

## PRESS COMMENTS ON ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY

Fianarantsoa Malagasy Republic LUMIERE 16 Jun 68 p 4 X

[Comment in the Malagasy press on the assassination of Senator Kennedy]

[Excerpts] The 7 June 1968 issue of IMONGO VAOVAO, organ of the Party of the Congress for the Independence of Madagascar (AKFM), stated: "What is disturbing for observers of present-day events in the United States of America is this: it is the 'gangsters' who control the entire development of national affairs, and we perceive that they are even in the highest echelons of the government." After referring to the previous assassinations of President Kennedy and Rev Martin Luther King, IMONGO VAOVAO concluded as follows: "In addition to the indignation and the anger of the whole world, the simple conclusion is this: during the time of Mr Johnson the gangsters reign in the United States. This is a great danger which threatens the world, for, in the international relations, it is this 'gangster' method which is practised."

ANTSON' NY NOSY-HITA SY RE, pro-AKFM, said in its 8 June issue:

"Within the space of 3 years, three great men who fought against injustice and who loved equality have succumbed to bullets in the United States, this state which claims to be the most advanced and the most powerful in the world. This is what life is like in the United States, this state which claims to be the most advanced and the most powerful in the world. This is what life is like in the United States; these are everyday facts in the liberal democracies of the West; this is the masterpiece of the 'free world,' which calls itself the protector of the freedom of the world."

The 10 June issue of SAHY, an independent opposition paper, stated: "We think that the fact of turning world opinion toward the affairs of the Middle East simply tends to obscure the truth. The three successive assassinations derive from the political situation in the United States. One can indeed say that it is among the high-ranking figures in the United States that the bandit chiefs are found, but they know how to hide themselves. The assassins are well paid and well protected. But if the police (American) are effective, they should be able to unmask the top assassins."

MARESAKA, also an independent opposition paper, said in its 7 June issue: "For us and for those who reflect it is a single person and not several who--in the United States--paid the assassins of the late John Kennedy and the one who fired the shots at Robert Kennedy. Only imbeciles fail to understand who paid the assassins. He is indeed visible but he knows how to conceal his game. It is a sanguinary being who does not fear to take away people's lives. In the face of this, it is astonishing that some Malagasy people still lend their confidence to the Americans; they treat as hateful those who oppose the Americans."

LA REPUBLIQUE, organ of the Social Democratic Party (PSD), stated on 8 June: "One can well say that this new assassination which has struck the Kennedy family has evoked considerable emotion, not only in the United States but also in the whole world. It at once recalls what happened 5 years ago, when--as now his brother--John Kennedy was killed by a bullet in Dallas. The two brothers were popular and they respected fraternity and equality; they devoted their lives and their energies to make peace and equality reign on earth. But this was not to the liking of the evil ones, of those who repudiate amicable settlement and who prefer to shed blood in order to support their principles. Thus John and Robert Kennedy died. They died as the martyrs of patriotism and of respect for the rights of men."

A Catholic paper, LAKROAN' I MADAGASIKARA, stated on 9 June: "Like his older brother, President John Kennedy, like Rev Martin Luther King--and all in America--now Senator Robert Kennedy has in turn been struck down by those who hated him. He had won, in fact, in the presidential primary elections in California; he was on the way to becoming president of the republic; he loved the Negroes; he was opposed to the policy of President Johnson on Vietnam. And now he has been assassinated by a young white man 23 years old ... O America, O America, you who kill the prophets who are sent to you!"

## KEITA EXPRESSES SORROW IN MESSAGE TO WIDOW

Bamako Mali Domestic Service in French 0215 GMT 6 Jun 68 N

[Text] Following is the text of President Modibo Keita's message to Mrs Kennedy, wife of New York Sen Robert Kennedy: We have learned with great indignation and deep sorrow of the death of Sen Robert Kennedy. The people of Mali join me in sending to you our heartfelt condolences. (signed) Modibo Keita

## GOWON SENDS CONDOLENCES TO JOHNSON, WIDOW

Lagos Nigeria Domestic Service in English 1500 GMT 6 Jun 68 N

[Text] The head of state, General Gowon, has sent messages of condolence to U.S. President Johnson and Mrs Ethel Kennedy on the death of Sen Robert Kennedy.

In the message to President Johnson, General Gowon said that he received with shock and deep grief the news of the premature death of the senator in similar circumstances as those of his brother, President John Kennedy. He said that the death is a loss not only to the people of America but to mankind as a whole, which is now deprived of his devoted, conscientious, and courageous services.

General Gowon declared: We join all men of good will everywhere in deploring the circumstances of his death. The government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria join in sending you, the Kennedy family, and the people of America our very sincere condolences. Let those responsible search their conscience.

In the message to the widow of the late senator, the commander in chief said that the people of Nigeria appreciate the untold grief into which she in particular and the Kennedy family have been plunged by the death of her husband. The head of state said that by Senator Kennedy's death, mankind has lost the devoted services of a capable and a brilliant youth who provided inspirations for the young. He added: We earnestly pray to God to give you the courage to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude. General Gowon prayed that Almighty God will continue to sustain and endow the Kennedy family with more grace and favor, knowing how close they are to God.

## OJUKWU CONVEYS CONDOLENCE TO KENNEDY WIDOW

Eastern Nigeria Secessionist Radio in English 2000 GMT 6 Jun 68 N

[Text] Biafra's head of state, Lt Col Odumegwu Ojukwu, has sent a message of condolence to the wife of the late Senator Kennedy. In it Colonel Ojukwu described Senator Kennedy's death as most tragic for the United States and the entire world. Colonel Ojukwu said that the late senator was a champion of the poor and the downtrodden, and a friend of Africa in an era of racial strife and prejudice. He declared: He was a man of strong belief in an increasingly apathetic and self-seeking world.

Colonel Ojukwu likened the people of Biafra to the Kennedys who have been the victims of bitter envy, narrowmindedness, and blind hate, and added: We remain confident, as you might be, of the eventual triumph of truth over falsehood, justice over brute force, and love over chauvinism. Colonel Ojukwu then expressed the hope that the conscience of man will be aroused against those who, lacking consideration for humanity, attempt to eliminate the object of their envy by violence in order to achieve their ambition.

## ASSASSINATION IS BLOT ON U.S. CONSCIENCE

Kaduna Nigeria BCNN in English 1400 GMT 6 Jun 68 N

[Spotlight on Senator Robert Kennedy's death]

[Excerpts] Yesterday, in the human jungle that is the United States, a crazed gunman struck. It was a vicious and horrible blow. This morning the world has been plunged into mourning, mourning the death of Sen Robert Francis Kennedy, as it did his brother about 4 and a half years ago, who was also struck by an assassin's bullet in the prime of youth. Spotlight joins in mourning the death of one who was regarded as the American heir apparent and a soldier of peace, progress, and justice.

Senator Kennedy was identified closely in the public mind with his brother.

He was very active in seeking solutions to human problems. He was very much concerned about America's involvement in the Vietnam war, about the racial violence now rife in the United States, and about the great gap between the developed and developing countries and between the haves and have-nots. He felt very strongly about world tensions and the possibility of a third world war. He was a man of peace, and he believed in his ability to bring hope to those in despair and peace to a wartorn world.

He felt so strongly in fact that he took the risky course of challenging an incumbent president, of his own party, to run for the presidency. In entering this race, his vigorous campaign brought him victory with each contest. He had just announced his victory in the vital election in America's most populous state when he was silenced forever by a crazed gunman.

The assassination of Senator Kennedy, like that of his brother, is a blot on the conscience of the Americans. It is scandalous and inhuman. It is wicked and cowardly, more so if it is remembered that the bullet is the only means of the American whites to silence the voice of racial equality and integration in the country. They used the same method on his brother, a hero of Negro emancipation. They did the same only 2 months ago to Dr Martin Luther King, and now to Bobby. America, which is supposed to be the most progressive country in the world, is in fact the most uncivilized, with the people still living in a jungle where the gun is (?law).

## KENNEDY KILLING SAID LINKED WITH BROTHER'S

Brazzaville Congo ETUMBA 20 Jun 68 p 2 X

[Text] "I have a brief announcement to make to you. Senator Robert Francis Kennedy died at 0144 hours (local time) on 6 June 1968." In these words Frank Mankiewicz, press secretary to the candidate for the office of president of the United States, Robert Kennedy, announced in a toneless voice the death of "Bob Kennedy" to the reporters.

Why this assassination? Decidedly the United States of America is undergoing a bad period of moral and human decay. All and sundry explain this murder on the basis that American society is sick. Others (White House circles) attribute this assassination to world communism. But think! Who had an interest in doing away with Robert Kennedy after his brilliant victory in the state? There was no more doubt about "Robert's" chances of success in acceding to the post of president of the United States.

