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## APPREHENSIVE OFFICIALS TAKE PRECAUTIONS

# You Can't Believe It, But You Know It's True

By MICHAEL BERNSTEIN

A woman with an armful of screening stood for a long time yesterday at a newsstand at 14th and U-streets NW., staring at the anguished face of Sen. Robert Francis Kennedy on page one.

"I wasn't too surprised," she said, sadly. "I kinda felt it would happen because he's trying to help the black people."

A few moments later, a Negro woman cab driver drove away from the black ghetto and the peo-moved away from the black ghetto and the people with whom the Senator has shared a kind of mystical support.

"I put the TV on this morning to get the cartoons for my kids," she said. "But when I went to walk away — there it was. It made me an hour and a half late for work. I couldn't seem to get out of the house. It was hard to leave even when I finally did go."

In addition to anger and sadness a wave of apprehension began to build here after the shooting. The Urban League's rumor central reported an increase in calls asking things like "Is martial law in effect?" "Is there a curfew on?" and "Have the troops moved in?"

City officials, themselves apprehensive, took these steps:

- The city's command center (used during the April disorders) at the Municipal Center was re-opened early yesterday morning.

- At Mayor Walter E. Washington's request the entire 17th Military Police Battalion, D. C. Na-

tional Guard, was ordered to report for a night-time drill at the D. C. Armory. Guard officials said about half of the 500-man unit was to have drilled last night originally.

The other half was to have a regular drill Friday.

- The Defense Department said "certain prudent" precautionary actions were taken last night. They included contingency plans in which troops are earmarked for civil disorders.

Police Chief John Layton conferred more than an hour at the Army Operations Center, which is in charge of some 10,000 regular troops tabbed for duty in event of an emergency.

- D. C. police and firemen working overnight were ordered to stay on duty longer than usual. The Fire Department activated Plan F (canceling annual leave and days off), as did the Police Department.

- "Until further notice" policemen who ordinarily go to work at 8 a.m. will be kept on duty until 7:30 p.m. and the regular 4 p.m. shift will report for duty at 7:30 p.m. and work 12 hours, about doubling the number of policemen on night duty.

- Firemen will work 12 instead of eight-hour shifts.

Mayor Washington took a motor tour during the morning yesterday and found the mood of the city as "prayerful."

At daybreak today, police and fire officials reported the city had spent a generally calm night.

Of the fire calls answered — including a home fire at 1720 U-st nw in which two children were hospitalized — none was suspected to be the work of arsonists.

Meanwhile, on shell-shocked Seventh-st, at least one storeowner said he continued to get threatening phone calls. The man said he was told his store would be burned down unless everyone was out of the building by 2 p.m.

The store operated as usual, tho, and nothing happened.

Another owner on Seventh-st said, "We've heard of these rumors before and we even got a couple of calls a week ago. But we can't close down just because a few nuts call."

Despite the rumors, police and fire officials said they spent a routine day yesterday.

It was not so routine for Rev. Channing E. Phillips, the man who has led the Kennedy CUP slate.

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Yesterday morning he sat in Democratic Central Committee offices on 13th-st nw and told the press, "it is ironic that the Senator, who had been crying for gun control legislation . . . would be a victim."

He also told them how a cold numbness swept over him when he heard the news, a feeling which was perhaps summed by later by a young Negro cab driver as he stood at 14th and U-streets.

"It's like you don't want to believe it, but you know it's true," he said.

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"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..."

**Lyndon B. Johnson**  
 President of the United States

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## Burial in Arlington Cemetery Saturday

# RFK Succumbs to Assassin's Bullet

LOS ANGELES, June 6 (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died early today from massive brain injuries inflicted by an assassin's bullet.

At his hospital bedside were his wife Ethel, mother of his 10 children who is expecting an 11th in November, and Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of his slain brother, President John F. Kennedy. Three of the Kennedy's eldest children were flown here from their Virginia home in a presidential jet, reaching the hospital about two hours before their father died.

Sen. Kennedy, 42, was the third of four brothers of the ill-starred family to die a violent death. His death left only the youngest brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, to carry the political banner of the Kennedy clan.

President Johnson, proclaiming this "a time of tragedy and loss," declared Sunday national day of mourning for the slain senator.

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Pierre Salinger announced the body of Sen. Kennedy would be flown today to New York City to lie in state in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The body will be taken during the week-end to Washington for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. 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."

Mr. Salinger said the Saturday mass was planned for 10 a.m. The train carrying the Senator's body to Arlington would leave New York City at 12:30 p.m.

The train's arrival in Washington was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. with burial an hour later in Arlington, he said.

