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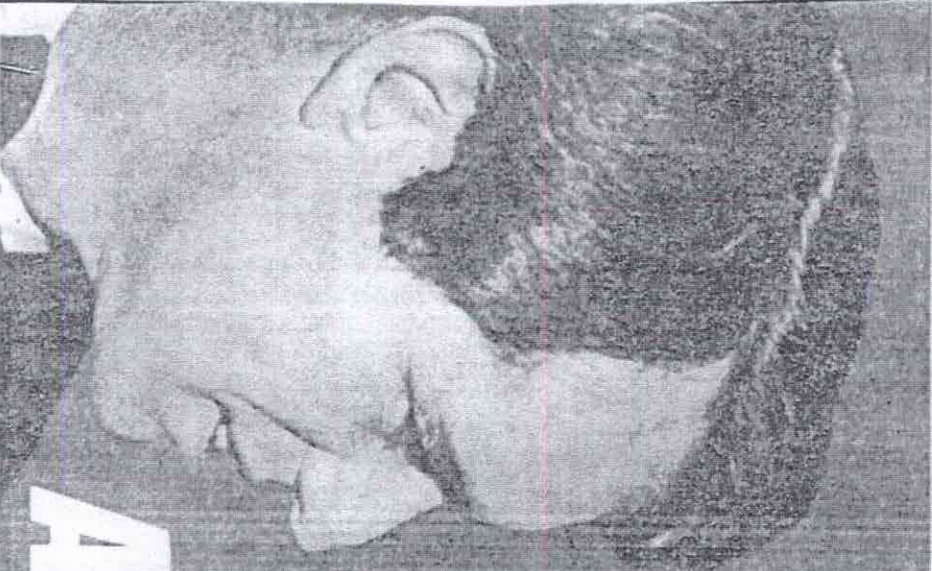
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Jackie Predicted Bobby Kennedy's Assassination



UNHAPPY PREMONITION: Just 3 months before the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy (left), Jackie Kennedy told Gian-Carlo Menotti she had a strange feeling that brother-in-law Bobby would meet with the same fate as her husband.

By IAIN CALDER

Jackie Kennedy predicted the assassination of her brother-in-law, Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It happened at a dinner party after Senator Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President last March.

Mrs. Kennedy, widow of President John F. Kennedy, was entertaining a group of musicians, singers and other celebrities of the art world in her New York apartment on Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park.

Composer Gian-Carlo Menotti was among the guests and, as he told *The ENQUIRER* last month:

"Sometime during the evening's conversation I asked Mrs. Kennedy if she was happy that her brother-in-law had announced he was running for the Presidency.

"She replied — I can't remember the exact words — something like 'How can I be happy? I know very well that sooner or later they will shoot him as they have already done with my husband.'"

That was less than three months before Senator Kennedy, elated by his stunning primary election victory over Senator Eugene J. McCarthy in California, was mortally wounded in Los Angeles by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on June 5.

Mrs. Kennedy's melancholy prediction lowered a curtain of uneasiness on the party, as Menotti recalled. The talk faded into silences and the guests soon left.

Menotti said: "It was very embarrassing."

Mrs. Kennedy and Menotti have been closely associated in the Harlem Theater and Workshop in New York,



COMPOSER Menotti says that he and the other guests at Jackie's Fifth Avenue apartment in New York were embarrassed into silence by her prediction that Bobby Kennedy would be shot.

a project which he conceived to encourage a greater amount of Negro participation in the field of dramatic arts. Menotti is president of the enter-

prised and Mrs. Kennedy is a director, along with singer Marian Anderson, architect R. Buckminster Fuller, Goddard Lieberson, president of CBS Columbia Records, and others.

Menotti, one of the foremost operatic composers of the 20th Century, was in Spoleto, Italy, presenting his Festival of Two Worlds, when he told this reporter about Mrs. Kennedy's prophetic comment.

The *ENQUIRER* had gone after Menotti for an interview after his comments on Jackie's prediction appeared in the London Evening Standard. Menotti recalled:

"Mrs. Kennedy and I meet quite often.

"Her name is valuable in raising the \$5 million necessary for building the Harlem Theater.

"I can't deny what Mrs. Kennedy said at the dinner party because she did say it.

"I am very sorry that so much publicity is being given to it.

"After Bobby's assassination I was having lunch in London with the music critic of the London Evening Standard. The subject of the assassination came up and I remembered what Mrs. Kennedy had said.

"I didn't realize that the next day it would be in big headlines on the front page of the Standard.

"It has caused me much embarrassment already. I always seem to open my big mouth and say too much.

"I don't want to talk about it any more."

Tragedy may have been on Mrs. Kennedy's mind at the dinner — for only shortly before she had seen a performance of Menotti's opera "The Medium."

It is a one-act musical drama with the theme of spiritualism and death.