But the file on the assassination of President John Kennedy has not yet been clarified. Johnson reportedly even pigeonholed it. It will be recalled that during the investigation [of President Kennedy's death] the name of President Johnson was often mentioned as being among the highly placed American personalities who had contributed to the death of President John Kennedy. By eliminating Robert Kennedy, the John Kennedy case remains consigned to oblivion.

## SENATOR KENNEDY IS VICTIM OF RACIAL INTOLERANCE

Kaduna NEW NIGERIAN 6 Jun 68 N

[Editorial: "America Does It Again"]

[Text] Scandalous! Inhuman! America has done it again! The bullet has been used to put a sudden end to the struggles of Sen Robert Kennedy for racial integration in America. The world is shocked by this heinous attempted murder. It is against human dignity. It is a blot on civilization. But assassination is condoned in America, God's own country. Everyone who has attempted to free America from its intellectual blindness and racial bigotry has been rewarded with the assassin's bullets.

Only nearly 5 years ago, Bob Kennedy's elder brother and President of the United States, John Kennedy, was assassinated. And only 2 months ago, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered in cold blood. Today, it is not surprising, therefore, that the assassin's bullet has done its terrible deed on Robert Kennedy, who, like his late elder brother, has become the victim of American intolerance and gross disrespect for human dignity.

Yesterday's attempt on Bob Kennedy's life is not unconnected with his racial stand, which has always been resented by the white racists. His honesty of purpose and his dogged fearlessness against all odds have made him the darling of the oppressed people, for whose sake he now lies hurt. But, if the white racists believe that his murder will silence the voice of dissent and the will to be free, they had better think again. Because, despite all the odds in America, the will to be free can never be conquered by sword or bullet. We hope he will survive this and be more prepared to cure America of its ills, so that the races in America may be integrated peacefully as one people, one race, one destiny.

## SCERMARCHE EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO MRS KENNEDY

Mogadiscio Somalia Domestic Service in Somali 1700 GMT 6 Jun 68 K/L

[Summary] President Scermarche today sent the following message of condolences to President Johnson on the assassination of Senator Kennedy: "I have heard with deep sorrow of the death of Sen Robert Kennedy, and the news has shocked the whole Somali nation. Please accept for yourself, and extend to Mrs Kennedy and other members of the late senator's family, the deepest condolences of the Somali people, government, and myself on this sad bereavement."

## CONDOLENCE SENT BY NYERERE TO MRS KENNEDY

Dar es Salaam Tanzania Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 6 Jun 68 K/L

[Summary] President Nyerere has sent a message to Mrs Ethel Kennedy, expressing Tanzania's horror and shock at the death of her husband, who was shot down in Los Angeles yesterday. Mwalimu, on behalf of the government and people of Tanzania and on his own behalf, extends to Mrs Kennedy and the whole Kennedy family deepest condolences. President Nyerere is currently in Kampala where he is attending the Uganda People's Congress conference.

## KAUNDA DECLARES DAY OF MOURNING FOR R. KENNEDY

Lusaka Zambia Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 7 Jun 68 K/L

[Summary] President Kaunda has proclaimed tomorrow as a day of mourning to be observed throughout Zambia for Sen Robert Kennedy.

EUROPE

PRESS LAMENTS TRAGEDY, BIAMES CLIMATE IN U.S.

London TIMES 6 Jun 68 L

[A Minority of One]

[Text] It is natural to see the attack on Senator Robert Kennedy as part of a general pattern of violence in the United States and in the world. Yet before one generalizes one should particularize. This is a hateful tragedy for a man whose courage had made him the only white politician who still commanded the confidence of the Negroes and the poor of America. It is also a family tragedy for a family who have already had too many tragedies to suffer. The shooting of Senator Kennedy is one of those stark events which will always be remembered with pain.

Yet the personal tragedy is a reflection of a wider tragedy. For whatever reasons violence is a growing power in the United States. For at least half a century American civilization has been subject to increasing violence, to the violence of gangsters, the casual violence of the southern states, the violence between races and now to the murder of public men. The rest of the world has often seen the United States as the vanguard of industrial society. In almost every other country the same pattern of growing violence can already be detected even though in Britain it has not reached anything like the same level.

It is natural that violence in politics should often be concentrated upon the best men. The motives of the men who shoot are usually abnormal and often obscure. The Arab in this case seems almost astonishingly irrelevant to Senator Kennedy's career. Yet one can see what the reaction is. There is in part the hatred which is the natural reaction of evil to excellence. There is in part, also, an envy which the best statesmen are more likely to provoke. The excitement of a fine political campaign is also in itself a danger. The man with the gun responds to this excitement with the excitement of his own hatred. He shows what can be done by a minority of one.

Yet those men who wish to raise themselves by destroying what others admire are alienated from society and are to be found in large numbers only in a society where alienation is common. In the United States prosperity has become an insult to those who do not share it and the process of specialization which has created such an extraordinary prosperity is by its nature also a process of exclusion. American industry is based on mass skills, but not on universal skills, and violence is the revenge on a society of those who are left out.

The paradox is that it has been the chief aim of the Kennedy family in politics to bring an end to the social alienation in the United States. President Kennedy was the first Roman Catholic to become president of the United States. His victory was to some degree a victory for all the other minority groups. The purpose of the campaign of 1960, in which Senator Kennedy played so large a role, was not only to get America moving but to involve all Americans in the movement. President Johnson's work on civil rights went further than the Kennedy administration had been able to do, but the social impetus of the Democratic Party owes a great deal to both of the Kennedy brothers.

In the case of Senator Kennedy this social concern became even more marked. His is a crusading personality and the crusading quality has cost him many political allies. There is no doubt that the shock of his brother's death caused in Senator Kennedy's mind a new desire to see American society changed.

It is the characteristic of this meaningless violence that it is turned against those men like the Kennedys or Martin Luther King who devote their lives to the task of reconciliation. They are the most likely of all to be attacked or to be killed.

The characteristics of American society which led to the death of one Kennedy and the wounding of another are in part peculiar to the United States. We have no powerful lobby in Britain for the promiscuous sale of firearms and the power of the National Rifle Association is an extraordinary defect of American politics. Yet in the main the growth of violence, like the growth of revolution, is something which reflects real failures of all the advanced industrial societies, irrespective of whether those societies are American or European, or even whether they are capitalist or communist. Our attitude in Britain can therefore only be one of sympathy with the people of the United States in the tragedy which has occurred.

#### Review of Editorials

[Editorial Report--L] The Longon TIMES, in an editorial titled "He Stood for Justice," discusses Kennedy's image, pro and con, what his chances were for the presidency, what sort of president he might have been, and to whom those who were loyal to him will now turn, and then says: "With both Kennedys murdered, some Americans will be tempted to say that their country's institutions are a sham and its destiny a mirage. The rest of the world will be tempted to turn away from America too. Each fresh act of violence spreads fresh doubt about American capacity for leadership." "The habit of assassination destroys the authority of any country."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH editorial, "American on Trial," similarly views the causes Kennedy championed and the success he might have attained, but then notes that the election campaign remains the main issue in the United States today and speculates that "the imposition of the rule of law in the United States will become an attractive theme for Nixon to begin embroidering before many weeks are out. The central issue could become 'strong government.'"

The GUARDIAN, in two editorials titled "Will the World Learn Anything?" and "Will the United States This Time?" notes that the "sickness of American society" and "international violence," as well as the Arab-Israeli war and its anniversary, and even the Vietnam war were factors in the Kennedy assassination. Deploing the absence of any real reform toward curbing violence following the murders of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the GUARDIAN's second editorial declares that President Johnson could have brought about "major changes" because there is already enough legislation on the books for him to use and the federal government has "enormous power over the economy through the contracts it awards."

The editorial in the MORNING STAR declares that "Even if the gun was fired by a Jordanian, as is reported, this does not alter the fact American imperialism and the monopolists and militarists who run it have turned the country into a forging house for murder and assassination. The last word in hypocrisy was surely spoken by President Johnson" who spoke against violence, yet who "only a few hours before the killing" was making a speech "believed to herald another stepup in his bombings of Vietnam." President Johnson has done, the editorial says, "as much if not more than anyone in U.S. history to create an environment in which the bullet and the bomb are held up as a proper and manly answer to the progressive ideas of peace, liberation, and racial equality."

## PRESS COMMENTS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

6 June YORKSHIRE POST

London World Service in English 0150 GMT 6 Jun 68 C

[From the press review]

[Summary] The YORKSHIRE POST writes that horrified nations are holding their breath, waiting to see what happens next. "The bullet that entered the head of Senator Kennedy not only laid him low, but started a number of reactions, the result of which no one can foresee. It will have its effects--strong ones, too--in London and Paris, Havana and Buenos Aires, Cairo and Tel Aviv, Moscow and Peking, and Hanoi. The American way of life will be represented as the American way of death. How can any claim to moral leadership, it will be asked, be put forward without presumption by a country that cannot protect its political leaders from the assassin?"

