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# Kennedy Relatives in Ireland Beg RFK's Parents: Stop Te

"Please, I beg you, don't let Teddy try to carry the torch of the Kennedys back to the White House! I fear greatly that if Teddy attempts to follow the path of his murdered brothers, he, too, will die — by an assassin's bullet or knife."

This was the cry of Mrs. Mary Ryan, head of the Kennedy clan in Ireland after getting the shocking news of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Mrs. Ryan's tearful plea was made through The ENQUIRER to her American cousin, the ailing Joseph P. Kennedy, and his wife, Rose, who are parents of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

"With all my aching and grief-torn heart, I appeal to them, to Teddy's wife, Joan, and to Jackie and Ethel, the tragic widows of his assassinated brothers," Mrs. Ryan said.

"I feel that he is in danger even now — the danger of death from the hand or the trigger-finger of some maniac who realizes he only has to kill Teddy in order to wipe out an entire generation of Kennedy brothers."

"Turn your eyes, your heads and your hearts, I beg of you, from the fulfillment of a destiny that decrees a Kennedy once again should sit in the White House."

Plump, motherly Mrs. Ryan, 67, sobbed as she spoke in her Dunganstown, County Wexford, farmhouse — twice visited by the late President John F. Kennedy.

"I feel that I have the right and the duty to speak out frankly and fully," she said.

"The Kennedy boys have always been assigned missions.

"I know it was my cousin Joe's fondest wish that his first son, Joseph Jr., who was killed in World War II duty, would lead the family into politics.

"Jack told me the last time we talked that when Joe Jr. was killed his father instructed him that he would have to take over.



**WITH HIS IRISH KIN:** President Kennedy takes a cup of tea with Mary Ryan and her daughter, Mary Ann, (left) while visiting his relatives in County Wexford, Ireland.

## 'Now is the time for our family to set aside ambition and the desire to lead.'

"He told me also that if anything happened to him, Bobby would take his place and that if anything happened to Bobby, Teddy would take over.



**WARM GREETING:** JFK is kissed by his cousin, Mrs. Mary Ryan.

"But Teddy," Mrs. Ryan said, drying her eyes, "should forsake ambition to become a father to the little Kennedys left fatherless by madmen's bullets.

"Now is the time for our family to set aside ambition and the desire to lead," she declared.

"And this decision will call for real courage.

"Teddy is a skilled lawyer and can earn a fine living. He should put political ambition aside.

"If he doesn't, he is almost certain to become victim No. 3. That is my feeling.

"Perhaps he can continue to be a senator. That's for his wife and family to decide. But I'm sure he will invite more killing and disgrace on America's

