch in the living room was Col. John Glenn talking to Charles Evers, brother of assassinated Negro leader Medgar Evers. "I'm going to

Washington to help the Poor People's March," Evers said.

Evers had done quite a bit of campaigning on Kennedy's behalf in California. "Kennedy is the only one who can really deal with the problems," he said. "Something's got to happen. If we have Humphrey as president it will be like France in this country."

"Making of the President" author Theodore White padded about observing a crucial night in what looked increasingly like the making of another president.

At 11:45 NBC, despite its problems of broken computers, announced to everyone's delight that it joined CBS in the opinion that Kennedy would win.

## Gathers Momentum

Everyone wandered about laughing and drinking as the party gathered momentum with the candidate's success.

Word went out to friends of the senator's that a party was planned after the election at Los Angeles' gayest, most "in" nightclub, "The Factory."

Victory appeared imminent.

The senator entered the living room with aides Fred Dutton, Dick Drayne and Richard Goodwin. He made the rounds accepting congratulations and shaking hands. He looked young and tanned and glad to see everyone celebrating.

After a few minutes of visiting with friends he went downstairs to make his speech congratulating McCarthy on running a good race. His wife Ethel went with him.

## Enjoy His Jokes

In the living room of the Kennedy suite, speech writer Jeff Greenfield, 24, stretched out on the floor next to his wife in front of the television set and everyone gathered around to watch the senator and laugh at his jokes.

They looked pleased. Most of them had worked hard for that moment. The telephone rang constantly, usually for people who were not there and could not be found.

Suddenly the CBS announcer said, "Please clear the room." None paid much attention. Most people had been down earlier and seen the unbelievable jam of people in the main hall room. Bands were playing special Kennedy songs and people in Kennedy hats and extraordinary costumes were pushing and shoving and steaming under the hot TV lights.

"We cannot tell if the senator has been shot or not," the announcer said.

In both upstairs rooms people rushed to turn the volume up. "It can't be!" "Oh no!" "God, it's not possible," they exclaimed as the room emptied, virtually stumbling over one another in an attempt to discover if it were true. A few sat on the edge of the bed looking disbelieving.

Jean Smith hurried downstairs to join her husband and plead with people to leave the ballroom quietly and calmly. The lobby of the Ambassador Hotel was bedlam, lit as though for a movie production by strobe lights. A throng of people crowded out of the ballroom and stood about unwilling to leave, but with no reason to stay.

## Police Rush In

A young man standing by a blue fountain filled with balloons in the middle of the lobby gave a short speech telling people not to get upset.

Jesse Unruh, California campaign coordinator, said "My God, my God, do they have to do this to every decent man?"

Out of the Colonial Room burst a cordon of policemen carrying

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their guns high and surrounding a doubled-up young man whose face was hidden from the light—the suspect.

In the ballroom police tried to cordon off the center of the floor where a woman lay stretched out on a table covered with blood, a large plastic tube beside her and a clutch of nurses and policemen around her. TV and still cameras mercilessly ploughed on until the police turned the lights off.

Upstairs, all the members of the Kennedy group had gone to the hospital. Left were only a few stalwart young women calling members of the family and friends to make necessary arrangements.

Mrs. John Braden, wife of San Francisco campaign manager Tom Braden and a close friend of Ethel Kennedy, left to stay with the children at Malibu until it was decided they should leave

for New York with Colonel and Mrs. Glenn.

A fat young girl in a Kennedy hat with tears streaming down her face caught anyone she could in the hotel halls to tell her story of the incident. Standing behind the assassin she saw him pull out the gun as the senator leaned forward to shake hands with a waiter who greeted him.

#### In the Street

After the senator reached the Good Samaritan Hospital, everyone who was neither watching television at the Ambassador or actually in the hospital with the family and immediate friends was outside the Good Samaritan in the street. Masses of policemen filled the block. The air resounded with the drone of electric generators for the TV equipment.

The crowd—some press, some women with little children, even a couple of hippies—didn't say much. Occasionally members of

the staff appeared on the street, but without much news.

Sen. Edward Kennedy arrived. Later Andy Williams and his wife arrived. Tempers frayed as the policemen prodded people behind ropes they had put up.

When finally a cold, gray dawn brought press secretary Frank Mankowicz's announcement that the senator had survived the operation, spirits lifted slightly.

The Plimptons, Goodwin and a few other members of the staff left the hospital around 7. A coffee wagon brought a moment's energy. The television lights were turned off and daylight brought a smoggy, dank vigil to match the spirits of the watchers.

All that remained of the earlier revelries were the empty glasses on the 7th floor and a few balloons in the lobby.

"This would have been a terrific day," said Mankowicz.



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# Another Kennedy shot

By JAMES KAUFMAN 2

Senator Robert F. Kennedy hung on the verge of life or death after he was shot down in a Los Angeles hotel minutes following his victory speech in the California primary.

Four hours of brain surgery in the early morning hours Wednesday yielded life for Kennedy, but also the threat of permanent brain damage.

Kennedy's short, young alleged assailant—a recent immigrant from Jerusalem named Sirhan Bishara Sirhan—was held under heavy guard, but the nation was badly shaken and presidential politics were at a confused standstill.

A truly sick sorrow, and a hot indignation were both immediately expressed across the nation. Passions ran deep for both the senator's condition and what was yet another outburst of violence and assassination in America.

A new attempt at passing some form of the recently defeated gun control legislation was mounted on Capitol Hill. Condemnations of pistol politics and a vaguely termed "American sickness" were heard from many sources both here and abroad.

DC Mayor Walter Washington, fearing a violent reaction to the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy, Wednesday cancelled for 24 hours all days off and leaves for DC policemen.

Sirhan, identified as being 24-years-old, was reportedly found with four \$100 bills and some anti-Kennedy articles on his person.

He lived with his brother Adel, in Pasadena, Calif., and got the Iver Johnson .22-caliber pistol he allegedly used on Kennedy from another brother, Munier.

Sirhan allegedly shouted "I love my country," before Kennedy was shot. He was identified as being born in the Arab sector of Jerusalem.

United Press International reported a view that Sirhan "hated Kennedy, because he hated all people with money." There was also speculation he may have been enflamed by Kennedy's firm stand in support of Israel.

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A demonstration outside the 16th St. NIA headquarters of the National Rifle Association was staged Wednesday afternoon. Objections to the group stem from their opposition to certain proposed gun law provisions and their extensive lobbying.

An initial police report was given by an official of the Los Angeles police force.

He confirmed a suspect had been apprehended and was locked away. He said no special security arrangements had been in effect when Kennedy was shot and said it was not customary to have such arrangements. He said none had ever been requested.

He also said there had been "no second man," although several witnesses reported seeing a man flee who they thought for various reasons was connected with the suspect.

East Coast TV watchers, who stayed up to 3:15 in the morning Wednesday for final California results, had no sooner seen Kennedy take a major stride toward the US presidency than they heard he had been shot. It was 12:20 a.m. Pacific Coast time.

First reports had Kennedy badly wounded, but alive and hospitalized. As the shock of on-the-scene TV reports of blood and bullets subsided, TV commentators cautiously conveyed a mood that Kennedy was out of danger. Three others were also shot.

But when Kennedy press aide Frank Mankiewicz gave the first official word at 5:25 a.m. (2:25 Pacific time) that Kennedy had a bullet lodged in his brain and within minutes would undergo surgery "in very critical condition" a deep gloom fell over the situation.

Mankiewicz said the operation was to take 45 minutes to an hour. In the grim waiting period that followed more facts about what happened became available.

Reactions of Mrs. John F. Kennedy and others were made known. Violent reports were told live and for the first time at the Ambassador Hotel by eyewitnesses. Photos showing the fallen, deathly looking Kennedy were broadcast on the screen. A report that Kennedy had been given last rites added another grave development.