7 June GUARDIAN

London World Service in English 0150 GMT 7 Jun 68 C

[From the press review]

[Excerpt] The GUARDIAN considers that the killing of Robert Kennedy has seeds both in the sickness of American society and international violence. The paper says that although much of the motives of the Jordanian Arab arrested on the charge of murder remains to be discovered, the Arab-Israeli war and its anniversary were factors. So too was the Vietnam war, which had added to the severe strains within the United States.

The GUARDIAN writes: Will the shock lead to any softening of rigid attitudes? In every zone of war or imminent war the way could be opened for nonviolent solutions. Over the Middle East, Vietnam, and Biafra, negotiations are being sought; over each, a deadlock exists; over each, the lines of a settlement can be seen but the willingness to reach it is never sufficiently strong; over each, a change of heart is needed, for the alternative is a relapse into more killings, devastation, and misery.

## OFFICIALS SEND CONDOLENCES ON KENNEDY DEATH

President Luebke

Hamburg DPA in German 1136 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Excerpt] Hamburg--President Luebke today sent condolences to President Johnson and Mrs Ethel Kennedy. The telegram to President Johnson says: "On the occasion of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy I express to you, Mr President, and to the American nation my own sympathy and that of the German people. We mourn with you and the sorely tried Kennedy family.

"With you we trust that the hard test imposed on your country by this senseless act of violence, will reaffirm the determination of the Americans to preserve the good traditions and the moral strength so often displayed. The world needs an American nation, which, internally strong and consolidated, can make its contribution to the preservation of freedom and the winning of true peace."

The telegram to Mrs Kennedy says: "After the hours of anguish and the prayers for his life, we are all deep in mourning at the news of his death."

## Chancellor Kiesinger

Hamburg DPA in German 1158 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Excerpt] Hamburg--Chancellor Kiesinger has sent telegrams to President Johnson and to Mrs Ethel Kennedy expressing the sincere sympathy of the Federal Government and the German people on the occasion of the death of Robert Kennedy. "I feel with you and the American people the profound tragedy of this terrible event and the loss which the death of this man means for the United States," Kiesinger wrote to Johnson.

In his telegram to Mrs Kennedy, Kiesinger says that Robert Kennedy was one of the leading men in the United States, and that his death was a great loss to all friends of the United States.

## Lower House President

Hamburg DPA in German 1002 GMT 6 Jun 68 L

[Text] Hamburg--The president of the Lower House, Eugen Gerstehmaier has sent a telegram to the President of the Senate of the United States Vice President Humphrey, expressing the sincere sympathy of the Lower House on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. "The German Lower House mourns with you the end of a great hope," SPD Chairman Foreign Minister Brandt said. The tragic death of Kennedy has caused within the SPD and among wide sections of the population grief, dismay, and deep shock. In the view of Brandt the attempt was as senseless as every act of violence. "But its consequences are heavy." The minister expressed to Mrs Kennedy, her children, and the whole family his sincere sympathy.

## PRESS FEATURES KENNEDY, VIOLENCE IN U.S.

Cologne Deutschlandfunk in German to Europe 0805 GMT 6 Jun 68 G

[Excerpts] DIE WELT writes of a new policy sought by Robert Kennedy in the United States: "It was not just his ambition for the presidency and the interests of his party that motivated him, the brother of the assassinated president was concerned, according to his own words, about 'our right to moral leadership on this planet.' Following the crimes in Dallas, Memphis, and now in Los Angeles, the international public is questioning America's claim to moral leadership. The worldwide excitement and astonishment and the skeptical attitude toward the eruptions from beneath the smooth and glittering surface of U.S. society indicate a changed assessment of the leadership and people of the United States.

"The shots of Los Angeles may be the beginning of a fatal radicalism in the political controversy," STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG fears. The commentator asks: "Does America suffer from an atmosphere of violence? Is the assassination attempt on Senator Kennedy a symptom of brutality which is particularly widespread in the U.S. cities? The Congress has not yet enacted an effective law to control the sale and possession of weapons. These are very depressing facts to sober-minded Americans and those Europeans who realize that America's condition of health affects its international standing."

According to Bonn's GENERALANZEIGER, "the moral fiber of American society has been badly torn. The assassins may have acted on their own initiative and had a variety of motives, but can we still doubt that the violent atmosphere surrounding black and white, poor and rich, conservative and progressive, young and old is the common cause of these political crimes."

BRAUNSCHWEIGER ZEITUNG draws a parallel to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King. The commentator declares: "The doubts about the official version of the crime in Dallas have never ceased. After the murder in Memphis the police are still groping in the darkness. In Los Angeles, however, the assassin is in the hands of the police. Will he live longer than Oswald? Will he speak? Will the world learn what he has to say?"



## PAPADHOPOULOS STATEMENT ON DEATH OF KENNEDY

Athens Domestic Service in Greek 1230 GMT 6 Jun 68 M

[Statement by Premier Yeoryios Papadhopoulos--read by announcer]

[Text] The United States, the free world, and all mankind mourn the tragic death of Robert Kennedy, who was a noble, courageous, and untiring fighter. Let us pray that his sacrifice has not been made in vain. The sublime and necessary lesson is that cruelty cannot and must not have a place in public life, and it is imperative that it be definitely eliminated.

We are going through a historic period of confusion and moral instability, and we must equip and train our societies, especially youth, with the ideals of Hellenic Christian civilization, which is a common tradition for all free men.

## COMMENTARY ANALYZES IMPACT OF KENNEDY MURDER

Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish 1700 GMT 6 Jun 68 M

[Station commentary]

[Excerpts] Robert Kennedy, who said, "I want to stop bloodshed in Vietnam and U.S. cities and close the gap between colored and white citizens and between the rich and the poor," has been assassinated. Robert Kennedy, who was highly regarded in the United States and other countries, was the front-ranking candidate in the presidential race. The apprehension engendered by the loss of John F. Kennedy, his elder brother, who was assassinated on 22 November 1963, has been further intensified by Robert Kennedy's assassination.

Events in the United States have been affecting the happy and secure life that the people of the world deserve. For various reasons, every incident in the United States affects various countries in various ways, and as a result of these incidents, each country is faced with various new problems in addition to the unsolved problems of its own.

The most important problem for the United States, which has close ties with all countries throughout the world and which has to maintain these ties, lies in securing unity, peace, tranquillity, and social justice in its own country.

The assassination of Robert Kennedy, who stressed that he championed peace, youth, and the poor, and who had not yet gone beyond the stage of being a candidate for nomination as presidential candidate, has touched off hopelessness in the United States and in other countries.

With the assassination of the second Kennedy, the United States and other nations have once again become apprehensive. Robert Kennedy, candidate for the presidential race, should not have been assassinated. In the 20th century, when human life has become more highly regarded than ever before, there are no reasons left whatever to justify assassination or murder. The assassination of Robert Kennedy will go down in history as an event that has deeply troubled mankind.

## CHANCELLOR KLAUS COMMENTS ON KENNEDY DEATH

Vienna Domestic Service in German 1143 GMT 8 Jun 68 A

[Statement by Chancellor Klaus on death of Robert Kennedy--recorded]

[Text] We Austrians have feared for the life of Senator Robert Kennedy during the past few hours, and now we mourn the grave loss suffered by his family and all the American people. Robert Kennedy, like his brother, symbolized for the youth of the free world the ideals of democracy and progress. We stand in awe at the bier of this great world citizen. As friends of the American people, however, we hope from the bottom of our heart that the image of this largest democracy will not be disfigured by acts of violence. We hope that the grave sacrifices which had to be made by one single family were not in vain; but that they will call to mind those values which we all, irrespective of conflicting political views, have to defend.

The sympathy of millions of grieved Austrians these days resembles a big demonstration of condolence for a big, sorely afflicted family, and for a big, sorely afflicted nation.

LATIN AMERICA

## PRESS AND GOVERNMENT MOURN ROBERT KENNEDY

Paris AFP in Spanish 1426 GMT 6 June 68 C

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires--The passing of Senator Robert Kennedy caused profound sorrow in Argentina. His death was announced over several radio stations in the early morning hours, since they had especially extended their programs through the night, awaiting the fatal outcome. The morning papers were already on the street when Kennedy died and did not carry the report.

Enrique Mores Boderai, presidential press secretary, made the following comment on learning of the event: "Argentines deeply lament the death of Robert Kennedy, who was dearly loved in this country. The horrible crime is a shame for all the civilized world."

## CLARIN Opinion

[Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish at 1305 GMT on 6 June quotes CLARIN: "Like John F. Kennedy and Luther King, Robert Kennedy is now the victim of that somber anonymous conspiracy which government spokesmen have hastened to declare non-existent in order to make the attempt appear as an unconnected incident, that is, an isolated incident, by classifying it as an personal and uncontrollable act of a new type of madman: the political madman."