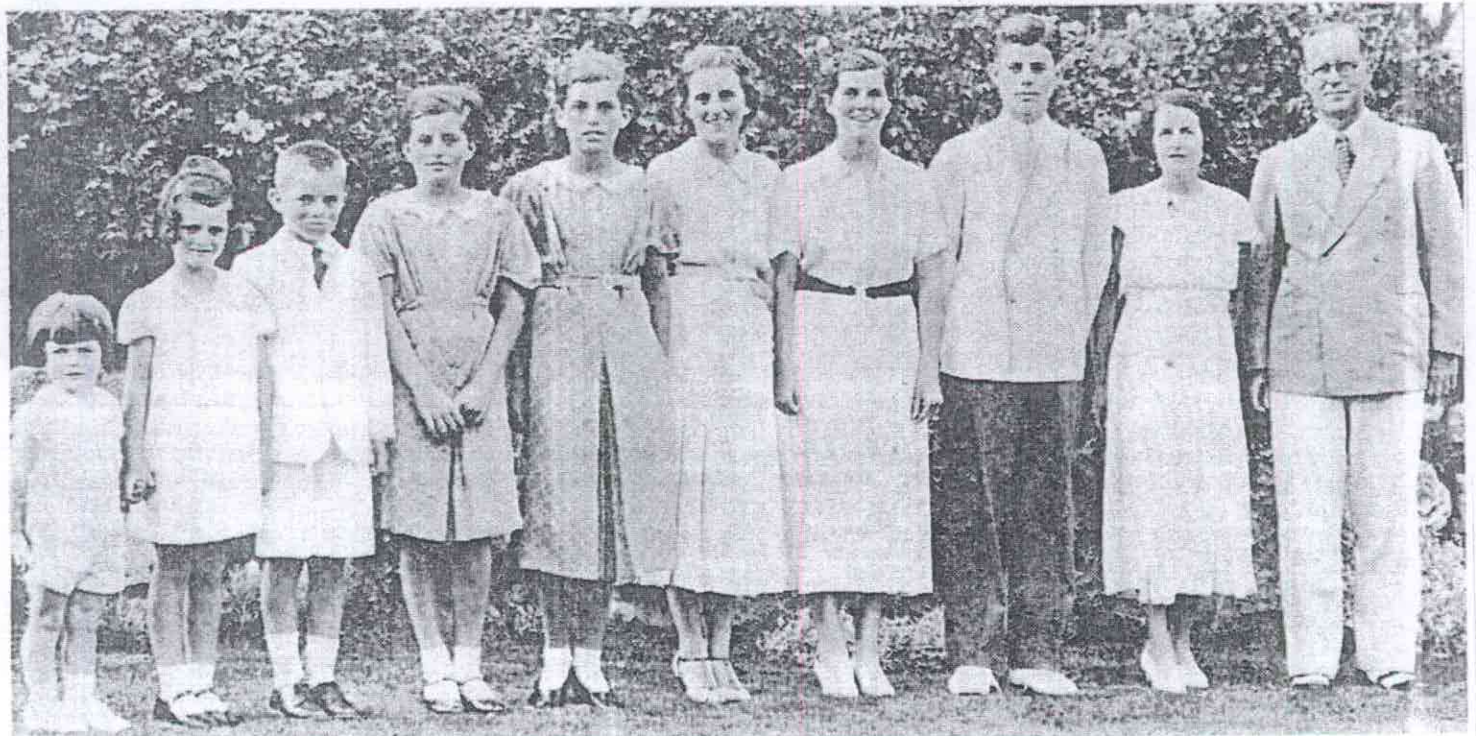
fair name if he runs for President.

"Bobby left 10 children — with an 11th still to be born — and Jack left two. Together with his own three children, Teddy's responsibility and his mission should be to become a father to them all.

"Those poor children have known such terror, such horror, such tragedy. As head of the Kennedy family in Ireland, the country from whence the American Kennedys came, I appeal to Joseph Sr. and his wife, Rose, to turn from this tragic road." Mrs. Ryan, whose grandfather and



**JOE KENNEDY JR.**  
Killed in World War II.



**THE AMERICAN KENNEDYS:** Joseph Kennedy with his wife, Rose, and 8 of their 9 children in 1934 (from left) Edward, Jeanne, Robert, Patricia, Eunice, Kathleen, Rosemary and John.

# Teddy From Following



**KENNEDY BROTHERS:** A happy moment is shared by Edward, John and Robert Kennedy in this 1956 photo.



**MRS. ROSE KENNEDY**



**JOSEPH P. KENNEDY**



**GRIEVING LOOK:** Mrs. Ethel Kennedy looks over the shoulder of Senator Edward Kennedy, at the coffin of her slain husband.

Joseph Sr.'s grandfather were brothers, spoke of the trans-Atlantic ties which have been maintained by the two branches of the family.

"Jack came to visit us in 1947 and, again, when he was President in 1963," she recalled. "We have always kept up a correspondence with Bobby and Teddy and their mother, Rose, who has written as well on behalf of Joseph Sr., who is paralyzed.

"My daughter, Mary Ann, represented the Irish branch of the family at Jack's funeral, staying as a guest at the homes of the various members of the family."