TV and radio became the lifeline between the public and what had happened. After Mankiewicz's 5:45 a.m. statement that surgery was to begin, it was not until 7:45 a.m. (4:45 Pacific) that Mankiewicz reappeared.

Television viewers and radio listeners—dazed by two hours which included four re-runs of a videotape of Kennedy's final victory words and the shots and screams that followed—then heard Mankiewicz say that surgery was going to last two more hours, but that Kennedy's "life signs were good."

Finally at about 9:30 a.m., (6:30 Pacific) when most of Washington and the nation had awakened

to the news of Kennedy's shooting, Mankiewicz reported that Kennedy had been taken out of surgery. But he said the senator was still "in very critical condition" and "only the next 12 to 36 hours" would tell.

A generally depressed and guarded mood seemed to take hold among the public following this final announcement. Kennedy's death appeared averted, but the unknown factors—including possible brain damage or relapses of some sort—dispelled most feelings of relief.

As Kennedy lay injured, the emotional reaction of the public to the violence of the event began to be felt. No visible signs of work disruptions or other public reactions could be detected, but everybody seemed aware of what happened and brought short by it.

The versions of the videotape of Kennedy's last moments before the shooting mainly depicted the candidate thanking his campaign workers. "I was a floor manager eight years ago," he said, "and I understand and appreciate the kind of work you did."

After a jibe at Los Angeles Mayor and Kennedy foe Sam Yorty ("Mayor Yorty says we've already been here too long."), Kennedy stepped down from where he had been speaking.

He was lost behind the bodies of his bodyguards, star athletes Roosevelt Grier, of the Los Angeles Rams football team, and Rafer Johnson, a former Olympic star.

Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, who had been standing behind the senator was also obscured.

Only a field of cheering, happy campaigners could be seen, but a sharp rap—later identified as gunfire—could be heard above chants of "RFK, RFK, RFK." No one, or few, seemed to immediately know what had occurred.

But seconds later, two more of the sharp raps were heard, followed by gasps and screams.

Cameras now trained on the scene but still could not show the blocked Kennedy—who had advanced to a serviceway in the hotel kitchen when he confronted the gunmen. He was reportedly shaking hands with waiters and other Ambassador Hotel Staff workers.

First viewers saw in the crowd a girl standing on something that gave her a view of the shooting. She put her hand to her mouth and appeared to scream.

Then a man with a beard, his hand thumping his head in apparent disbelief could be seen. Shouts of "Kennedy's been shot" could be heard. A radio report records "Get the gun! Get the gun!"

The realization of what had happened then spread. A Negro man put his hand to his head and had a look of anguish on his face, others walked away dazedly, looking at the ceiling and scratching their beards, or in other obvious postures of upset.

The photos of Kennedy shown later revealed him lying on the ground apparently conscious.



with his eyes open, although glassy. At one stage his shirt was torn open. Mrs. Kennedy reportedly then stepped in saying "Oh, no. Oh no." She asked photographers to take no more pictures and summoned help. She was reportedly calm and not tearful.

It was immediately announced that a man "about 5'6", about 148 lbs., with wiry, bushy hair and of Latin appearance" had a gun wrested from him and was subdued by Grier and Johnson and turned over to authorities and whisked away.

Facts concerning what this suspect did were unclear.

It was at first reported that he emptied a pistol—later identified as a .22-caliber make—into Kennedy, his entourage and closeby spectators.

It was established at about 4:30 a.m. (1:30 Pacific), about an hour after the shooting, that the other men hit by the burst of gunfire were:

Paul Schrade, a labor union official; Bill Weisel, an ABC-TV newsmen, and Ira Goldstein a radio newsmen. Reports that Stephen Smith, Kennedy's brother-in-law, and another woman had been shot proved false.



Senator Kennedy's campaigns were wild and highly emotional. Aides often feared for his safety.



The Kennedy's Hickory Hill home was bathed in bright sunlight Wednesday, but there was deep gloom inside.

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ADD FAMILY, MCLEAN (UPI-71)

LATER THE YOUNGER CHILDREN WERE TAKEN BY STATION WAGON WITH THEIR PLAYMATES TO THE NEARBY HOME OF THE CLOSE FRIENDS. THEY TOOK ALONG THEIR MONKEY.

WHILE THEY WERE AWAY GLENN CAME OUT ON THE LAWN OF THE KENNEDY ESTATE AND PLAYED AN ENERGETIC GAME OF TOUCH FOOTBALL WITH DAVID, 12, AND MICHAEL, 10, AND THEIR FRIEND, CHUCK MCDERMOTT.

AS THEY PLAYED, 14-MONTH-OLD DOUGLAS WAS WHEELED OUT IN A BABY CARRIAGE TO WATCH.

WHEN THE YOUNGER CHILDREN RETURNED, THEY TOOK A PLUNGE IN THE POOL UNDER THE GLENN'S GUIDANCE.

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BY PAUL R. JESCHKE

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY DIED THURSDAY, 25 HOURS AFTER HE WAS SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN.

KENNEDY, WHO WAS KILLED WHILE SEEKING HIS PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, DIED FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AFTER HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, BEFELL A SIMILAR FATE.

WITH THE 42-YEAR-OLD SENATOR WHEN HE DIED WERE HIS WIFE, ETHEL, AND MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY, THE LATE PRESIDENT'S WIDOW.

KENNEDY SUCCUMBED OF EXTENSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE CAUSED WHEN HIS ASSASSIN FIRED EIGHT SHOTS AT POINT-BLANK RANGE.

DEATH CAME AT 1:44 A.M. PDT (4:44 A.M. EDT) AND WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A "BULLET THAT ENTERED HIS HEAD BEHIND THE RIGHT EAR."

"HE WAS NOT ABLE TO BUILD BACK UP TISSUE AFTER THE TRAUMA OF LAST NIGHT AND THE SURGERY THIS MORNING," SAID FRANK 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.

AN UNIDENTIFIED PRIEST WAS ALSO WITH THE NEW YORK SENATOR AT THE TIME OF DEATH, AS WERE HIS BROTHER, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY; HIS SISTERS, MRS. STEPHEN SMITH AND PATRICIA LAWFORD; AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, STEPHEN SMITH.

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF NOEL MCQUOWN OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAID HE ASSUMED CHARGES AGAINST SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, THE 24-YEAR-OLD JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT ACCUSED OF THE SHOOTING, WOULD BE CHANGED TO MURDER.

MCQUOWN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SIRHAND HAD BEEN INFORMED OF KENNEDY'S DEATH. HE WAS HELD IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL, ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM THE HOSPITAL WHERE THE SENATOR DIED.

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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."

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WASHINGTON (UPI) --PRESIDENT JOHNSON, CALLING THIS "A TIME OF TRAGEDY AND LOSS," TODAY DECLARED A DAY OF MOURNING SUNDAY FOR SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THE JOHNSONS LED THE CAPITAL AND THE NATION IN EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE SLAIN SENATOR'S WIFE AND FAMILY.

THE WHITE HOUSE RELEASED A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT WHICH SAID: "THIS IS A TIME OF TRAGEDY AND LOSS. SEN. 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 NEXT SUNDAY."

THE PRESIDENT DIRECTED THAT FLAGS BE FLOWN AT HALF STAFF FROM NOW UNTIL THE KENNEDY BURIAL ON ALL FEDERAL BUILDINGS, MILITARY FACILITIES AND NAVAL VESSELS.  
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NEW YORK (UPI)--TELEVISION STATION WPIX BROADCAST A ONE WORD  
 EDITORIAL WEDNESDAY ON THE SHOOTING OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.  
 FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS THE STATION SHOWED THE WORD IN LARGE,  
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BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

AROUND THE WORLD TODAY MEN WEPT FOR THE FALLEN SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND LAMENTED FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN LONDON, SAMMY DAVIS JR. TOLD A THEATER AUDIENCE WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER ACT ONE THAT THE SHOW COULD NOT GO ON WITH HIM BECAUSE HIS HEART "FOR ONCE WAS NOT IN THE THEATER (BUT) MANY MILES AWAY IN AMERICA." WEEPING, HE WALKED OFFSTAGE.