[CLARIN, according to ANSA, holds that the attempt, as well as the assassinations of President Kennedy and Luther King, are linked to "strange, hidden, cloaked forces lurking behind the shadows, opposing all initiatives, destroying the best intentions, and blocking objectives and efforts to attain development."]

## PAPERS CONDEMN U.S. VIOLENCE, KENNEDY DEATH

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 1510 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Summary] Santiago--The news of Senator Kennedy's assassination has captured the nation's attention. The daily EL MERCURIO points out that the world "condemns what happened in Los Angeles just as it helplessly lamented the incidents of Dallas and Memphis." It adds that the right to kill must be ended, even though the laws are liberal during the present campaign for human rights.

The communist daily EL SIGLO says that "the criminal attempt against the principal candidate for the U.S. presidency and the foremost critic of the Johnson policy confirms the fact that murder is one of the basic political weapons in the United States." The paper also says: "To pretend to explain one attempt after another as the work of mentally disturbed individuals is absolutely unacceptable to conscientious humanity. In this context, murder becomes an established tactic in a social regime that allows it, particularly against its leaders."

In an editorial, the tabloid LA TERCERA says that it is strange that the nation that claims the greatest progress in the world and show people give others lessons in sincerity and moral clearliness should repeatedly be the scene of the most horrible crimes.

The daily CLARIN summarizes its opinion by pointing out that "terror and blood rule over U.S. politics," where there is "a dangerous accumulation of hatreds that are contradictory to progress."

## PRESIDENT, LEADERS REACT TO KENNEDY DEATH

Santiago Chile INTERPRESS in Spanish 1600 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpts] La Paz--"It is horrible, it is horrible," exclaimed Bolivian President Barrientos to the newsmen who came to his office minutes after Senator Kennedy's death was announced. Noticeably shaken, he added: The leaders of the world must not die. Every shot fired at the leaders of U.S. democracy makes that great nation die a little. He added that the great powers must not be known as great for their exploitation of the small countries, but for their service to humanity. The people should not seek justice through violence. Bolivia received the news with anguish and we hope that calm will prevail over violence. Referring to the fact that Kennedy had won the California State primary elections, Barrientos said that the democratic will of the people must not be [word indistinct] with bullets.

Bolivian political leaders were unanimously stating that the event detracts from the prestige of the U.S. democracy and that the assassins of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King are the same ones who wielded the revolver to eliminate Robert [Kennedy]. They added that by picking up his brother's banner, Robert Kennedy wanted to fight for the underdeveloped nations, and that this attitude was opposed with violence by the underworld of U.S. capitalism.

## SPECIAL EDITIONS PUBLISHED; KENNEDY MOURNED

Lima AFP in Spanish 1751 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Summary] Rio de Janeiro--Three special [newspaper] editions were published announcing the tragic death of Robert Kennedy, who was the victim of an attempt described here as "irrational and stupid" by a grieving people. The residents of exclusive homes as well as shantytowns in this city were gripped with strong emotions and many broke out in tears. Here Kennedy was considered a world champion of integration.

Recife Archbishop Helder Camara, relentless struggler in behalf of nonviolence and social progress, declared that the assassination was another indication of the violence unleashed against progressive leaders in our modern world.

President Costa e Silva cabled President Johnson and expressed sympathy for Kennedy. Former President Juscelino Kubitschek expressed deep regret over the death of a man who, despite his youth, understood the errors and plight of Latin America as no one else did.

A columnist of the progressive daily ULTIMA HORA charged "that the murder was the work of unknown leaders of an extreme reactionary 'Mafia' opposed to the ideas of a man who particularly wished to prove that Latin America's development and progress are the best bastion of security for the United States."

In an editorial, JORNAL DO BRAZIL stated that "Senator Kennedy exercised the democratic right of running as a presidential candidate in his country, a right which he was winning by totally legal methods [words indistinct]."

The opposition daily CORREIO DA MANHA's lengthy editorial stated that "the attempt against Kennedy was a blow to prevent the victory of the liberals over a terrorist minority." It added that "this crime was an attempt against the future of the United States, against U.S. relations on democratic terms with Latin America, against the prestige of a powerful nation, against peace in Vietnam, and against understanding between races." O JORNAL asserted "that Latin America, particularly Brazil, cannot help but feel the threat looming over the continent in view of the extent of unbridled savage violence in the wealthiest and most cultured nation of the continent. TRIBUNA DA IMPRENSA holds responsible the political and economic groups that would have been harmed by the young leader's election. ULTIMA HORA carried three editorials stating that the assassination was an attempt against Latin America."

## KENNEDY ATTACK STUNS PUBLIC; FREI COMMENTS

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 0013 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpt] Santiago--The news of the attack on U.S. Senator Kennedy spread rapidly this morning, leading people to gather before newspaper bulletin boards, prompting special newspaper editions, and making people stay close to their radios for news. The general public unanimously condemned the attack and the sorrow over the violence was evidenced by the question people asked each other: "What do you think of that?" which brought the answer: "This no longer has a name." The newspaper LA TARDE issued a special edition at 1000, followed by the newspaper LA SEGUNDA. Both were sold out in less than an hour.

"More than as President of Chile, I speak as a human being in pain and sorrow over the terrible tragedy of a human being," declared President Eduardo Frei to newsmen, referring to the attack on Senator Robert Kennedy. Frei talked to the newsmen who usually cover the government palace beat.

[Newsmen's question]: The news of the attack on the life of Kennedy is shaking the world. We have come to hear your opinion of this bitter event. President Frei answered: "I believe that all men throughout the world, irrespective of their political or ideological position, have been, as you stated, shaken by the news. I am speaking now more than as president of Chile. I am speaking as a human being in the midst of pain and tragedy and this terrible tragedy of a human being. This morning I sent a cable to Mrs Kennedy expressing our concern, affection, and hope that she can successfully cope with this difficult moment for her husband and children. I truly believe that we were all upset by the news and can describe it as horrible without exaggeration. That is what I have to say."

Mr President, at what time did you hear the news? "Early this morning I received a telephone call at home." Mr President, what is your opinion on this climate of violence in the world, from which even our country is not always excluded? "I really do not want to give an opinion on this terrible event because I want to keep my sentiments regarding Kennedy's case on the level of personal affection and respect for his family, his person, and the American people. On another occasion I will be pleased to discuss this matter with you. I believe that it is a new worldwide phenomenon and also believe that our country has to face it calmly. In Chile, we will once more show what we are."

"On the world scale there are many rankings [uses English] of economic, social, and scientific development, but there should also be rankings of human development, and I believe that our country could give a great example of human development at this time because I believe that violence in Chile is minor and very localized. Most of our nation has faith in the political parties--the Nationals, Radicals, Socialists, Communists, Independents, not to mention Christian Democrats. The important thing is that we solve this matter in a humane and not in an inhumane manner."

## ZEA HERNANDEZ DEPLORES/ ATTACK ON KENNEDY

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 2330 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Text] Foreign Minister German Zea Hernandez issued the following statement today regarding the attempt on Senator Robert Kennedy's life: "The Colombian Government deeply deplores the attack on Senator Robert Kennedy in the midst of his campaign for nomination as a candidate for the U.S. presidency. "This new act of violence has increased the consternation of humanity by a critical world situation at a time when a stable peace appears as the only means to insure the spiritual and material progress of nations.

"The government hopes fervently that Senator Kennedy recovers completely and that this terrible deed does not cause greater unrest in the United States and threaten the development of normal elections. The government condemns and repudiates the recurrence of political crimes, which can and have had serious repercussions upon the rest of the world."

[Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish at 1800 GMT on 5 June reported that what they called the "criminal attempt" to kill Senator Kennedy had caused "great concern" in Colombia. The station said political groups, diplomats and students were concerned about the attempts against the lives of American political leaders, "especially in a country where democracy has proved to be a special characteristic." The announcer said Guillermo Angulo Gomez, president of the Colombian Senate, expressed "amazement over the continuance of violent acts against political leaders in the United States." Jacobo Perez Escobar, Secretary General of the Government Ministry, said, "The attempt is even more regrettable as it occurs in a country that has been a democratic example," the radio station reported. Radio Cadena Nacional also announced that Hernan Jaramillo Ocampo, president of the Conservative Unionist National Directorate, said, "It gives one the impression that a state of social decomposition exists that is corroding the paths of coexistence in the United States. It is possible that acts such as this one will cause the United States to lose its democratic ways."]

## KENNEDY MURDER BLAMED ON SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS

Bogota EL SIGLO 7 Jun 68 X

[Editorial: "The Lesson of the Crime"]

[Excerpts] The crime has been consummated. As in the previous cases of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the world has been shaken with anguish and pain, and there has been unanimous solidarity with a family--pursued by implacable fate--that has once again paid the price of greatness.