Death came to the New York Senator at 1:44 a.m. PDT (4:44 in Washington) 25 hours after he was cut down by an assassin's bullets after jubilantly proclaiming victory in the California Democratic Primary. That triumph rocketed his political star to a powerful challenging position for the Presidency, an office his older brother Jack relinquished at the hand of an assassin in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Sen. Kennedy, suffering irreparable brain damage from a .22 caliber bullet that lodged in his midbrain, lapsed into a peaceful coma shortly after being felled. He never regained consciousness thru the nearly four hour operation in which a team of skilled neurosurgeons at Good Samaritan Hospital meticulously picked all but a tiny fragment of the bullet from his brain.

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

Sen. Kennedy's son Joseph, 16, was at his bedside when he died. Also with the Senator was Msgr. William McCormack of St. Patrick's Cathedral; his brother Edward; his sisters, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Patricia Lawford; and his brother-in-law and campaign manager, 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.

The Kennedy clan, for whom tragedy has struck repeatedly, rallied around the Senator's wife, Ethel.

Mrs. Kennedy was "amazingly calm" and "extremely brave," according to Msgr. Joseph J. Truxaw, who said mass and served communion in the Good Samaritan Hospital chapel for members of the family.

She slept fitfully in a room near the fifth floor intensive care unit where Sen. Kennedy was treated.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy flew from New York in a private jet to be with her fallen brother-in-law. She was accompanied by Prince Stanislas Radziwill, husband of her sister, Lee.

Another visitor at the hospital when Mrs. Kennedy arrived was Mrs. Coretta King, the widow of assassinated Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King.

Seventeen hours after the 42-year-old Sen. Kennedy entered the hospital, doctors said they were concerned over his failure to show improvement in his "extremely critical condition."

The second medical bulletin noted that the "results of a series of tests undertaken by the medical team are inconclusive and do not show measurable improvement in Sen. Kennedy's condition."

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"Life ~~forces~~ pulse, blood pressure, heart — remain good," the bulletin said.

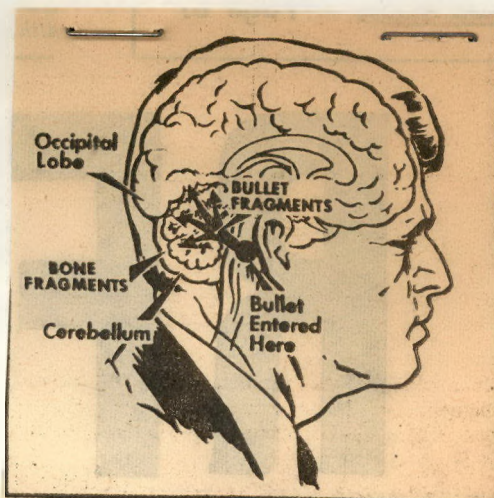
The New York Senator was assisted in his breathing by a resuscitator, altho doctors said he showed the ability to breathe without help.

The bullet, which entered the right side of Sen. Kennedy's head just behind the ear, severed several major arteries, caused extensive loss of blood and oxygen and caused several blood clots to form.

Dr. Henry Cuneo, who assisted in the operation, said Sen. Kennedy also suffered injuries to the spinal cord, but there was no hospital confirmation of rumors he was paralyzed.

Five other persons were injured in the shooting only minutes after Sen. Kennedy spoke to an overjoyed crowd of well-wishers celebrating his victory in the California primary election. The wounded, all in satisfactory condition today, were standing near the candidate.

They were: Paul Schrade, a Steelworkers Union official, with a scalp wound; William Weisel, of 2700 Upston-st nw, an ABC-TV newsmen, with a bullet in the abdomen; Ira Goldstein, 19, a radio newsmen, wounded in the back and leg; Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, with a scalp wound; and Irwin Stroll, 17, wounded in the leg.



—UPI Photo

The diagram illustrates how one of the assassin's bullet penetraated the brain of Sen. Kennedy. After entering the right mastoid bone, fragmented and particles entered the cerebellum and occipital lobe. All but one fragment were removed by surgery. Other bullets grazed his forehead and struck his neck.



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Youngsters wearing "Pray for Bobby" placards stood outside Los Angeles' Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday.



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## Diary Mentioned Assassination, Yorty Says

# Sirhan 'Fanatic' on Israel

LOS ANGELES, June 6 (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.

Sirhan was described by many associates as an intelligent, articulate and unusually friendly immigrant but one who professed a hatred of the Jewish state of Israel.

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles reported at a news conference yesterday 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.

### 'LONG LIVE NASSER'

Mr. Yorty said the diary also contained comments criticizing Sen. Kennedy and such phrases as "long live Nasser," a reference to the President of the United Arab Republic, dominant among Arab nations in conflict with Israel.