IN SANTIAGO, PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI OF CHILE SAID EVERYMAN FELT THE BLOW THAT STRUCK KENNEDY. "I BELIEVE THIS HAS CAUSED ALL THE MEN IN THE WORLD TO TREMBLE."

THE GRIEF, THE GROPING FOR WORDS OF CONDOLENCE, THE SADNESS CAME EASIER TO A SHOCKED WORLD THAN UNDERSTANDING.

"WHY? WHY? WHY? SAID THE DAILY MIRROR OF LONDON. "WHAT IS THIS DREADFUL SICKNESS THAT LURKS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE RICHEST COUNTRY ON EARTH?"

IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, MRS. HELEN SUZMAN, THE ONLY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHO VOTES AGAINST APARTHEID RACIAL POLICY, SAID, "IT IS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GHASTLY UNDERCURRENT OF VIOLENCE THAT SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF PUBLIC OFFICE IN AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE. ROBERT KENNEDY'S FEARLESSNESS WOULD MAKE HIM MORE VULNERABLE THAN MOST."

IN AMSTERDAM, FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH LUNS OF HOLLAND SAID, "ONE WONDERS WHETHER IN THE UNITED STATES A SOCIETY OF VIOLENCE IS GROWING."

IN BUENOS AIRES, FORMER PRESIDENT ARTURO FRONDIZI OF ARGENTINA SAID, "THIS BRUTAL ATTEMPT REVEALS THE DESPERATION OF WARLIKE AND RACIST ELEMENTS, AGENTS OF INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES."

BUT MOSTLY THE VOICES FROM AROUND THE WORLD SOUNDED PUZZLEMENT.

IN HELSINKI, PRIME MINISTER MAUNO KOIVISTO OF FINLAND SAID THE WORLD IS "WORRIED AND FRIGHTENED AT THE ALARMING INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES." IN OSLO, PRIME MINISTER PER BORTEN OF NORWAY SAID, "THE QUESTION OBVIOUSLY ARRISES WHAT CAN BE THE REASON BEHIND SUCH BURSTS OF VIOLENCE EVEN IN COUNTRIES BUILT ON DEMOCRACY AND WITH GUARANTEES FOR JUSTICE AND SECURITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS."

IN RANGOON, FOREIGN MINISTER U THI HAN OF BURMA SAID, "THERE IS TOO MUCH SHOOTING IN AMERICA."

IN TOKYO, PROFESSOR HIROSHI NAKATANI, WHO KNEW KENNEDY SAID, "THE IMAGE OF DEMOCRATIC STATE THAT THE JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE IN AMERICA IS CRUMBLING."

IN HONG KONG, THE NEWSPAPER THE STANDARD SAID: "THE REPUTATION OF AMERICANS ARE HONEST, FINE PEOPLE. THE WEAKNESS OF AMERICANS THAT TOO MANY OF THESE UPRIGHT PEOPLE ARE TOO RIGID IN THEIR IDEAS AND OUTLOOKS. THIS CAN LEAD TO PASSION, HATRED--AND DISASTER. PERHAPS A TOUCH OF ORIENTAL NONCHALANCE MIGHT BE GOOD FOR AMERICA."

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 Mrs. John F. Kennedy is comforted by Burke Marshall, IBM president and former Assistant U.S. Attorney General, at Kennedy International Airport in New York. She was awaiting the arrival there from London of her brother-in-law Prince Stanislas Radziwill before flying to Los Angeles to be near Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

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LOS ANGELES (UPI)--PIERRE SALINGER ANNOUNCED THE BODY OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WOULD BE FLOWN BEFORE NOON TODAY TO NEW YORK CITY TO LIE IN STATE IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

THE BODY WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE WEEKEND TO WASHINGTON FOR BURIAL IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

SALINGER SAID PLANS STILL WERE BEING FORMULATED BUT ADDED "I SUSPECT THE SENATOR WILL BE BURIED IN THE PLOT OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY."

SALINGER HAD SERVED AS THE LATE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

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"SOME OF THE TIMES I'M ANNOUNCING ARE NOT AS PRECISE AS I'D LIKE THEM TO BE," SAID SALINGER. "THE SENATOR'S BODY WILL LEAVE LOS ANGELES BETWEEN 10 AND 11 A.M. THIS MORNING ON A JET PROVIDED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

"THE PLANE WILL FLY TO NEW YORK CITY AND THE SENATOR'S BODY TAKEN TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WHERE ON FRIDAY MORNING IT WILL LIE IN STATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. AND 10 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING, THERE WILL BE A REQUIEM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. FOLLOWING THAT THE BODY WILL BE TAKEN BY TRAIN TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE HE WILL BE BURIED.

"WE EXPECT THE ROUTE TO TRAVEL FROM UNION STATION IN WASHINGTON WILL PASS THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WHERE HE SERVED IN THE U.S. SENATE AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SERVED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL," SALINGER SAID.

"ABOARD THE PLANE CARRYING THE SENATOR'S BODY WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND STAFF MEMBERS."

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SEN. KENNEDY'S BODY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK TODAY BY HIS WIDOW, ETHEL, THREE OF HIS CHILDREN, AND 71 FRIENDS AND STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING:

KATHLEEN, JOSEPH AND BOBBY KENNEDY, THE SENATOR'S ELDEST CHILDREN; MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY; SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, PAT LAWFORD; MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN SMITH; PRINCE AND PRINCESS RADZIWILL; MR. AND MRS. JAMES WHITTAKER, THE FIRST AMERICAN TO CLIMB MT. EVEREST AND HIS WIFE; MR. AND MRS. EDWIN GUTHMAN, NATIONAL EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND HIS WIFE; JOHN SIEGENTHALER, EDITOR OF THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN.

BURKE MARSHALL, FORMER DEPUTY U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT; FRANK MANKIEWICZ, THE SENATOR'S PRESS SECRETARY; RAFAEL JOHNSON, FORMER OLYMPIC STAR; ROOSEVELT GRIER, LOS ANGELES RAMS DEFENSIVE TACKLE; K. LEMOYNE BILLINGS, NEW YORK ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE; RICHARD GOODWIN, A SPEECH WRITER FOR BOTH PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND ROBERT KENNEDY; FERNANDO PARA, A MEXICAN ARCHITECT; CHARLES EVERS, MISSISSIPPI NAACP OFFICIAL; CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER AND MRS. JESSE M. UNRUH; MR. AND MRS. ANDY WILLIAMS, THE SINGER AND HIS WIFE--ACTRESS CLAUDINE LONGET; MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PLIMPTON, AN AUTHOR AND HIS WIFE; CHARLES SPAULDING, NEW YORK INVESTMENT BANKER; MRS. CORETTA KING, WIFE OF THE ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING; MR. AND MRS. PIERRE SALINGER, AND JOHN DOUGLASS, SON OF FORMER ILLINOIS SEN. PAUL DOUGLASS. OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ON THE PLANE WERE NOT IDENTIFIED.

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THE FOLLOWING OBIT IS FOR USE ONLY IN THE EVENT OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S DEATH. IT IS MANDATORY THAT IT NOT APPEAR UNLESS KENNEDY DIES.

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ROBERT FRANCIS 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 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 FOR 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.

DESPITE MUCH CRITICAL COMMENT ABOUT THE KENNEDY'S AND THEIR SUPPOSED "DIVINE RIGHT" TO THE PRESIDENCY, THE SENATOR, IN THE 2 1/2 MONTHS AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, MADE IT CLEAR HE DID NOT SEE THE NATION'S HIGHEST OFFICE AS INEVITABLY HIS, OR HIS YOUNGER BROTHER TED'S. SEN. EDWARD M. (TED) KENNEDY, D-MASS., IS THE YOUNGEST AND ONLY SURVIVOR OF THE FOUR KENNEDY SONS.

DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, BOBBY REPEATED OVER AND AGAIN THAT HE BELIEVED THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD NOT BE A MATTER OF SUCCESSION, BUT SHOULD BE WON BY HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE.

ONE OF HIS HARDEST SACRIFICES CAME ONLY 10 DAYS AGO WHEN, IN THE OREGON PRIMARY, HE SUFFERED THE FIRST DEFEAT IN THE KENNEDY CLAN'S 22-YEAR SKEIN OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.

AT HIS DEATH, ROBERT KENNEDY HAD BEEN IN PUBLIC LIFE FOR A DECADE AND A HALF, GAINING EARLY RECOGNITION AS A RACKET-BUSTING CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE SENATE'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

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HIS FEUD--SOME CALLED IT A VENDETTA--WITH TEAMSTERS CHIEF JAMES R. HOFFA WAS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED IN THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

THE YOUTHFUL KENNEDY WAS OFTEN CRITICIZED BY OTHER LAWYERS FOR HIS OFTEN FLIMSY CROSS-EXAMINATIONS WHILE HE WAS SERVING AS CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE FORMED IN 1957 TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN THE LABOR OR MANAGEMENT FIELD.

HOFFA, HIS PRIME TARGET, OFTEN GAVE THE YOUNG ATTORNEY A ROUGH TIME FROM THE WITNESS STAND AND HOFFA'S LAWYER, EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS, ONE OF THE NATION'S TOUGHEST CRIMINAL LAWYERS "TORE HIM UP."

IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS SHARPLY CRITICIZED KENNEDY FOR ABUSING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF WITNESSES. ROBERT HIMSELF ADMITTED IN HIS BOOK, "THE ENEMY WITHIN," THAT, "I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY WITNESS WHOSE REPUTATION WAS BESMIRCHED BY OUR COMMITTEE. AN EXAMINATION OF SOME 14 MILLION WORDS OF TESTIMONY SHOWS NO INSTANCE WHERE THE REGULAR STAFF PRESENTED A CASE THAT WAS NOT FULLY AND FACTUALLY ESTABLISHED AND DOCUMENTED."

SIGNIFICANTLY, KENNEDY EARLIER WORKED WITH THE MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE'S PREDECESSOR--THE JOSEPH P. MCCARTHY COMMITTEE. THIS WAS JUST AFTER HE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED JOHN KENNEDY'S FIRST SENATE CAMPAIGN IN 1952.

KENNEDY SAID HE TOOK THE JOB BECAUSE HE FELT THERE WAS A "GOOD DEAL THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE" TO EXPOSE COMMUNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

ALTHOUGH HE GOT ALONG WELL WITH THE CONTROVERSIAL COMMUNIST-HUNTING SENATOR, KENNEDY LEFT THE MCCARTHY COMMITTEE WHEN ROY COHN, THE PANEL'S CHIEF COUNSEL AND MCCARTHY'S CONFIDANT, TOOK OVER FULL CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF.

KENNEDY WARNED AS HE LEFT THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS "HEADED FOR DISASTER."

AFTER SERVING BRIEFLY WITH THE HOOVER COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, HE RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE EIGHT MONTHS LATER AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS.

EVEN THOUGH WILLIAMS AND HOFFA WERE TOUGH ON HIM DURING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, KENNEDY WAS THE ULTIMATE VICTOR WHEN HOFFA WAS FINALLY CONVICTED LARGELY AS A RESULT OF EVIDENCE BUILT UP BY THE KENNEDY-RUN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

KENNEDY'S APPOINTMENT AS ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER HIS BROTHER'S ELECTION IN 1960 BROUGHT ANOTHER SHOWER OF CRITICISM. PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HOWEVER, PASSED OFF THE ATTACKS BY SAYING, "I CAN'T SEE THAT IT'S WRONG TO GIVE HIM A LITTLE LEGAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE HE GOES OUT TO PRACTICE LAW."

AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, HE WAS TO BECOME HIS BROTHER'S MOST VALUED ADVISER. NEXT TO THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF, BOBBY WAS POSSIBLY THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY, IN OREGON, THAT HE ACCEPTED PART OF THE BLAME FOR THE ADVICE THAT LED HIS BROTHER TO GIVE THE ORDERS FOR WHAT TURNED INTO THE BAY OF PIGS FIASCO IN CUBA DURING 1961.

HE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE DOZEN OR SO KEY MEN ADVISING THE PRESIDENT IN THE CRITICAL MOMENTS LEADING UP TO THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, BEFORE HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND HIS MURDER, AMERICANS PROBABLY REMEMBERED SEN. KENNEDY AS THE MAN BESIDE MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY DURING THOSE LONG AND FATEFUL DAYS IN NOVEMBER, 1963.

IN ALL HER PUBLIC APPEARANCES, FROM THE TIME THE BODY OF THE PRESIDENT ARRIVED AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE TO WHEN JACQUELINE KENNEDY LIT THE ETERNAL TORCH AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY, BOBBY DID NOT LEAVE HER SIDE.

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SINCE THEN, THE PRESIDENTIAL WIDOW AND THE SENATOR HAVE BECOME EVEN CLOSER AND SHE, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE ETHEL AND BROTHER, TED, WERE AT HIS SIDE WHEN HE DIED.

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY WAS BORN IN BROOKLINE, MASS., ON NOV. 20, 1925. HE WAS A SOPHOMORE AT HARVARD WHEN HIS BROTHER, JOE, WAS KILLED IN THE WAR. GOING TO WASHINGTON, HE PLEADED WITH NAVY SECRETARY JAMES FORRESTAL AND RECEIVED HIS PERSONAL PERMISSION TO TRANSFER FROM NAVAL ROTC TO DUTY ON THE DESTROYER JOSEPH P. KENNEDY JR.

AFTER AN UNDISTINGUISHED AND SHORT NAVY CAREER, HE RETURNED TO HARVARD WHERE, AT A WIRY 150 POUNDS, HE PLAYED END ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.

AS THE "LITTLE BROTHER" TO JOE AND JOHN--TEDDY WAS SEVERAL YEARS YOUNGER--BOBBY HAD LEARNED EARLY TO BE TOUGH.

LIKE HIS BROTHER JOHN, HE WAS HIGHLY ATHLETIC AND INSISTED THAT EVERYONE ABOUT HIM KEEP IN TOP PHYSICAL SHAPE. HE WAS AN EXPERT BOATSMAN--THOUGH NOT AS GOOD AS TEDDY--AND EXCELLED AT TOUCH FOOTBALL, THE KENNEDY CLAN'S FAMILY SPORT.

HE BORE A REMARKABLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO HIS BROTHERS. BOTH HE AND JOHN HAD BIG SHOCKS OF UNRULY HAIR, ROBERT PARTING HIS ON THE RIGHT, JOHN ON THE LEFT.

AFTER HARVARD, KENNEDY WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAW SCHOOL WHERE HE GRADUATED 56TH IN A CLASS OF 126. FREDERICK D. G. RIBBLE, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL, REMARKED OF KENNEDY: "I HAVE THE FEELING THAT IF HE HAD BEEN AS MUCH INTERESTED IN HIGH GRADES AS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A VERY HIGH-RANKING STUDENT."

AFTER LAW SCHOOL, HIS FIRST JOB WAS WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION WHERE CO-WORKERS DESCRIBED HIM AS "BRIGHT, BUT NOT BRILLIANT." HE RETURNED AS THE DEPARTMENT'S BOSS IN 1961.