It is true that the United States is experiencing one of the most critical periods in its history, but violence is not the exclusive product of that nation, which is populated, generally, by generous people who pay homage every day to the noblest spiritual values. Violence is a universal phenomenon that is manifested, as a bad sign of the times, everywhere. Its origin must be sought in the abandonment of the Gospel, particularly in the lack of charity, which is not merely the more or less scornful distribution of alms.

## PAPER SEES ORGANIZED PLOT IN KENNEDY MURDER

Bogota EL TIEMPO 7 Jun 68 X

[Editorial: "Organized Violence"]

[Excerpts] Everything came to an end early yesterday morning, as was painfully predictable. The magnificent youth, Robert F. Kennedy, succumbed, in the end, defeated in his battle with death. The young captain, in the full flower of all his intellectual and moral virtues, died when life was most beautiful and promising to him. Ensnaring hatred put an end to his generous life, another victim of its wanton fury. Senator Eugene McCarthy had good reason for making this terrible, but correct, statement: "We are all guilty. It is the act of one man, possibly not in full possession of his faculties, but the nation shares the blame. It is the reflection of the violence that is flooding the world."

And that is the case. As we saw it yesterday, the brave paladin of the civil rights of the neglected classes has fallen before the machinations of that sinister conspiracy which is threateningly hovering over all societies and which, principally, has made the United States the favorite target of its insanity. What we are confronted with is a conspiracy, for the violence which prevails in the world has the characteristics of something planned, a sinister and savage plan with obvious aims. The events that have assaulted the dignity of mankind are not isolated. They are all the product of a devilish plan designed to disrupt world coexistence and sow resentment and vengeance, in order to disturb the social order of the nations.

We do not pretend to indicate its origins, nor to locate its wicked roots. We are simply listing the evidence of the events for the consideration of those who may have the frightening responsibility of investigating them and the urgent duty to stop the demoralizing, ignominious, and infamous process. Who are the organizers of this flaming conspiracy? What are the objectives of the perpetrators of the organized crime?

Let those who must confront the conspiracy think about this. It would be unwise to shrug their shoulders and accept the most likely story. No, the peace and the dignity of mankind require a firmer reaction to the cowardly advance of those who do not have the courage to reveal their objectives and proclaim, as did those anarchists to whom we have alluded, the stupid boast of their atrocious sins.

## RADIO PROTESTS ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY

San Jose Radio Reloj Network in Spanish 1730 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Station commentary]

[Excerpts] We want to add our voice to the worldwide protest over the cowardly attempt against the life of Robert Kennedy. Our friendship with the Kennedys is born of their political philosophy. Robert Kennedy was the spokesman for his slain brother and struggled to strengthen ideals that were baffled by an assassin who fled and remains cloaked in anonymity [as received].

The nature of the attempt against Senator Kennedy clearly reveals the same weapons, the same forces, and the same purposes striving to silence the free voice of a continent clamoring for peace and justice. Kennedy demanded better treatment for Latin America; he demanded a halt to the Vietnam war; he demanded a solution to the problems of the needy and the working man.

We protest the attack on Senator Kennedy. We protest because we know we are also expressing the sentiment of the free peoples of the world. We trust Kennedy, and we believe his ideals represent the struggle for true democracy. When Kennedy was winning his nomination, when the way to victory was opening because the people wanted it so, the assassin's bullet made its appearance in an effort to silence the clamor represented by a good and enthusiastic man.

## Balaguer Statement

[Editorial Report--C] Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish at 1700 GMT 5 June broadcasts news that President Balaguer has termed the assassination attempt "repugnant and abominable." The President, according to the radio, said that he and the Dominican people "deeply regret such an act," which he regards as "a manifestation of the state of political violence in the world which must be faced courageously by all men who assume public responsibilities."

## PRESIDENT DECREES DAY OF MOURNING FOR KENNEDY

Santo Domingo Domestic Service in Spanish 0300 GMT 7 Jun 68 C

[Excerpt] Saturday, 8 June, has been declared an official day of mourning for the death of U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The measure is contained in decree number 24-81, issued today by President of the Republic Dr Joaquin Balaguer.

## PRD YOUTHS ARRESTED LEAVING KENNEDY MASS

Santo Domingo Radio Comercial in Spanish 1100 GMT 10 Jun 68 C

[Text] Four Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) youths were arrested Saturday as they were preparing to leave La Mercedes Church, where a mass had been held for Senator Kennedy. The report of the arrest was made by the Dominican Revolutionary Youth. Although the PRD youth organization said four persons were arrested, it only gave the names of two: Nelson Marba and Julio Cabrera.

The Dominican Revolutionary Youth stated that actions such as the denounced arrests are what place the people on alert against abuses. They demanded the release of the four arrested youths. They also charged that student Hilario (Inoa) was arrested at the Republica de Haiti School as his classmates were being invited to attend the mass offered in memory of Senator Kennedy.

## NEWSPAPER CALLS KENNEDY ATTACK 'MONSTROUS'

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 1907 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Summary] Quito--What is happening in the United States? This is the question that, like all Ecuadoreans, the daily EL COMERCIO asks in today's editorial. "The richest nation on earth sees itself submitted to tragic convulsions which seem difficult to explain," it adds, pointing out that the crime which so brutally removed President John F. Kennedy from the North American scene was undoubtedly of the same nature as the shot fired at his brother so recently.

"We should ask ourselves," it continues, "if that nation's social crisis is similar to those that followed the 19th Century's Civil War and the assassination of Lincoln, the great reformer and symbol of the universal democratic spirit." It then goes on to say that "the Kennedys stand for a policy of change and social justice. Robert identified himself with the poor and the youth of his country. He expressed a new attitude in his ideological viewpoint and in his outlook on life. The great oligarchic interests condemned him as a demagog, and heard his statements without considering the basic problems that inspired and guided the reformer's ideas."



However, EL COMERCIO maintains that it would not be sensible to offer an opinion on this new monstrous act, although it calls for renewal of the investigation of his brother's assassination. "To what extent did the extreme rightist groups, alarmed over reforms, participate in this?" it asks. "In some sinister place," it replies, "is the origin of these crimes that threaten the stability of U.S. institutions, and, as a side effect, reflect on the nature of its institutions and world relations."

The news of Robert F. Kennedy's death fell like a heavy weight on Ecuadoreans, who had stuck doggedly to the more optimistic reports that said the famed politician might be saved. Eager, though deeply solemn, people continue to stand by their radio and television receivers which are continuously broadcasting news of the tragedy.

#### KENNEDY ATTACK PROMPTS BITTER COMMENTARIES

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 0105 GMT 6 Jun, 68 P

[Summary] Mexico City--[two lines indistinct] Mexican President Diaz Ordaz added that "all Americans, wherever they may be, are praying for the prompt and full recovery of Senator Kennedy." Foreign Minister Antonio Carrillo Flores said that the attack on Senator Kennedy "is an absurd act of violence that is deplorable from any point of view." He added, "I fervently hope for the Senator's recovery. I sent a message of condolence in mine and my wife's name."

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) declared that the act "constitutes another blot on the development of democracy and the attainment of world peace. The PRI publicly condemns that criminal attack." The National Action Party (PAN) considered the attack another example of how freedom degenerates into license and violence when persons or people lack moral support. The Popular Socialist Party (PPS) commented that the attack shows "that there exists in the United States a secret murder organization which began operating with the assassination of the unforgettable President John F Kennedy. The existence of that secret organization was confirmed with the later assassination of several Negro leaders, especially Martin Luther King. We deplore the fact that assassination and violence are used to eliminate those who hold different ideas." The Leftist Independent Peasant Central (CCI) said that the attack was the result of the decomposition of the U.S. political system and added that it considers the attack the graver because efforts are being made to solve the world crisis over events in Vietnam.

Beyond the world of politics and the authorities, the Mexican people bitterly commented on the events that took place at the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. Poet and editor Thelma Nava said: "It is terrible, incredible in its savagery, what has happened to Senator Robert Kennedy. One cannot imagine how such an act can occur in the country that is believed to be the most civilized and advanced in the world. One asks oneself where the United States is going to end if it continues violently eliminating its best men, such as John F Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and now Robert Kennedy. This appears to bear out what many sociologists have said about the United States being a country that went from barbarity to decadence without going through culture. Imperialism is in crisis, and this is apparently the final one."

## YOUTH SAID TO BE LINKED WITH KENNEDY MURDER

Santo Domingo Radio Comercial in Spanish 1100 GMT 20 Jun 68 C

[Text] Juarez, Mexico--Judicial Police Chief Jesus Chacon stated yesterday that Juarez officials have arrested a 17 year-old youth identified as (Crispin) Curiel Gonzalez in connection with a letter that, according to the informant, reveals a previous knowledge of Sen Robert F. Kennedy's assassination. Chacon added that the youth was arrested Monday night because he told police that the letter from his pocket in Juarez.

