

# GRIEF OVER KENNEDY TRAGEDY

A stunned world expressed sadness and disbelief at the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Flags were lowered to half-staff around the globe.

America's friends were shocked, and rushed to send condolences. Its critics blamed an atmosphere of hate in the United States, claiming it proved the violent nature of its society.

In West Berlin, some 2000 German youths marched silently through downtown streets last night to honor the slain American senator. The youths marched from Wittenberg Square to the plaza in front of the Schoeneberg City Hall named for John F. Kennedy after he was assassinated.

In Moscow, a Russian wept openly in his office. Children fell to their knees in prayer in Irish classrooms. Danes placed flowers outside the American Embassy.

The news came to Vietnam on American troops' pocket-sized transistors.

Two deaths were directly attributed to the news of the murder. In Athens, a printer exclaimed, "Oh no," and collapsed of a heart attack. He was 70. In Naples, a 68-year-old man leaped from a four-story building after telling friends he was tired of living in a world full of atrocities such as the Kennedy shooting.

U.S. embassies around the world opened black books of condolence for the admirers of Sen. Kennedy to sign as a token of grief. Kings and presidents cabled sympathy to the senator's widow and President Johnson.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, deploring the "villainous assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy," sent a telegram to the senator's widow last night expressing his sincere condolences.

The Soviet parliament also sent a telegram to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey who is also president of the Senate, saying that "the atrocious crime to which Robert Kennedy fell victim, arouses indignation of the Soviet people."

Kosygin said in his telegram

to Mrs. Kennedy: "Allow me to express my sincere condolences over the grave loss befallen to you and your family.

"The villainous assassination of your husband, Robert F. Kennedy, provokes the feeling of profound indignation of the Soviet people."

The official Kromlin newspaper, Izvestia, charged that by playing up the Jordanian origin of the alleged assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, some forces in America were attempting to absolve the American way of life.

East Germany, Poland and Cuba echoed the theme, but other Communist nations were more sympathetic. Czechoslovakian foreign ministry issued a statement which said, "The Kennedy assassination was a shocking human tragedy not

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General Thant led a procession of diplomats to the U.S. mission to sign a condolence book. Many Japanese wept on the streets.

The Middle East had expressions of regret, but many said Kennedy paid for what Arabs regard as America's pro-Israelic policy. Athens newspapers, once instructed by the military government to limit coverage on the campaign of the senator, a critic of the current regime, were allowed to print extra editions.

Premier George Papadopolous said: "It is imperative that were unanimous and cruelly be wiped from public life forever." Canada's Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, said the senator's death is "a blow to all of us."

While Hungarians were unanimous in their sympathy for the "sick society" pupils of two Hungarian schools sent telegrams to the American Embassy expressing their sympathy for the death.

# Shooting Spurs Demand to Enforce Laws Better

## Supervisors Call for Full Protection of Senator's Assailant to Avert 'Another Dallas'

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The Board of Supervisors Wednesday demanded improvement of all of the county's law enforcement facilities as the result of the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The county supervisors also called for full protection of Kennedy's assailant so that his motives can be determined and "another Dallas" can be averted.

L. S. Hollinger, county chief administrative officer, was ordered to confer with the Sheriff's Department and others to prepare a county bond project for the Nov. 5 ballot.

"We must take this matter of law enforcement to the people," said Supervisor Warren M. Dorn in moving for this action.

"They want something—better training facilities and better service facilities," he emphasized.

"We must have a crash program to insure the best law enforcement possible."

Dorn said the overwhelming approval of city voters for the Los Angeles Police Department's \$25,225,000 bond issue Tuesday pointed up the demand for better enforcement even before the shooting of Sen. Kennedy.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the citizens insist on knowing "what the motive was for this dastardly attack."

As supervisor for the Public Defender's Department, Hahn said he will confer with department

officials on steps to protect the key suspect in the Kennedy shooting.

"In this county," he said, "we don't want to repeat what happened in Dallas, where law itself broke down and ended in the shooting of Harvey Oswald."

"Everyone wants to know the motives. The man here should be extremely well protected so there will be no mob rule on his life.

"We don't want what happened in Dallas, where everyone went almost crazy."

The board voted unanimous approval of Hahn's motion for a proclamation urging citizens of all faiths to pray for Sen. Kennedy's full recovery and asking all houses of worship to remain open for prayer.

Hahn said the board was speaking for all citizens of the county and its cities.

Rabbi Meyer H. Simon of Temple Sinai, Glendale, opened the supervisors' meeting by offering prayers for the senator's recovery and solace for his family.

Chairman Frank G. Bonelli said, "I don't see how one family can have so much tragedy. It's unbelievable."

Both Bonelli and Hahn commented that normally the Board of Supervisors would be jubilant over the Tuesday reelection of three supervisors—Hahn, Dorn and Burton W. Chace.

Instead all were saddened by the bullets fired so tellingly in the Ambassador.

## Prayers for Swift Recovery Offered

Special prayers for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's swift recovery and "unity in our country" were offered by the Police Department chaplain in a hushed City Council chamber Wednesday.

Lt. William J. Riddle was invited by Councilman Louis R. Nowell to express the city's sorrow at the attempted assassination of the Democratic presidential candidate.

"We believe it is Your will that a servant, a man who wants to serve his country, a man who has gone on record as believing in You and committing his life to You ... should recover," Riddle prayed.

# Conspiracy Hinted By New Evidence

## Thousands In Tribute To Senator

NEW YORK (UPI)—Thousands of mourners filled St. Patrick's Cathedral at sunrise today in a last farewell to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. They wept, crossed themselves and some kissed his coffin in bereavement.