IN 1964, KENNEDY RAN FOR THE SENATE IN HIS ADOPTED STATE OF NEW YORK AND DEFEATED POPULAR REPUBLICAN SEN. KENNETH KEATING BY 800,000 VOTES. HIS ELECTION MARKED THE FIRST TIME THREE BROTHERS HAD EVER SERVED IN THE U.S. SENATE.

KENNEDY NEVER REALLY FIT INTO THE SENATE, WHERE HIS BROTHER TED WAS RAPIDLY BECOMING AN ESTABLISHED MEMBER OF THE INNER CLUB. HE SPURNED THE ROLE OF THE QUIET FRESHMAN, AND FREQUENTLY SPOKE OUT ON THE SUBJECTS THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO HIM--THE WAR AND THE CRISES OF THE NATION'S POOR.

HIS STRONG ADVOCACY OF WELFARE PROGRAMS WON HIM THE ADORATION--AND PRIMARY VOTES--OF POOR WHITES, NEGROES, INDIANS AND OTHER MINORITIES. THEY IN FACT, HAD JUST HELPED TO HAND KENNEDY A BOOMING VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA'S KEY PRIMARY. MOMENT'S BEFORE HE WAS SHOT, HE WAS DECLARED VICTOR AND SAID "ON TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

THIS CONCER, COUPLED WITH HIS VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF TOUGH GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION, COUPLED IRONICALLY JUST TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ASSASSINATED.

CASTING ASIDE POLITICS AND HARKING BACK TO THE DEATH OF HIS OWN BROTHER, KENNEDY SAID KING'S DEATH CREATED A "TIME OF SHAME AND SORROW."

"WHAT HAS IT EVER CREATED?" HE IMploRED. "A SNIPER IS ONLY A COWARD, NOT A HERO; AND AN UNCONTROLLED, UNCONTROLLABLE MOB IS ONLY THE VOICE OF MADNESS, NOT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE."

JUST TWO MONTHS AFTER HE SPOKE THOSE WORDS, A SNIPER, AT CLOSE RANGE, STRUCK HIM DOWN.

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TEIBEH, ISRAELI-OCCUPIED JORDAN (UPI)--TOLD THAT HIS SON IS ACCUSED OF THE FATAL SHOOTING OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY. BISHARA SIRHAN TODAY SAID, "HE DESERVES HIS FATE IF HE DID DO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING."

"THIS IS THE BLACKEST DAY OF MY LIFE," SAID THE FATHER OF 24-YEAR-OLD SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

"I PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY THAT THIS NIGHTMARE MYA PASS," SAID THE ARAB FATHER WHOSE YOUNGEST SON IS HELD IN LOS ANGELES FOR SHOOTING THE SENATOR WEDNESDAY.

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KENNEDY WOMEN: MADE OF SOLID STUFF

BY JACK V. FOX

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--ETHEL DIDN'T CRY EITHER.

FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT, THE WIFE OF THE TOUSLE-HAIRED MAN A NATION KNOWS AS BOBBY GAVE WAY TO HYSTERIA AND FOUGHT AN AMBULANCE ATTENDANT TRYING TO RENDER FIRST AID. THEN SHE FOUND CONTROL.

THEY ARE MADE OF SOLID STUFF, THE KENNEDY WOMEN. THEY HAVE TO BE. FATE SEEMS TO MOVE FROM ONE TO ANOTHER AND SAY: "NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN. NOW, IT'S YOUR HUSBAND."

AWAITING THE BIRTH OF HER 11TH CHILD IN JANUARY, ETHEL SKAKEL KENNEDY BENT OVER HER HUSBAND, LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD ON THE FLOOR IN THE AWFUL GLARE OF TELEVISION LIGHTS, AND MURMURED TO HIM. IT WAS HEARTBREAKINGLY REMINISCENT OF ANOTHER SLIM GIRL BENDING OVER A STRICKEN HUSBAND IN A CONVERTIBLE IN DALLAS.

WHEN ROBERT KENNEDY MOANED AS THEY CARRIED HIM TO THE AMBULANCE ON A STRETCHER AND CRIED, "OH, NO, DON'T" IT WAS TOO MUCH. SHE SCREAMED AT THE AMBULANCE ATTENDANT AND HIT AT HIS FACE AS HE TRIED TO PUT A BANDAGE ON THE HEAD WOUND.

AT CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL, SHE HAD PUT ON THE MASK. SHE WATCHED A DOCTOR SLAP HER HUSBAND'S FACE TRYING TO REVIVE A SPARK THROUGH PAIN. THEN SHE TOOK THE STETHOSCOPE PROFFERED BY THE DOCTOR AND HEARD FOR HERSELF THE BEAT OF ROBERT KENNEDY'S HEART.

SHE FOLLOWED IN THE AMBULANCE TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND WAITED IN A PRIVATE LOUNGE WHILE SURGEONS FOR THREE HOURS REMOVED FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE STRICKEN MAN'S SKULL. HER FRIEND CLAUDINE LONGET, THE WIFE OF SINGER ANDY WILLIAMS, SAID SHE NEVER ONCE WEPT.

AFTERWARDS SHE TALKED WITH JOHN GLENN AND THE ASTRONAUT WALKED GRIMLY FROM THE HOSPITAL TO GATHER UP SIX OF THE KENNEDY BROOD WHO HAD COME TO LOS ANGELES TO BE WITH THEIR SO-OFTEN-ABSENT PARENTS AND TAKE THEM BACK TO HICKORY HILL.

THEN THE CLAN GATHERED AROUND ETHEL. JEAN SMITH, BOBBY'S SISTER, STAYED CLOSE BY HER SIDE. PATRICIA, THE DIVORCED WIFE OF ACTOR PETER LAWFORD, CAME TO THE HOSPITAL AND THEN LEFT, LEANING ON A COMPANION FOR SUPPORT.

ACROSS A CONTINENT, A TELEPHONE RANG IN AN APARTMENT ON FIFTH AVENUE AND MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY ANSWERED A CALL FROM LONDON FROM HER STEP-SISTER, LEE BOUVIER RADZIWIILL. JACKIE KENNEDY HEARD THE NEWS AND SHE SAID, "NO, IT CAN'T BE."

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THEN SHE PACKED AND BOARDED A PRIVATE PLANE AND FLEW TO THE SIDE OF THE MAN WHO HAD STOOD BY HER SIDE AT A GRAVE IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY. FROM THE PLANE SHE DROVE IN A WHITE LIMOUSINE TO THE HOSPITAL. SHE WORE A WHITE COAT AND BROWN DRESS AND HER DARK HAIR STREAMED DOWN HER BACK.

AT THE HOSPITAL BY NOW WAS TED, THE YOUNGEST OF THE KENNEDY BOYS. HIS WIFE, TOO, HAD KNOWN THE FEAR OF A HUSBAND'S DEATH. SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK WHEN A PRIVATE PLANE CRASHED IN SOUTHAMPTON, MASS., IN JUNE, 1964, BUT HE PULLED THROUGH IN HYANNIS, MASS.. MRS. ROSE KENNEDY, THE MOTHER, HEARD ABOUT BOBBY SHORTLY AFTER SHE ROSE AT 7 A.M. TO GO TO MASS. SHE HAD LOST HER OLDEST SON, JOE, IN WORLD WAR II AND THEN JACK. HER HUSBAND, THE TOUGH OLD FATHER OF THE CLAN, SAT IN A WHEELCHAIR IN HYANNIS, VICTIM OF A STROKE A FEW YEARS AGO.

ANOTHER OF HER CHILDREN, ROSEMARY, HAD BEEN MENTALLY RETARDED SINCE BIRTH. ANOTHER DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN, DIED IN A PLANE CRASH IN FRANCE.

NOW IT WAS ETHEL'S TURN. NOT THAT SHE HADN'T HAD IT BEFORE. BOTH HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SKAKEL, MET DEATH IN A PLANE CRASH IN 1955.