The mayor's office also reported that Sirhan carried a clipping of a newspaper column suggesting that Sen. 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.

A high school classmate now living in Mexico

City remembers that the Sirhan often had a five o'clock shadow, he was fastidious about always wearing a clean white shirt.

When police arrested Sirhan early yesterday, however, he was wearing blue jeans and a rumpled colored shirt.

The high school classmate recalled Sirhan as a shy, sensitive lad who "wouldn't hurt a fly".

Alvin Clark, a neighbor, said Sirhan recently received an \$1100 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.

Neighbors said Sirhan attended Pasadena City College after graduating from high school.

John H. Weidner Jr., owner of the health food store where Sirhan worked, said Sirhan told him he had to flee Jordan as a child and had seen Jews kill members of his family.

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"He was not a citizen and didn't like the United States," Mr. Weidner said.

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.

sons and one daughter. The father has returned to the Middle East and Sirhan's sister is dead.

Sirhan, who refused to discuss the shooting, was identified by his brother, Munir, to whom the gun had been traced.

The Sirhans are believed to have come into possession of the suspected murder weapon, a .22 caliber 8-shot Iver Johnson revolver, in the following way.

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During the Watts riots of August, 1965, the pistol (traced thru its serial number by California police) was purchased from a sporting goods store by Albert H. Hertz, 72, of Alhambra, Calif., who gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Robert F. Westlake, of Woodacre, Calif.

Mrs. Westlake then gave it to a friend, 18-year-old George C. Erhard, of Pasadena, last November or December.

Mr. Erhard told police he sold the weapon to "Joe, a bushy-haired Pasadena man." Police ended the trail of the gun by identifying "Joe" as a brother of Sirhan.

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," Mr. Reddin said.

Mr. Reddin said Sirhan broke a finger and sprained an ankle in the struggle that broke out moments after the shots were fired. The injuries were minor, Mr. Reddin said, adding "We'll take the treatment to the man and not the man to the treatment."

Sirhan was held at Los Angeles Police Headquarters until about 7 a.m. yesterday and then taken without fanfare to the Hall of Justice two blocks away for arraignment. Then he was taken to the county jail.

No newsmen were present during the arraignment witnessed by some 40 police guards, the district attorney and a representative of the public defender's office.

He was arraigned on six counts of assault with intent to commit murder and bail was set at \$250,000.

The District Attorney argued unsuccessfully that bail "ought to be denied because there is the possibility one of the victims might die."

Mr. Reddin said police had no absolute knowledge that Sirhan acted alone.

Altho two of Sirhan's brothers were questioned extensively by police, they were later released without being charged.

Neighbors said the Sirhan family was "quiet and very normal."

A Justice Department spokesman said Attorney Gen. Ramsey Clark had telephoned Mr. 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," Mr. Reddin said. "Even I don't know exactly where he is."



**Scharis Sirhan, 35, older brother of the alleged assassin, refused to discuss the shooting.**





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Los Angeles Police Department "mug shot" of Sirhan Bishara sirhan.



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## Sammy Davis Can't Finish 44

LONDON, June 6 (UPI) — Sammy Davis Jr. tearfully withdrew midway thru last night's performance of the musical "Golden Boy," telling the audience his heart "is many miles away in America." Mr. Davis is a close friend of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

After playing the lead in the first half of the show, Mr. Davis told patrons at intermission that his voice had "given out." He

said it was providential because he had not wanted to appear at all last night.

Informed theater sources said an angry and distraught Mr. Davis had unsuccessfully tried to cancel his appearance but was forced to go on because other members of the cast, all Americans, refused to appear with Mr. Davis' understudy in the starring role.

"For once my heart is not in

the theater," Mr. Davis said. "It is many miles away in America."

Mr. Davis asked the audience to pray for Sen. Kennedy's recovery and that he might live "to continue his political work because he was the only man who bridged the gulf between black and white in America."

Mr. Davis then left the stage to booming applause. His understudy, Lon Sutton, took over for the rest of the show.

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BY ANN WOOD

WASHINGTON (UPI)--STIRRED BY THE MURDER OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, HOUSE MEMBERS DROVE TODAY TOWARD OVERWHELMING FINAL APPROVAL OF A BILL TO CURB HANDGUN SALES AND CRACK DOWN ON CRIME AND VIOLENCE.

A VOTE HAD BEEN SET FOR TODAY, BUT IN VIEW OF KENNEDY'S DEATH EARLY TODAY IT WAS UNLIKELY CONGRESS WOULD CONDUCT ANY BUSINESS EXCEPT FOR EULOGIES.

