

Celebrants' one-minute silence

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 100 celebrating second-year medical students from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, observed a one-minute silence "in honour of a great man" on hearing the news of President Kennedy's death last night.

They were attending an end-of-examination party in the Medical Hall at the University.

The party broke up shortly afterwards.

TV tributes in Britain

LONDON.—British Television stations told viewers last night that President Kennedy was dead and then suspended regular broadcasts.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Independent Television played funeral music.

The shooting of the President set up shock waves in Britain. Newspaper offices were swamped with calls from anxious Britons as well as Americans in London.

Moscow Radio also broke into its regular services news bulletin to tell Russian listeners that the President had been shot. This was before news of his death had reached Moscow.

Phoned for facts

The United States Consul-General in Johannesburg, Mr. Russell L. Riley, was dining with an American friend in Johannesburg, Mr. P. Bell, when he heard the news. He telephoned the "Rand Daily Mail" for details.

Crowds shocked at the news

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JOHANNESBURG cinema audiences, who did not know of the killing, were stunned when they heard the news of President Kennedy's assassination.

A "Rand Daily Mail" reporter who confronted a Commissioner Street cinema audience with the news just as they were leaving the theatre at 11 p.m. was told: "Just what kind of a hoax is this? Is this your idea of a joke? Go on, man!"

Other, more incredulous, patrons were shocked. They echoed the news: "President Kennedy shot . . . incredible . . . unbelievable . . . why?—who did it? . . . was it a Red?"

Mrs. Les Hurder, the first woman out of one of the cinemas said she was "horrified" and called out to the people behind her: "President Kennedy has been assassinated."

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Mr. Russell Stewart, who has just moved to Johannesburg from Northern Rhodesia, said: "It's incredible—only last week I wrote to the White House asking for the President's signature for my son."

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Richter, who attended a Bree Street cinema, said the management announced the killing at the end of the performance. "There was a momentary silence, then pandemonium broke loose as people cried: 'When, where, who . . . Everyone ran for the door to get more news."

"And to think that only a few hours ago we saw the President, his wife, and children in a news-reel. They were watching the Black Watch Regiment Pipe Band giving a performance at the White House," Mr. Richter said.