BUT IN THE PAST WEEKS SHE HAD BEEN FLIP AND HAPPY CAMPAIGNING WITH HER HUSBAND, RIDING AT HIS SIDE IN THE MOTORCADE THROUG IDOLATROUS CROWDS. SHE LOOKED ANXIOUS AT TIMES WHEN IT APPEARED THEY WOULD PULL HIM FROM THE CAR, BUT BY TUESDAY NIGHT IT WAS ALL OVER AND BOBBY HAD WON IN CALIFORNIA AND THEY COULD GO BACK WITH THE KIDS TO HICKORY HILL FOR A FEW DAYS.

THEN THEY WALKED OUT TOGETHER TOWARD AN ELEVATOR, WHERE A MAN WITH A GUN WAS WAITING.

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WASHINGTON--HIGHLIGHTS OF SEN. KENNEDY'S CAREER.  
 NOV. 20, 1925 -- BORN AS THE SEVENTH CHILD OF ROSE AND JOSEPH P. KENNEDY AT BROOKLINE, MASS.  
 1948 -- GRADUATED FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY.  
 1950 -- MARRIED ETHEL SHAKEL OF GREENWICH, CONN. THEY HAVE 10 CHILDREN, THE 11TH EXPECTED IN JANUARY.  
 1951 -- RECEIVED LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. JOINED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AS A LAWYER.  
 1952 -- LEFT GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE JOHN F. KENNEDY'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL SENATE RACE FROM MASSACHUSETTS. RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AS ASSISTANT COUNSEL FOR THE SENATE PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.  
 1954 -- NAMED ONE OF U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN IN THE UNITED STATES.  
 1955 -- SELECTED AS CHIEF COUNSEL OF PERMANENT INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE. HELD JOB FOR REMAINING TWO YEARS OF THE PANEL'S LIFE.  
 1957 -- NAMED CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE MCCLELLAN COMMITTEE WHICH INVESTIGATED IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN THE LABOR FIELD, INCLUDING CAREER OF TEAMSTER PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA.  
 1960 -- NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN F. KENNEDY TO SERVE AS U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
 1964 -- LEFT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POST TO RUN FOR U.S. SENATE FROM NEW YORK, DEFEATED REPUBLICAN KENNETH KEATING.  
 MARCH, 1968 -- ANNOUNCED HE WOULD SEEK DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. OPPOSED BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AND SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY.  
 JUNE 5, 1968 -- WON CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD SHORTLY AFTER VICTORY STATEMENT.  
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KENNEDY 6/6 HC  
 1ST DAY LD 106A  
 BY PAUL R. JESCHKE

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY DIED TODAY OF BRAIN INJURIES SUFFERED WHEN AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET TORE INTO HIS SKULL, FRAGMENTED AND CAUSED IRREPARABLE BRAIN DAMAGE.

THE 42-YEAR-OLD NEW YORK SENATOR WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 1:44 A.M. (4:44 E.D.T.), SOME 25 HOURS AFTER THE FATAL SHOT SMASHED INTO HIS HEAD.

KENNEDY WAS FELLED MOMENTS AFTER LEAVING A JOYOUS PARTY AT LOS ANGELES' AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN CELEBRATION OF HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

PICKUP 4TH PGH 106A: SOME FIVE MILES AWAY  
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KENNEDY 6/6 HC

INSERT DAY LD KENNEDY LOS ANGELES 11 A AFTER 22ND PGH XXX HOTEL.

THE NOTEBOOK CONTAINED "MANY STATEMENTS ABOUT ASSASSINATING SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY," THE MAYOR SAID, AS WELL AS "STATEMENTS SAYING THE SUSPECT IS SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNISM, WHETHER IT BE RUSSIAN, CHINESE AND SO FORTH."

A.L. VIRIN, CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, SAID HE "REGRETTED" YORTY'S DISCLOSURE OF THE NOTEBOOK CONTENTS, IMPLYING THE STATEMENTS COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND AN IMPARTIAL JURY.

PICKUP 23RD PGH 106A: FIVE OTHER PERSONS WERE INJURED  
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SIRHAN 6/6 NX

DAY LD

BY RAYMOND LAHR

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, SAYS A WOMAN WHO WORKED WITH HIM IN A HEALTH FOOD STORE, IS HONEST, GOODHEARTED AND A HARD WORKER, BUT "A FANATIC WHEN IT CAME TO DISCUSSION OF RELIGION AND POLITICS."

THE OWNER OF THE SHOP WHERE SIRHAN WORKED UNTIL APRIL SAID "YOU HAD TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO WALK ON HIS FEET. HE WANTED YOU TO RESPECT HIM INTELLECTUALLY."

SIRHAN, 24, A NATIVE OF JORDAN, IS UNDER ARREST AS THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, D-N.Y.

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, SIRHAN IS AN INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE AND UNUSUALLY FRIENDLY IMMIGRANT BUT HE PROFESSED A LONGSTANDING HATRED OF THE JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL.

MAYOR SAM YORTY OF LOS ANGELES REPORTED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY THAT AN ENTRY IN SIRHAN'S DIARY LAST MONTH SAID "KENNEDY HAS TO BE ASSASSINATED BEFORE JUNE 5, 1968." THAT DATE WAS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE SIX-DAY WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

YORTY SAID THE DIARY ALSO CONTAINED COMMENTS CRITICIZING KENNEDY AND SUCH PHRASES AS "LONG LIVE NASSER," A REFERENCE TO GAMAL ABDEL NASSER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND DOMINANT FIGURE AMONG THE ARAB NATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ALSO REPORTED THAT SIRHAN CARRIED A CLIPPING OF A NEWSPAPER COLUMN SUGGESTING THAT KENNEDY WAS INCONSISTENT IN OPPOSING THE VIETNAM WAR WHILE SUPPORTING U.S. AID TO ISRAEL TO MATCH THE SOVIET BUILDING OF MILITARY STRENGTH IN ARAB STATES.

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A HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE NOW LIVING IN MEXICO CITY REMEMBERS THAT THOUGH SIRHAN HAD A FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW, HE WAS FASTIDIOUS ABOUT ALWAYS WEARING A CLEAN WHITE SHIRT.

WHEN POLICE ARRESTED SIRHAN EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING HE WAS WEARING BLUE JEANS AND A UMPTED COLORED SHIRT.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE ALSO RECALLED THAT SIRHAN WAS A SHY, SENSITIVE LAD. "SIRHAN WOULDN'T HURT A FLY," SHE SAID.

WHEN POLICE ARRESTED SIRHAN EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING IT WAS WITH A .22 CALIBER PISTOL, AND WITNESSES SAID HE HAD JUST USED IT TO PUMP A BULLET DEEP INTO KENNEDY'S BRAIN.

NEIGHBORS SAID HE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WHO HAD ATTENDED PASADENA CITY COLLEGE.

JOHN H. WEIDNER JR., OWNER OF THE HEALTH FOOD STORE, SAID SIRHAN TOLD HIM HE HAD TO FLEE JORDAN AS A CHID AND HAD SEEN JEWS KILL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

"HE WAS NOT A CITIZEN AND DIDN'T LIKE THE UNITED STATES," WEIDNER SAID. "YOU HAD TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO WALK ON HIS FEET. HE WANTED YOU TO RESPECT HIM INTELLECTUALLY."

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS IN WASHINGTON SHOWED SIRHAN WAS ONE OF A FAMILY OF EIGHT JORDANIANS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE. NONE WAS EVER NATURALIZED.

SIRHAN AND SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ARRIVED AT NEW YORK JAN. 12, 1957, A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE SUEZ CRISIS, ONE OF THE MAJOR OUTBREAKS IN THE SERIES OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB NATIONS.

THE FAMILY CONSISTED OF A FATHER, MOTHER, FIVE SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER. THE FATHER HAS RETURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND SIRHAN'S SISTER IS DEAD.

