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*ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY*

**POLL TELLS REACTION**

# JFK Assassination Flash Heard by 92% of U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than two hours after it happened, 92 per cent of Americans had heard of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Of 1,400 adults interviewed, nine of 10 experienced one or more of 15 physical symptoms during the four days climaxed by the funeral.

Two-thirds "felt very nervous and tense."

A majority felt "sort of dazed and numb."

At some period most people — men and women — cried.

These are highlights of a report, "Assassination! — how

the American public responded," given Friday to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

It was prepared by Drs. Paul B. Sheatsley and Norman M. Bradburn of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

"The vast tide of public grief which welled up upon the assassination of President Kennedy — among rich and poor, friend and foe, in all parts of the country — was probably unprecedented in history," they wrote.

Most persons said they dropped whatever they were doing to listen to radio-television reports, discuss the assassination or quietly grieve. Less

than one in five could carry on normal activities.

"The first reactions of nine Americans out of 10 were of sympathy for Mrs. Kennedy and the children, and deep feelings of sorrow that 'a strong young man had been killed at the height of his power,'" the researchers said.

A "great majority" also expressed regret over the slaying of the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. The report added: "About one-third specifically stated their sorrow that he had been deprived of a fair trial."

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