The El Paso Federal Bureau of Investigation states that they are investigating the case.

## RADIO, TV COMMENTS ON SHOOTING OF KENNEDY

## RPC-TV Commentary

Panama City RPC-TV Network in Spanish 1800 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Station commentary]

[Summary] Even in a world like ours, where bullets and machinegun bursts are in vogue, the attempt against Senator Robert Kennedy has caused consternation and horror. This attempt is the result of intolerance for a man's ideals. "It is the expression of that language of death with its various forms of violence which the human race seems to have adopted as the only universal language serving the diehards of the world, who arm assassins in their attempts to silence the voices of those who dare write words of hope and peace in the universe."

[The remainder of the commentary is devoted to a review of Kennedy's career and prayers for his recovery.]

## Radio Soberana

Panama City Radio Soberana in Spanish 1515 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Station commentary]

[Excerpts] We believe that a mental patient is responsible for the attempt on Senator Kennedy's life. Radio Soberana is aware of Senator Robert Kennedy's concern with Latin American affairs, as he has been one of the greatest critics of militarism in Latin America. He has been against regimes born of force or electoral fraud, and has actually been one of the greatest friend of progressive groups in Latin America.

## Radio Libre

[Editorial Report--P] Panama City Radio Libre Network in Spanish at 1600 GMT on 5 June carried a commentary by Alberto Quiros Guardia on the shooting of Robert Kennedy. Quiros Guardia expressed "deep consternation over the cowardly attempt against the life of Robert Kennedy, a staunch fighter for civil rights," adding that such sorrow and consternation is undoubtedly affecting "those of us who cannot permit violence to continue being the instrument by which the rules are set for solving mankind's problems."

Quiros Guardia asked: What is Robert Kennedy's "crime"? In the first place, he continued, it is his wanting to fight to improved social justice. "We do not know who killed John F. Kennedy. We do not know what force is behind the attempt against the life of Robert Kennedy. We do know, however, that there is a conspiracy against the Kennedys' ideals and struggles." He concluded that "We deeply regret what is happening in the United States of America."

## GOVERNMENT LEADERS SEND MESSAGES TO U.S.

Robles Cable

Panama City EL SOL 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpt] His Excellency, President Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. President, the White House, Washington DC.

The treacherous attempt against the life of distinguished Senator Robert Kennedy, an authentic defender of human liberties and true exponent of U.S. sentiments, has deeply saddened me. Through you, I express to the U.S. Government and people the Panamanian people's repudiation of this vile attempt.

Sincerely, Marco A. Robles, Constitutional President of Panama.

Delvalle Cable

Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Telegram to U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson]

[Text] The tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply shaken my country. In the United States, he symbolized the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the benefit of humanity. For this reason, we feel that the mourning in the United States will truly give rise to feelings of sorrow throughout the whole world. With our highest expression of esteem, I remain, Max Delvalle.

## RADIO SAYS SAME FORCES KILLED BOTH KENNEDYS

Panama City Voice of the People's Alliance in Spanish 2145 GMT 6 May 68 P

[Excerpts] The ones who killed [Robert] Kennedy are the same ones trying to impose Arnulfo Arias--the rightist extremists military fascists, the Pentagon, State Department, the ones who urged intervention in Cuba, the assassins of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the enemies of aid to Latin America, the powerful monopolies, and the Central Intelligence Agency--all of them are suspects--all, I say. In the long run, the forces connected with retrogression, extreme rightism, fascism, or interventionism plotted his death, and these very same forces forced Lilo Vallarino to impose Arnulfo Arias.

If Kennedy had been president, Arnulfo Arias would never have received credentials. Kennedy would never have demanded a capitulating treaty. He would never have allowed the Pentagon to force Boliva Vallarino to impose the spurious credentials through force. He would have promoted the Alliance for Progress, which was the spirit of his brother's policy, of which David Samudio is one of the most earnest advocates.

## OFFICIALS EXPRESS CONDOLENCES FOR KENNEDY

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 2138 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpts] Asuncion, Paraguay--Paraguayan citizens of all levels expressed their deep sorrow upon learning early today of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Radio stations early today reported the news of his death and newspapers put out special editions.

President Alfredo Stroessner called upon U.S. Ambassador Benigno C. Hernandez at his home to personally express the Paraguayan Government's condolences.

Foreign Minister Raul Sapena Pastor said: "Paraguay, its government and people, enjoying complete peace, regrets to learn of that act of violence in the great, noble, and friendly nation--the more so when we consider that with it the United States loses one of its most brilliant leaders. I also feel that the assassination of Senator Kennedy is an attempt against representative democracy, which should lead us to defend with greater conviction and strength the democratic institutions and peace that are the most efficient means for the development of progress and better welfare for all our countries."

## PRESIDENT, CHAMBER COMMENT ON KENNEDY DEATH

Lima INTERPRESS to INTERPRESS Santiago in Spanish 1332 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpt] Lima--President Belaunde sent a message of solidarity and condolences to Senator Robert Kennedy's wife, joining in the expressions of sorrow and condemnation for the attack that extinguished the life of the young U.S. presidential candidate. "Deeply moved by the unspeakable action against a great citizen and dear friend, Senator Robert Kennedy, I express to you and your children my solidarity at this hour," the message said.

For its part, the Chamber of Deputies strongly condemned the shooting by means of various motions which expressed general repudiation for the course of insane violence evidenced in the political life of that country. Spokesmen for the various groups coincided in stating that there is something strange happening in that country, as they recalled the recent killing of Negro leader Martin Luther King and the assassination of President John Kennedy 4 years ago.

Senator Luis Alberto Sanchez, former president of the Chamber and current chairman of the Senate's Diplomatic Committee, expressed his disagreement with the U.S. Attorney General, who said the attempt was an isolated case: "To me it does not appear to be a casual incident. It is by no means an isolated case. At least it is part of a plan," he emphasized.

## PEOPLE EXPRESS DISBELIEF OVER KENNEDY ATTACK

Buenos Aires ANSA in Spanish 1855 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Summary] Montevideo--The attack against Senator Robert Kennedy has caused stupor and indignation in Uruguay. Newspapers and radios are being swamped with calls from persons seeking further information on his condition. EXTRA devoted its first three pages to reports on the attack. Its editorial, entitled, "Crime Opens Another Abyss in the United States," concludes that "the effects of the abyss opened by this stupid and criminal attack are as difficult to predict as those caused by the death of Martin Luther King, and in the long run may be greater."

The progovernment newspaper ACCION also speaks of the attack against Senator Robert Kennedy in its editorial, "Stupor, Horror, and Sadness Felt in the World Over the Attack." The editorial says: "Still feeling the horror of the loss of Martin Luther King--a good man of peace--and with painful reminders of the loss of President Kennedy, the United States is again the scene of a crime that has deeply shaken the world. Murderous bullets guided by hatred, evil passions, intolerance, and disdain for the lives of others are cruel and cynical recurrences in the complex developments of North America."

The editorial concludes: "The people of the United States, who have created their nation's greatness--profoundly moral, enterprising, optimistic, and vital--are today suffering unconsolably over this unwanted and stupid attack. Our people, whom we have seen today questioning, reacting with stupor and disbelief, and avidly following the condition of Robert Kennedy, are without a doubt, with the people of the United States in their pain."

Although there has been no official reaction yet, political and government circles are unanimous in their statements of sorrow and amazement at today's attack in California.

## BARRIOS SAYS KENNEDY ATTACK REFLECTS ON U.S.

Barquisimeto Radio Barquisimeto Network in Spanish 2200 GMT 5 Jun 68 P

[Text] It is very possible that Robert Kennedy has been the victim of his name and prestige, said Democratic Action (AD) presidential candidate Gonzalo Barrios. He said that he had learned of the tragedy by radio, but that he did not have complete information. Gonzalo Barrios added that however it may be, the attack on Robert Kennedy's life reflects badly upon the United States.

## LEONI PRAYS FOR KENNEDY'S ETERNAL REST

Santiago Chile INTERPRESS in Spanish 1607 GMT 6 Jun 68 P

[Excerpts] Caracas--"The attempt has caused indignation and alarm throughout the whole world." These were Venezuelan President Raul Leoni's first words upon learning of the bloody incident in Los Angeles that ended the life of Robert Kennedy, who was warmly remembered by Caracas residents who personally met him during his tour through Latin America 2 years ago. The President added: It is hard to express an opinion on the real nature of the attempt against that outstanding fighter and Democratic Senator, Robert Kennedy, before learning the details. But the deed in itself is unheard of, shocks the entire world, and arouses feelings of indignation and repudiation."