MRS. ELSIE BOYKO, WHO WORKED WITH SIRHAN AT THE STORE, SAID HE WAS "A HARD WORKER, HONEST AND GOODHEARTED, BUT NONETHELESS A FANATIC WHEN IT CAME TO DISCUSSION OF RELIGION AND POLITICS."

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES CALLED HIM A GOOD STUDENT AND A POLITE ONE. SIRHAN, WHO REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE SHOOTING, WAS IDENTIFIED BY HIS BROTHER, MUNIR, TO WHOM THE GUN HAD BEEN TRACED.

LOS ANGELES POLICE CHIEF THOMAS REDDIN SAID SIRHAN WAS CALM UNDER QUESTIONING AND WANTED TO TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE SHOOTING.

"IF I WERE TO JUDGE HIM ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONVERSATION, AND THAT WERE THE ONLY BASIS, I WOULD SAY HE WAS A GENTLEMAN," REDDIN SAID.

ALVIN CLARK, A NEIGHBOR, SAID SIRHAN RECENTLY RECEIVED AN \$1,100 SETTLEMENT FOR AN INJURY SUFFERED WHEN HE WAS THROWN FROM A HORSE. HE HAD WORKED AS A RACE TRACK EXERCISE BOY. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, SIRHAN HAD FOUR \$100 BILLS AND ABOUT \$10 IN SMALLER BILLS AND CHANGE.

HE WAS HELD AT LOS ANGELES POLICE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL ABOUT 7 A.M. WEDNESDAY AND THEN TAKEN WITHOUT FANFARE TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE TWO BLOCKS AWAY FOR ARRAIGNMENT. THEN HE WAS TAKEN TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK HAD TELEPHONED REDDIN THREE TIMES TO INSIST ON SECURITY FOR SIRHAN.

"THE SECURITY IS SO TIGHT THERE THAT ONLY THE SHERIFF AND A FEW GUARDS KNOW WHERE HE IS," REDDIN SAID. "EVEN I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE IS."

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UPI-212

(PROTECTION)

WASHINGTON--ACTING WITHIN HOURS OF THE DEATH OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLETS, BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS TODAY RUSHED THROUGH LEGISLATION TO PUT SECRET SERVICE GUARDS AROUND MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S CERTAIN APPROVAL, THE MEASURE WOULD COVER MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR THEIR PARTIES' NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND THE ULTIMATE TICKETS SELECTED BY THE PARTIES AT THEIR CONVENTIONS.

THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALABAMA GOV. GEORGE WALLACE, SEEKING THE PRESIDENCY AS A THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE, WOULD BE COVERED.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, WHO SOUGHT THE LEGISLATION HOURS AFTER KENNEDY WAS SHOT WEDNESDAY MORNING IN LOS ANGELES, HAS ALREADY EXTENDED PROTECTION TO ALL OF THE CONTENDERS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING HAROLD STASSEN, WHO SEEKS THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. ALL HAVE ACCEPTED.

UNDER THE LEGISLATION, THE TREASURY SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH A BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE MEASURE, WOULD DECIDE WHO QUALIFIES FOR PROTECTION. A CANDIDATE COULD DECLINE PROTECTION IF HE CHOSE TO.

THE LEGISLATION LEGALIZED JOHNSON'S ACTION IN SENDING SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TO CURRENT CONTENDERS AND PROVIDED \$400,000 TO FINANCE PROTECTION OF CANDIDATES THROUGH JUNE 30. NEXT WEEK, A BILL WAS EXPECTED TO BE PASSED PROVIDING \$2 MILLION FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

SEN. A. S. MIKE MONRONEY, D-OKLA., TOLD THE SENATE THAT WHILE THE SECRET SERVICE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT KENNEDY'S DEATH, "THERE WAS A GREAT CHANCE THAT HIS SECURITY WOULD HAVE BEEN ENORMOUSLY INCREASED."

HE NOTED THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN A KITCHEN CORRIDOR IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES AND HE SAID HE WAS SURE THE GOVERNMENT GUARDS, WITH THEIR SPECIAL TRAINING, WOULD HAVE HAD "SURVEILLANCE ON THAT PARTICULAR POINT."

THE SENATE, ACTING FIRST, ATTACHED THE LEGISLATION TO A HOUSE-APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND SENT THE BILL TO THE HOUSE FOR CONCURRENCE IN THE AMENDMENT. BUT THE HOUSE ADOPTED A SEPARATE BUT SIMILAR RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS THEN ACCEPTED BY THE SENATE AND SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

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PRESENTLY, THERE ARE 575 TRAINED SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ON THE PAYROLL OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO ENFORCE LAWS AGAINST COUNTERFEITING AND FORGERY OF GOVERNMENT CHECK AND BONDS.

THE PRESENT LAW PROVIDED SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT AFTER ELECTIONS, THEIR FAMILIES, PAST PRESIDENTS ON OCCASION AND MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID WEDNESDAY THAT IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH SECRET SERVICE AGENTS TO PROTECT THIS YEAR'S CANDIDATES, AGENTS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE FBI, THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE NARCOTICS BUREAU, THE CUSTOMS BUREAU, THE MILITARY ON OCCASION AND FROM LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

WHEN HE GOES TO HIS RANCH IN TEXAS, PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY ABOUT 35 SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, WHO PROVIDE ROUND-THE-CLOCK PROTECTION.

FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE TREASURY REFUSED TO DIVULGE HOW MANY AGENTS HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, RICHARD M. NIXON, EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, WALLACE AND STASSEN. VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY IS ALREADY GUARDED.

THE TREASURY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE NUMBER WOULD VARY, DEPENDING UPON THE CANDIDATES' TRAVELS AND THE AMOUNT OF SECURITY REQUIRED BY LOCAL CONDITIONS. SIX AGENTS SHOWED UP AT NIXON'S APARTMENT IN NEW YORK SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT ACTED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION ON WEDNESDAY.

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# Kennedy Admired by Egyptians

By Joe Alex Morris Jr.

Los Angeles Times

CAIRO, June 5—There is a tawdry night club featuring bad belly dancers just across the street from the American Embassy in Beirut. Until recently, a large billboard cut-out resemblance of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy shared the advertising spotlight with various well-endowed dancers.

"God bless Sen. Robert F. Kennedy," the sign said.

The Senator's portrait in formal attire—was pulled down recently in a citywide cleanup of unauthorized political posters along with those of Gen. de Gaulle and various Arab leaders.

The incident is worth recalling because it forms part of the Kennedy mystique which—in the Arab world—somehow managed to rise above the general tide of frenetic anti-Americanism. On innumerable occasions, since the late President's death, well-meaning and intelligent Arabs have told this correspondent how much better relations would have been had he lived.

Similarly, those Arabs who wanted to see the U.S. regain some of its lost stature in world affairs generally hoped that Sen. Kennedy would be elected President this fall.

The attempt on Kennedy coincided with a day of mourning throughout the Arab world: the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war. Linking the two together, the official Egyptian spokesman, Dr. Hassan El-Zayyai, said: "To us, the policy of violence, whether on the individual or the international level, is hateful and inadmissible. We hope Sen. Kennedy will live."

Popular reaction to the Los Angeles shooting was generally one of shock but little surprise. After President Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the Arab in the street is becoming more and more convinced that the violence he sees in Hollywood exports on local movie screens is fact, not fiction.

The two evening newspapers each published three editions, instead of their customary one. Jerusalem's Arabs, who held a general strike today to commemorate the anniversary of the start of last year's six-day war, appeared even more deeply shocked than their Jewish neighbors.

Nobody as yet can have any idea of how the shooting may affect developments in the Middle East. But it appears beyond doubt that whatever the effects are, they will bring no benefit to either Jew or Arab.

