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*A Letter From
a Friend of Labor*

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Mr. Morris Evenson
1269 Howard
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Evenson:

My brother Ted and my good friend Phil Burton told me of the fine meeting they had with you last Friday afternoon in San Francisco.

I want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to talk about my campaign for the Presidency of the United States.

I hope to have the opportunity to discuss the campaign with you personally in the near future, but in the meantime, I hope you will be assured of my deep concern for the welfare of the working men and women of our country as we strive together for economic and social justice for all our citizens.

We have come far--but we have farther to go to ensure the best hours and conditions for the men and women of organized labor, and I pledge to you my support for the just goals of your union and your members.

With warmest personal regards,
Sincerely,
Robert F. Kennedy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It may well become only too well evident, and in not too distant future, that the tragic death of Robert Kennedy is the tragedy of those who had given him his victories in the primaries, the tragedy of the ghetto, the poor whites, the Latin American, the Indians, the workers and that part of the youth which became articulate through the students who gave him such unstinted support.

Big Labor, most of the Big Business, all of the Southern set-up united under the false front of the former liberal, Vice-President Hubert Humphrey.

James Reston is unquestionably correct when he states that Robert Kennedy "was more willing than his party and the rest of the country to throw all his passion and energy into ending the war in Vietnam and transforming the life of the cities." This is the key to understanding the heart and mind of Robert Kennedy.

The tragedy of our time is that the events of the last few years proved that the leadership of this country, quagmired in the status-quo and in an attempted, but bankrupted consensus, struck in a senseless, illegal and undeclared war against a small peasant country, became immobilized in the face of an internal situation which demands and immediate solution.

Robert Kennedy had begun to move the country from the dead center of an impasse because he became the spokesman of those for whom the solution of their economic, social and political problems lay in a radical transformation of the whole structure of the political, economic and the ideological life of the country.

Let this understanding of the tragedy of Robert Francis Kennedy become a part of the heritage of the best tradition of the United States of America.

Leon Kogan