Following these brief statements, Leoni prayed for the eternal rest of the slain senator and that this grave incident will not unleash internal commotions contrary to the interests of continental democracy.

For his part, Alfredo Lafee, president of the influential Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEDECAMARAS), felt that such an act was not appropriate to a country that should be an example of patriotism, and added that there was deep concern in national economic circles because of the wave of violence unleashed [words indistinct].

Meanwhile, in a brief statement, Congress President Armando Vegas told newsmen that every democrat hopes that tragedies such as the one that befell Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles will not be repeated in the free world. He added: "It seems incredible that such things as these should happen in the United States, a country of deep-rooted and traditional democracy. This is an indication of decay, inasmuch as it is not an isolated incident, but an example of what has occurred there frequently."

Luis Beltran Prieto Figueroa, presidential candidate of the People's Electoral Movement (MEP), declared: "It is the sad result of the aggressiveness and hate provoked by the U.S. policy." He added, "It is shocking to see how incidents such as President Kennedy's, Martin Luther King's, and now Senator Robert Kennedy's assassination can occur in a civilized nation."

Rafael Caldera, presidential candidate of the Social Christian Party (COPEI), stated: "It is truly a savage act which has caused amazement and indignation." Visibly moved, he added: "Undoubtedly, a powerful Mafia is operating in the United States, and has shown that it possesses infinite resources to do away with valuable elements that oppose its aspirations." He concluded by stating that the assassins of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and the bullet that killed Robert Kennedy are links in a dangerous chain that does not stop before anything and could even cause new, incalculable damage.

SOUTHEAST ASIA-FAR EAST

## PAPER EXPRESSES GRIEF ON DEATH OF KENNEDY

Singapore AFP in English 0642 GMT 8 Jun 68 B

[Text] Rangoon--Commenting on the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, the official paper, WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY, said editorially today that not only the United States but the whole world was appalled by the killing at a time when the senator was emerging as a strong contender for the U.S. presidency. The paper said that Senator Kennedy's assassination has called to mind the death under similar circumstances of his brother, President Kennedy, and that of Dr Martin Luther King, Negro civil rights leader.

The paper said that these recent events are viewed by the world as a definite trend toward violence and lack of reasoning. For each assassination and each act of violence is not an isolated case, but part of an atmosphere of hatred, cruelty, and moral weakness, it added. Each act signifies that many men still believe in the right of might and that the cult of the gun is far from dead, the paper went on. A spirit of lawlessness and nihilism seems rife throughout the world, the official daily asserted.

It said for this tragic condition, governments are no less responsible than individuals. Only understanding, tolerance, and a firm belief in nonviolence can lead the world on to a saner path and a happier [word indistinct]. What the world needs is a revival of old fashioned virtues of understanding, tolerance, and patience, the paper stressed. However, it is doubtful if individuals will ever have due respect for such virtues, so long as governments openly pursue policies of violence, the paper concluded.

## KENNEDY SHOOTING POINTS TO TREND IN VIOLENCE

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1200 GMT 6 Jun 68 D

[Commentary: "Violence Begins To Fester"]

[Text] The attempt on the life of Senator Kennedy only a few months after the odious assassination of Dr Martin Luther King clearly indicates that violence is increasing in the United States. Violence also exists in other places in the world. It appears ever more clearly to be a contagious phenomenon which tends to develop even further. People note that violence exists almost everywhere--whether it is a murder plot with political motives, as in the United States, a civil war in a country or outside it, or subversion in some region. Sociologists wonder about the cause of this violence. The cause of this violence is not psychological or social, but purely political, for it appears that all violence, especially if there is subversion and terrorism, is used to promote politics. Thus, international law receives less and less respect. One wonders where this contagion of violence will spread and what remedy must be used to prevent its continuous expansion.

Under such troubled circumstances, our country deserves all the more the name of oasis of peace, for violence has no right to exist on our territory despite the criminal attempts of a few traitors who have tried to resort to it. As devout Buddhists, the Khmer people unanimously condemn the methods of violence which some people want to introduce into our country on order from their foreign masters. Their odious attempts have been in vain because we abhor doctrines which advocate violence and because we already have a better doctrine--the socialist Buddhist doctrine, which advocates peace, tolerance, solidarity, and unity. Acts of violence cannot be established here, as has been demonstrated by the defeats inflicted upon those engaging in subversive activities. The events in many areas outside our country infuse in us a deep hatred for acts of violence under all forms, because Cambodia under the Sangkum has long chosen a just path which is contrary to violence: the path of peace, a road much sought after by others on the international stage.

Other countries are not like the United States, which has lost its reputation by allowing the existence of violence in its political life. Nobody admires the law of the jungle and violence. For their part, the Khmer people will never agree to bow to this law of the jungle, since they have courageously and daily resisted acts of aggression from outside as well as subversion emanating from foreign inspiration.



## KENNEDY DEATH INCREASES UNCERTAINTY IN U.S.

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1200 GMT 7 Jun 68 D

[Commentary: "An Act Full of Consequences"]

[Text] It is with consternation, anxiety, and deep indignation that the world hears of the death yesterday of Senator Robert Kennedy. His assassination in Los Angeles has occupied so much space in the world press that the political consequences will be considerable. In fact, the electoral situation in the United States is modified in a great measure following this indescribable political assassination, and people wonder, not without anxiety, who will ultimately benefit from the tragic disappearance of the lamented senator.

The electoral uncertainty will increase because following the victory he had just won in the California primary election--one of the most important states for presidential elections--Senator Robert Kennedy could have hoped to obtain his party's nomination, and it was very likely that he (?would be chosen as) the Democratic candidate. Thus, the United States could have hoped to see, at the end of the year, a president who would have given a new orientation to U.S. policy by taking inspiration from the (?generous) views of President Kennedy, who also was killed under disconcerting and tragic circumstances.

But the United States will no longer have such a president, because the candidate who was the most appreciated and most apt to lead his country onto a more humane and peaceful path was killed. People see once again that violence has triumphed in a country which has so far (?followed) its democratic traditions but which has allowed these traditions to be bypassed by shameful political (?murders). Therefore, it is quite easy to understand the anxiety voiced in reaction abroad and even in the United States.

Doubtlessly, a number of Americans today wonder whether (?they will) become the most frightening people on this planet, as was stated the day before yesterday by an adviser and friend of the lamented President John Kennedy. This belated question recalls the (?need) to modify the baneful tendencies which are developing in U.S. political life. It is doubtful whether this will occur, because there seems to exist today in the United States a secret, but deliberate will to set aside, through unscrupulous recourse to violence, those young people who want to rejuvenate U.S. policy.

With regard to one of the great powers in the world, this remark cannot but justify the fears voiced following the revolting assassination of Senator Kennedy.

The cause of peace--not only in Vietnam but also everywhere else--cannot but suffer from this tragic event because where violence triumphs under any form whatever, peace will become remote--civil order within each state and peace among nations. However, one may hope that the outburst of violence which is shaking the world today and the case of the assassination of Senator Kennedy, which constitute a new and particularly dramatic era, will ultimately come to an end. However, henceforth the grave perils resulting from the continuous recourse to violence will persist and call for the greatest vigilance from countries which, like ours, condemn violence under all forms and whatever its source.

## KENNEDY DEATH LINKED TO HONG KONG COMMUNISTS

Taipei CNA in English 1237 GMT 17 Jun 68 W

[Text] Hong Kong--Hong Kong communists are claiming that the assassination of Sen Robert Kennedy was the work of their agents, according to the English afternoon STAR Monday.

The STAR, quoting its own sources, said that suspected assassin Sirhan Sirhan was contacted by agents of Peiping's "ambassador" to Egypt, Huang Hua, during the former's visit to Cairo last year.

The STAR previously reported that Huang Hua is actually in charge of communist underground work in the United States. Huang allegedly has also established contact with the black power movement in the United States.

## PRESS COMMENTS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1050 GMT 7 Jun 68 B

[From the Indian Press Review]

[Text] The entire press has come out with editorials on the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. We give below extracts from a few.

The STATESMAN, Delhi and Calcutta, says: Now the second Kennedy brother has died at the hands of an assassin in circumstances of grave import to the country both sought to serve. Though Robert Kennedy was merely an aspirant to the U.S. Presidency, his murder comes as an almost greater, because cumulative, shock than that of his elder brother who died in office. The paper adds: Sympathy with Kennedy and his family, stricken by a succession of tragedies, has been prompt and universal, indeed, no more than due a man whose last coherent words were an attempt to find out whether other people were safe. It endorses President Johnson's view that even rigorous measures to prevent further assassinations may not be enough so long as the climate of violence exists.