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UPI-37

(CANDIDATE PROTECTION)

WASHINGTON--URGED ON BY A DISTRESSED PRESIDENT JOHNSON, CONGRESS TODAY WAS SET TO QUICKLY APPROVE EXTENSION OF FEDERAL SECURITY PROTECTION TO ALL MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

"I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE ANY OPPOSITION," SAID SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD, THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER, AS CONGRESS STILL REELED FROM THE MURDER OF SEN. KENNEDY IN LOS ANGELES. QUICK HOUSE ACTION ALSO WAS ANTICIPATED.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, ACTING WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY, EARLY YESTERDAY DISPATCHED AGENTS TO PROTECT THE CANDIDATES. HE HAD TELEPHONED KEY LAWMAKERS EARLIER ASKING FOR EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE SECURITY MEASURES.

THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, ACTING WITH UNUSUAL SPEED, APPROVED AN AMENDMENT ALONG THOSE LINES AND SENT IT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

THE BILL WOULD MAKE \$400,000 AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR ADDED SECRET SERVICE COSTS AND WOULD INCREASE THE SERVICE'S BUDGET FROM \$19.3 MILLION TO \$20.8 MILLION.

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# Kennedy Vigil Gloom Fell During Night

*This story was written during the long night watch, before death came to Robert Kennedy early today.*

BY RICHARD STARNES  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 6 — Charles Evers, brother of Medgar Evers, the Mississippi Negro rights leader who was murdered by an assassin, unwraps a ham-and-cheese sandwich and squeezes a plastic packet of mustard into it.

"Who put up the sandwiches?" asks a reporter with red latticework where his eyes belong.

"The hospital, I guess," is Mr. Evers' reply. "They've got some apples too."

The black man eats the sandwich mechanically. "He was the only white man we really trusted," he says, his mouth full.

## PAST TENSE

The other people at the table contrived to ignore the past tense. "I guess there's nothing else for me to do here," Mr. Evers says. "I guess I'll go home now. There's nothing else I can do now, is there?"

He gets up slowly and picks his way across a spaghetti nightmare of TV cables toward the door of the nurses' gymnasium at Good Samaritan Hospital.

A reporter bites into an apple as if it has affronted him. "Jesus," he says, "What kind of a country are we?"

Somebody else says, "Evers has been helping Bobby out here."

"Well, it worked. The minority vote is what put him over."

Nobody can walk the way an old nurse walks, planting each foot quicker and with a little more authority than seems really necessary. One strides across the polished board floor now, scoring to stumble over the TV lines the way a hundred reporters have been doing all night. She squints at a clock, its face protected by a wire screen, that has been counting off minutes with agonizing slowness.

"Mr. Manciewicz will be here in a few minutes," she says. She looks around. "This used to be such a fun place. We had some good parties here." Her voice is soft and you can tell she is a good woman to have around in time of trouble. "Nurses and interns at dances. There's been a lot of happiness in this room."

Frank Manciewicz, Sen. Robert Kennedy's press secretary, walks into the room. A reporter kisses him, and he doesn't even know it's happened. He's been with Bobby a long time.

## AN OLD PRO

Frank makes his way to a platform at the end of the gym, and stands there motionless while the photographers consult their private oracles. "Is this O.K.," Frank asks, knowing the TV sound men need a few words to adjust their audio. Like the nurse, Frank is an old pro, and a good one to have around in time of trouble.

His voice is strong, but his eyes are dead. It's been nearly 36 hours since he has felt the blessed oblivion of sleep.

"The results of a series of tests that have been made by the medical team . . ." He pauses, a good journeyman craftsman looking for precisely the right tool, ". . . are inconclusive and do not show any measurable improvement in Sen. Kennedy's condition."

His condition, Frank continues, remains — he pauses here plainly wishing the words could be different — "extremely critical."

Later, Mr. Manciewicz returns to the maze of microphones and says the doctors were showing "concern" at Sen. Kennedy's failure to rally after the operation.

Like a man in a dream, Mr. Manciewicz finds his way out of the room and walks back across the street, where in a ninth-floor intensive care unit Sen. Robert Kennedy tries to stay alive.

Back in the gym, the old press hands try to find a comfortable way of sitting on folding chairs. "Imagine," one says, looking at nothing thru a fog of cigaret smoke, "150 sandwiches, and not a one left."

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# Senator's Words Were Prophetic

By **ROBERT CRATER**  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer.

The sign on the door of the Kennedy for President Headquarters here said: "Office closed."

Inside there were a few people, talking quietly, watching a portable TV set, or simply staring out the window.

Tom Matthews, a press aide, ran a hand thru his disheveled hair.

His rumpled blue suit and reddened eyes told the story of the terrible morning hours.

"I closed up here and went to my place in Georgetown about 2:30. I fixed something to eat, undressed and was going to bed when the phone rang. I dressed and was back here within 15 minutes."

Staff people started returning at dawn. When volunteers showed up, they were told to return home and to keep in touch by telephone.

The first word from Los Angeles arrived at 5 a.m. It was a message from Pierre Salinger, Sen. Kennedy's campaign press chief.

"He asked whether we were operating the Washington press headquarters," said Matthews. "I told him we would keep going round the clock."

Mr. Matthews watched the workers come and go as the day wore on. They arrived in a state of shock. There were some tears. No one said much. Everyone waited and hoped. There was no rage, no anger.

Altho the office was closed to the public, the few workers continued to take phone calls. Some, astonishingly, were from cranks.

"They were mostly from nuts — they're not even worth describing," said Mr. Matthews.

Asked about Sen. Kennedy's remarks in Indianapolis the night the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was slain in Memphis, Mr. Matthews shuffled thru a fat book of the Senator's many campaign speeches, pulling out a single sheet. The remarks began:

"I have bad news for you — that is that Dr. King was shot and killed tonight."

Toward the end of the statement there was a prophetic passage.

"We will have difficult times in the future," Sen. Kennedy warned. "It is not the end of violence; it is not the end of lawlessness; it is not the end of disorder."

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**SUSPECT'S FATHER:****'Blackest Day  
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TEIBEH, Israeli-occupied Jordan, June 6 (UPD) — Told his son is accused of the fatal shooting of Sen. Kennedy, Bishara Sirhan today said, "he deserves his fate if he did do what you are saying."

"This is the blackest day of my life," said the father of 24-year-old Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

"I pray to the Almighty that this nightmare may pass," said the Arab father whose youngest son is held in Los Angeles for shooting the Senator.

The Arab talked to a newsmen in the house where he has lived for 10 years, a decade in which he has not seen his five sons and the wife he divorced. They had all gone to America.

"The more I think about it, the less it makes sense," he said.

"My son was a talented boy. My son was talented, more than his four brothers. How he came to this is beyond me."

Local Arab police were quoted as saying that young Sirhan had shown signs of rebellion before leaving for the United States a decade ago. One was quoted as saying, "this boy spoke out against King Hussein's rule then. But no one took him seriously."

Hussein, Jordan's monarch, has been considered a relative moderate among Arab leaders.

In Amman, some Jordanians expressed fear that Sen. Kennedy's shooting would set off an American 'wave of anti-Arab hysteria.'

The editor of Amman's semi-official newspaper Ad-Destour scoffed at the shooting being the work of Arab nationalism.

"It's outrageous. What Arab in his right mind would do a thing like this? The only people to benefit from such action are the Jews," said the editor, Mahmoud El-Sharif.

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## Kennedy McLean Home Is Heavily Guarded

The homes of Sens. Robert F. Kennedy and Edward M. Kennedy in McLean are heavily guarded today by both U. S. marshals and Fairfax County police.

The seven youngest children of Sen. and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy were inside their home this morning, in the care of former astronaut John Glenn and his wife, who flew back with them yesterday from Los Angeles. The secretaries of both senators arrived at Robert Kennedy's home, Hickory Hill, shortly after 6 a.m. Mrs. Gertrude Corbin, who told a marshal "Ethel is my godmother" arrived about 6:30 and was allowed in.

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