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(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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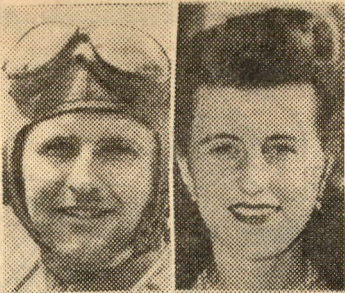
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## A History of Tragedy



The Kennedy family has been sorely afflicted by violence in the past 25 years. Shown here are, left to right, top to bottom: Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., killed on a combat mission during World War II; Sister Kathleen, widow of the Marquis of Hartington, killed in a 1948 plane crash; Sister Rosemary, mentally retarded from birth; Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., paralyzed from strokes since 1961; President John F. Kennedy, assassinated in 1963; Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, nearly killed in a 1964 plane crash; George Skakel, Ethel Kennedy's brother, killed in a 1966 plane crash, and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, assassinated yesterday.



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First With Reluctance, Then Gusto ...

# Kennedy Had Picked Up

## Mantle of Leadership

Robert Francis Kennedy died while trying to pick up the torch his older brother, John, dropped when he was murdered in Dallas 4½ 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.

Sen. 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 2½ 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 over 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 blows 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.

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.

### CRITICISM

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 Sen. 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, he earlier had 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.

He 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.

Altho he got along well with the controversial communist-hunting Senator, Bobby Kennedy left the McCarthy committee when Roy Cohn, the panel's chief counsel and Sen. McCarthy's confidant, took over control of the committee staff.

Bobby Kennedy warned as he left that the committee was "headed for disaster." He then served briefly with the Hoover Commission on Government Re-organization.

Even tho Williams and Hoffa were tough on him during later Congressional hearings, Bobby Kennedy was the ultimate victor when Hoffa was finally convicted largely as a result of evi-

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fluence built up by the Kennedy-run Justice Department.

Bobby 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.

#### MISSILE CRISIS

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.

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 of 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.

#### HAD TO BE TOUGH

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 — tho not as good as Teddy — and excelled at touch football, the Kennedy clan's family sport.

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."

In 1964, he 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.

Robert 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.

#### MINORITY FOLLOWING

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 him 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 concern for the oppressed, coupled with his vigorous support of tough gun control legislation, came together rath-ago when Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated by a sniper.

Casting aside politics and harking back to the death of his own brother, Robert Kennedy said Dr. King's death created a "tune of shame and sorrow."





Bobby Kennedy Jr., 14, on the grounds of the family's McLean estate, with Rev. Richard M. Sorley of Georgetown University.



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## LBJ NAMES COMMISSION TO SEEK CAUSES OF VIOLENCE

# 'Let Us, for God's Sake, Live Under the Law'

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. He called for flags to be flown at half staff.

The President made the announcement in a moving statement early today after learning of the Senator's death. Last night he went on nationwide radio and television to deplore the violent attack. He named a special commission to investigate the tragedy and report on the causes for violence of the sort which struck down Sen. Kennedy.

"Let us, for God's sake, resolve to live under the law," the President said.

In his 7½ minute address last night, the President said:

"My fellow citizens, we cannot, we just must not, tolerate the sway of violent men among us. We must not permit men who are 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 and no matter what the grievance from which it sprang . . .

"a great nation can guarantee freedom for its people and the hope of progressive change only under the rule of law. So let us, for God's sake, resolve to live under the law."

To head the special commission, the President chose Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, President Emeritus of Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Other members are Archbishop Terence Cooke of New York; Albert E. Jenner Jr., a Chicago lawyer who was the on Warren Commission; Patricia Harris, former Ambassador to Luxembourg; Eric Hoffer, the West Coast longshoreman philosopher; Sens. Philip A. Hart, (D., Mich.), and Roman Hruska, (R., Neb.); Reps. Hale Boggs, (D., La), and William M. McCulloch, (R., O.HIO,) and A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., U.S. District Judge for Eastern Pennsylvania and a Negro.

The President said it would be self-deceptive to ignore the connection between lawlessness and hatred in general and the shooting of Sen. Kennedy. Then he added:

"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 sense of balance, its sense of direction and common decency.

"Two hundred million Americans did not strike Robert Kennedy last night any more than they struck John F. Kennedy in 1963 or Martin Luther King in April of this year.

### PERIL FOR THE BEST

"But those awful events give us ample 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. A nation that tolerates violence in any form cannot expect to be able to confine it to just minor outbursts."

Mr. Johnson said the commission "will look into the causes, the occurrence and the control of physical violence across this nation, from assassination that is motivated by prejudice and by ideology, and by politics and by insanity, to violence in our cities' streets and even in our homes."

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey joined the First Family, today 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."

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Ethel Kennedy pleads with bystanders to move back and give breathing space to her husband as he lies on floor of hotel kitchen corridor after being shot.

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