The STATESMEN points out: Rightly or wrongly, Robert Kennedy seemed of all the Democratic candidates the favorite of the Negro citizens. The Negroes' already embittered condition is not likely to be eased by its champion's violent removal. The courage and the vigor with which he stood against racism and intolerance made him a symbol of hope to a people torn by doubt about the senseless war abroad and mounting tensions at home. There was an undeniable quality about him, as with his brother, which is all too rare in politics. It may prove very difficult to replace.

The INDIAN EXPRESS, Delhi, Bombay, and Madras, says: It was perhaps too much to hope that the surgeon's knife would save Robert Kennedy's life. Both the manner of his going and its timing are truly tragic. Yet another Kennedy and yet another American liberal has been snatched from the political scene in the prime of life. John Kennedy was at least spared until he had been able to impress his stand of greatness on his country's history. In a sense Robert Kennedy's death has been crueler. He has fallen to an assassin's bullets just when he was approaching the center of the stage to play a crucial role in American politics. The paper also points out that Robert Kennedy wanted to take America forward to liberalism and adds: He might yet achieve his goal posthumously.

The PATRIOT of Delhi, quoting Bernard Shaw, says that only the greatest and the noblest of men are assassinated. It says that the youth of America, a great part of the poorer sections of its population, and the Negroes had begun to see Robert Kennedy as different from the usual American politician--a man who was not committed entirely to the dark influences that govern American politics today. He humorously remarked a few days before he was shot that both big business and big trade unions disliked him. This summed up his position.

## COMMENTARY ON KILLING OF ROBERT KENNEDY

Djakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian 1310 GMT 7 Jun 68 B

[Text] Dear listeners: In November, the United States will observe the fifth anniversary of the death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who was shot and killed on 23 November 1963. In the same month, 6 months from now, the late John Kennedy's younger brother, Robert Kennedy, could have won this year's presidential election to occupy the White House his brother once occupied.

However, last Wednesday Robert Kennedy met the same fate as his brother while campaigning in the Los Angeles Democratic Party primary, and died Thursday from a bullet wound in the head.

In connection with the incident, President Lyndon Johnson said that this wasteful act created a national tragedy. President Johnson condemned the killing of the senator and said that the shooting indicated that force would fell America's best sons. He called on his people to forsake the use of force which had also killed President John Kennedy and Dr Martin Luther King only a few months ago.

As of today, the motive of the assassin, a Jordanian Arab by the name of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is still not clear.

We are also still uncertain whether the mysterious killing will remain an insoluble mystery similar to the assassination of President John Kennedy, which was believed committed by Lee Harvey Oswald, or the killing of Dr Martin Luther King, whose killer has yet to be arrested.

Whatever the reason for the assassinations, we believe that in a democratic country like the United States there is an urgent need for the strongest protection of its citizens.

We know that there have been frequent killings and the use of explosives to blow up people's homes. Force has also been frequently used in civil rights demonstrations which ultimately caused losses to both the government and society.

We greatly appreciate the freedom of thought and the freedom of speech which have been practiced in a democratic country like the United States, where every citizen has the opportunity to express his views. On the other hand, we see the need for increasing the protection of citizens, so that they always will be able to pursue their democratic aspirations.

We know that democratic life in the United States has been mature for quite some time. However, it seems that the social conditions have not always been able to provide the opportunity for the fullest exercise of man's democratic and basic rights. Is this a remnant of the old way of life which was practiced by the pioneers who crisscrossed the country in search of natural wealth and a living place? Or is it, as is said by some people, that American society is sick, sick because of its materialistic way of life and the lack of spirituality? Or is it because, as has been said by Europeans who are proud that their country has been a source of world culture, that although the United States has made tremendous technological progress it is still dependent on Europe for its culture.

The assassinations which have taken place in the United States in the past few years have caused deep disappointment among the people of the world. This development can no longer be said to affect merely the country's life; it also affects the country's good name and it may even affect the world's respect for the American way of life.

## REACTIONS TO DEATH OF SEN ROBERT KENNEDY

## JSP Secretary General

Tokyo KYODO in English 0743 GMT 6 Jun 68 T

[Text] Tottori--Koichi Yamamoto, secretary general of the Japan Socialist Party, said here Thursday that Wednesday's shooting of Sen Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles made him feel that American democracy was facing danger.

He said that the war policies the United States has followed since the end of World War II make the American people "militant." In addition to the "militancy" of the Americans, he said, the tragedy was brought about as a result of contradictions produced by racial problems and gaps between the young and old generations and also between students and the older generation.

## Democratic Socialist Propaganda Chief

Tokyo KYODO in English 1005 GMT 6 Jun 68 T

[Excerpt] Tokyo--Eiichi Nagasue, chief of the Democratic Socialist Party's propaganda bureau, expressed his sympathy for the dead senator's family. He said that the loss of Robert F. Kennedy was also regrettable from the standpoint of Japan-U.S. relations. Kennedy, who had many friends in Japan, had done much to help solve the Okinawa problem, he said.

He said that the United States has stuck its nose too deeply into the affairs of other countries despite the fact that it was burdened with complicated internal problems. Efforts by the United States to improve its internal administration would lead to better security in the Far East, he noted.

## Trade Union Official's Statement

Tokyo YOMIURI 7 Jun 68 Morning Edition p 3 T

[Text] Hanoi, 6 June--NIHON DEMPA NEWS--Hanoi government circles believe that the assassination of U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy was caused by the growing contradictions in U.S. ruling circles.

According to the Sohyo delegation (delegation head Seiichi Suzuki and four others) which is visiting Hanoi, when the delegation talked with Hoang Quoc Viet, chairman of the Vietnamese Federation of Trade Unions, on 6 June, the latter said: "The assassination of Kennedy indicates the internal confusion of the U.S. ruling groups. These groups have finally reached the stage of murdering each other. Because of such confusion in the United States, U.S. imperialism is likely to become more violent in the process of carrying out the Vietnam war."

Vietnamese information media on 6 June, such as NHAN DAN, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN, and radio broadcasts, merely reported that Senator Kennedy was assassinated.

## TUNKU SHOCKED, SADDENED BY KENNEDY DEATH

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay 1230 GMT 6 Jun 68 D

[Text] In Kuala Lumpur, Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman has expressed shock and sorrow at Senator Kennedy's death. He described the incident as a tragedy which should not have happened to such a good man. On behalf of the people of Malaysia and himself, the Tunku has expressed sympathy to the Kennedy family and the late senator's wife.

## MANILA PRESS COMMENT ON KENNEDY SHOOTING

Singapore AFP in English 0555 GMT 7 Jun 68 B

[Text] Manila--The independent Manila TIMES today suggested that the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy was a product of cold war propaganda.

In an editorial entitled "Time of Assassins in the Era of Protest," the daily said any attempt to interpret the "madness" of the assassination must take into account "The role played by hatred bred during the cold war, the fears and suspicions deliberately built up by propaganda and espionage organizations to condition the minds of people."

The nationalist Manila CHRONICLE said the possibility of an American civil war, as a result of the Kennedy killing and the recent race riots, "is too dreadful to even think of."

## SINMIN PARTY LEADER: U.S. IN MORAL CRISIS

Seoul Domestic Service in Korean 1200 GMT 6 Jun 68 B

[Excerpts] At the sad news of the death of Sen Robert Kennedy all political circles in this country unanimously expressed sympathy and condolences, praying for the repose of the deceased.

Meanwhile, Chong Il-yong, vice president of the Sinmin Party, said: "I think that it was in 1961 that I met with Sen Robert Kennedy in New York City for a talk about the situation in our country and Southeast Asia.

"The news that he was shot in Los Angeles while campaigning for the presidential nomination shocked not only Americans but also the whole world. While praying for his recovery, we now hear this sad news of his death; we cannot but feel sorrow and shock. First of all, we would like to pray for the repose of the deceased and extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

"This political assassination, together with those of John F. Kennedy and Dr Martin Luther King, has fully exposed that the prestige of the United States as the guardian of democracy is gone and that American society is plagued with violence. This is something lamentable indeed. I cannot but feel sad that the latest tragedy has exposed the moral crisis of the United States--in other words, the United States is also showing signs of decay.

"We believe that the United States and the American citizens should learn a lesson from this tragedy, restore reason, and return to their fundamental spirit, idealism, and to the Protestant spirit, and that they need some self-examination and effort to regain the lost prestige of the United States of America."

## KENNEDY SHOOTING DRAWS EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET

Bangkok WORLD in English 6 Jun 68 p 1 D

[Text] Deputy Premier Prince Wan Waithyakorn yesterday expressed his regret that Sen Robert Kennedy was wounded. Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman also expressed his regret and called Senator Kennedy "one of the distinguished people of the United States" who could do a great deal for his country.

Though Senator Kennedy's policy was in opposition to the Thai government's, it still had to be said that Senator Kennedy is an able man, he added. The secretary general of the prime minister's office, Lt Gen Sawaeng Senanarong, said he regretted that the incident occurred in a country that is a world example in democracy.