Then she spoke of what she termed the "curse" of the tragedy-haunted American Kennedys — the death of Joe Jr. in World War II, the assassinations of Jack and Bobby, the paralytic stroke which felled the father, the air crash death of Kathleen and the mental retardation of another sister, Rosemary.

"I know that the family of Bobby's wife, Ethel, has not escaped tragedy, either," Mrs. Ryan said.

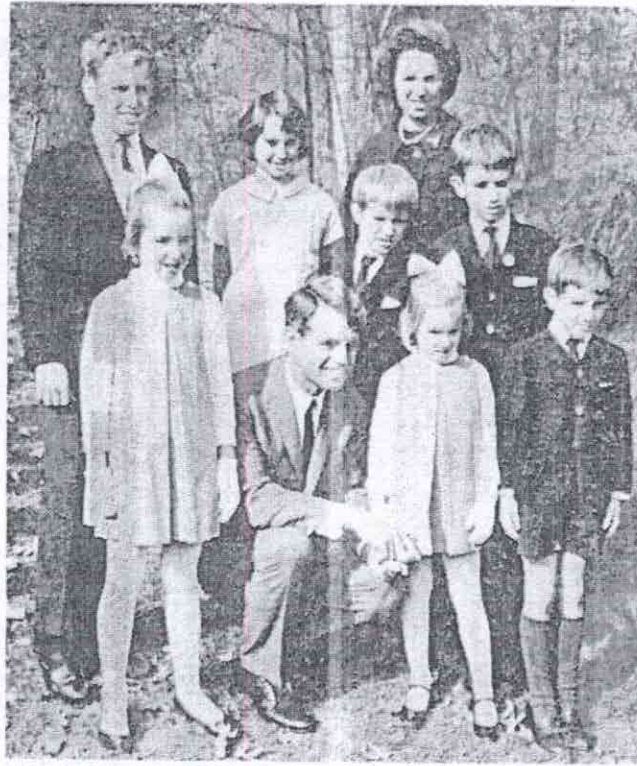
"Her parents and her brother, George, all died in violent accidents," she said.

As her daughter, Mrs. Josie Grennan, 29, nodded in agreement, Mrs. Ryan then made this direct proposal to the Kennedys:

"Bring your children back to

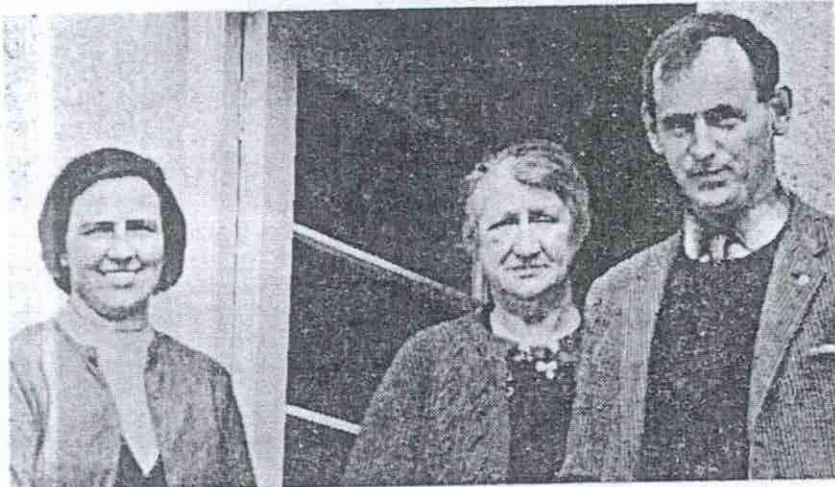
peace in Ireland. Withdraw from politics and show the courage to bury a family's ambitions.

"The little children need a break. Perhaps here in Ireland they and their mothers will have the time to reflect.



**FAMILY MAN:** Senator Robert Kennedy and wife, Ethel, with seven of their children in 1964.

## the Path of His Murdered Brothers



**COUSINS:** Mrs. Mary Ryan at home with her daughter, Josie, and her son-in-law, Patrick Grennan.



**SOLE SURVIVOR** of the four Kennedy brothers is Edward, who is seen here with his wife, Joan.

**'Teddy should forsake ambition to become a father to the little Kennedys left fatherless by madmen's bullets.'**

In the turmoil of these times, I might be best able to counsel you."

Mrs. Ryan then suggested that the American Kennedys might work out an arrangement to spend six months of each year somewhere in the United States and the other six months of the year in Ireland.

"I would welcome them. I would like them to feel they can come home — to the place of their origins."

Then Mrs. Ryan mused again about President Kennedy's 1963 visit to her 40-acre farm where his great-grandfather Patrick, lived in Ireland before setting off to America and founding a dynasty.

"Jack confided to me then that fate had never been kind to the American Kennedys," she said.

"He told me: 'It can be a bullet, a gun, a knife. It could come any time. It would be the same if any member of my family succeeds me and I know that somebody will.'"

Mrs. Grennan and her husband, Patrick — Mrs. Ryan's son-in-law — returned to the house after milking the cows and pointed out all the farm acreage.

"We, like my mother, feel the Kennedys should come back here to Ireland," Mrs. Grennan said.

"We could find a lovely house for them.

"Fate always has dogged them. I remember Jack saying that the American Kennedys always felt they should keep their fingers crossed."

Mrs. Grennan's younger sister, Mary Ann, 27, who attended President Kennedy's funeral, was on duty as a nurse in a Dublin hospital when word was brought to her of the shooting of Bobby. She collapsed.

Later, Mary said:

"We all hope Teddy will not run for President. We always felt that it was in the American family's mind that Bobby should act as a sort of regent until Teddy, who is 36, campaigned for the White House.

"His father always said that Teddy had the best political brains in the family. But we hope with all our hearts that he forsakes his ambitions to be President. The trouble is, though, that the tragedy may make Teddy more determined than ever. The Kennedys are like that."

Mary recalled that on her last visit to the Kennedys at Hyannisport, Mass., Mrs. Rose Kennedy told her of her plans to campaign for Bobby on what was to be his fatal bid for the presidential nomination.

"And she did, very energetically for her 77 years," Mary said.

"I also recall her saying that she probably would not be able to do the same for Teddy. But, she was thinking, of course, of 1976 — not 1968. It shows, however, how the Kennedy mind works."

Sharing Mrs. Ryan's belief that the Kennedys should return to Ireland are her brother, James Kennedy, 70, also a farmer, and another cousin, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy Kirwan of Enniscorthy.

"It's the best thing that family could do," James Kennedy said.

"They have all the wealth anybody could have and we want no part of it. But I would help find them the grandest house in all Ireland."

Mrs. Kirwan, 53, mother of three children, Matt, Margaret and Patrick, a policeman said: "When Jack was over here as President, he lifted his tea cup in a toast to 'all the Kennedys who went and all those who stayed.'"

"The Irishness in the American Kennedys is very strong — a quality never understood by the British and even by a lot of Americans. This Irishness is expressed in attaining long-set goals.

"But I share with Mrs. Ryan the hope that the American family will now

have the wisdom to change — particularly in any plans they may have for Teddy to run for President.

"Teddy is now the head of the family, so to speak, in view of his father's illness. He owes it to all the children in that family not to court danger."

The feelings of all, however, were summed up in Mrs. Ryan's parting words:

"Politics aside, there are so many maniacs and mentally unstable people running about to whom the idea of rubbing out the last Kennedy brother might become an obsession. I am sure my relatives in America must realize this.

"But the women folk must stand firm in their resolve to keep Teddy from trying to go farther in politics.

"Nobody will think Teddy cowardly if he leaves the public arena now. In fact, they will respect him for his courage in putting aside his ambitions for the sake of the family and all those children.

"After all, the Kennedys already have done enough for the United States."

— RALPH MAHONEY