The princely rich whose background he shared and the struggling poor whose cause he championed came in sadness to the mighty gothic cathedral on Fifth Avenue to pass by the closed coffin. His adopted city and the nation were saying goodbye to the assassinated senator they knew as Bobby.

Many reached out hesitantly and gently touched the coffin. Some leaned and kissed it, brushing back tears. Scores wept openly. Soulful music filled the vast church.

Grieving multitudes came in work clothes and finery. Young college students bore knapsacks. Many of those filing past were Negroes whose cause Kennedy had championed.

They passed in two single files at the rate of 70 per minute.

Within four hours more than 4,000 had viewed the casket.

A small, gray-haired woman in her 70s was among the thousands who filled the Cathedral. As she approached the coffin, she walked in front of a huge young man, over 6 feet tall and weighing 300 pounds. He stepped back politely.

Seconds later a young man in

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a blue jacket and white slacks, sporting a bushy mustache and a shaggy head of hair, buried his contorted face in his palms and wept.

In Vatican City, Pope Paul VI offered Mass for the repose of the soul of the 42-year-old Senator slain Wednesday in Los Angeles. The pontiff celebrated the Mass in his private chapel, with only his two secretaries looking on.

But it was in St. Patrick's that the sorrow of the nation was most dramatically demonstrated.

The Mass for the dead in

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Police are investigating indications that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination was a well-planned conspiracy and not the deed of a lone nationalistic terrorist.

Revelation of this twist came after it was learned a Kennedy campaign worker heard three swarthy men speaking in Arabic last Sunday at Kennedy headquarters. One of the trio is believed to have been Sirhan Sirhan, jailed in connection with Kennedy's assassination.

W. J. Wood, 43, who has returned to the U.S. after 5½ years in Saudi Arabia and speaks five Arabic dialects including Jordanese, said he first saw the three at Kennedy headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard Sunday while doing volunteer telephone work there.

"I just noticed them casually because I thought they were workers, but they weren't doing much real work. They were speaking quietly in English and I didn't pay any attention to what they were saying.

"But then they began speaking in Arabic in a distinct Jordanese dialect which I understand.

"One of them, and I don't remember which one, said:

"He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, but we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Wood said he paid no attention to the three men, although they appeared at headquarters again Monday. He thought nothing of their conversation until Wednesday when he recognized a picture of Sirhan as one of the three he had seen at Kennedy headquarters.

Wood was picked up at his hotel by Los Angeles police twice yesterday and questioned at length on his observations, according to Wood's brother.

Wood's account, coupled with

The Herald-Examiner learned more than 75 law enforcement officers are working full-time on the assassination case with headquarters set up at Los Angeles police's Rampart Division not far from the Ambassador Hotel and Grand Serrano Hotel where Sen. Kennedy died.

Of the total number, between 15 and 20 per cent are either FBI or Secret Service agents assigned to the case by the federal government.

A source close to the investigation said he did not know the exact number of federal agents supplied but said:

"We were told we could have as many of them as we needed." a police search for a Caucasian woman seen running from the shooting scene, and testimony of another man who saw a woman and man flee the pantry hall where the shooting occurred, appears to draw a picture of conspiracy.

Police are guarded in their comments of such a possibility. However, a high police official said the new evidence is the most substantial so far concerning a conspiracy.

The woman in a polka dot dress reportedly was seen moments after the shooting, running from the Ambassador Hotel saying:

"We shot him, we shot him."

When Kennedy campaign worker Sandy Serrano asked who was shot, the woman replied, "Kennedy," to Miss Serrano.

Booker Griffin, another witness, said he saw a woman who matched the description given by Miss Serrano, talking to a man who strongly resembled Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom before the shooting.

"They just didn't seem to fit. Everyone was happy and they didn't fit in. Then as Sen. Kennedy was leaving the platform I followed behind and saw the whole thing. I saw the shots and I saw this same woman and another man run through a door in the hallway.

"I yelled 'Stop them, they're getting away.'"

Griffin said his cries went unheeded because of the confusion. He said before he could

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## Grand Jury Hears Case Of Sirhan

Los Angeles County Grand Jury convened today to hear evidence compiled so far against the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and receive a request for a murder indictment against Sirhan Sirhan.

Police and District Attorney Evelle Younger are seeking the indictment and a trial possibly within 60 days.

An indictment would air agencies guarding the life of Sirhan held in County jail by eliminating a court appearance. If the grand jury for some reason would not indict Sirhan, police would have to file a murder complaint against him, then take him into an open court for arraignment. This is the step an indictment would sidestep. No arraignment is needed following indictment.

Police want him shielded from the public as much as possible to avoid a repeat of Dallas where Lee Harvey Oswald was slain by Jack Ruby en route from Dallas Police Headquarters to County Jail.

Six counts of assault with intent to commit murder already have been filed against the Jordanian—one for each of the six persons wounded during the assault on Kennedy.

## Supermarkets Will Close In RFK Honor

Southern California supermarkets will be closed Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in commemoration of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Robert Fox, president of the Food Employers' Council, said all the supermarkets would join in the memorial tribute.

All Thrifty Drug Stores will be closed until noon Saturday and Sunday.

# Infamous Warlock Lowliest Guard A.A. History

a Richard Siskin, an assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy, is under the tightest guard ever accorded a prisoner in the history of Jackson County, according to Peter J. Pitchess.

Only in receipt of a dozen meals a day, the 24-year-old Jordanian, Pitchess yesterday said, after Siskin was arraigned Wednesday night, he directed that an armed guard be stationed in the cell with the prisoner constantly, and that he then intensify other patrols.

The 24-hour guard, making a constant log to record activities, observes the prisoner through a small window in the door to the cell—only window in the 12-ft.-wide cubicle which is located in the medical ward on the second floor.

The 40-foot-long isolated corridor outside the cell is restricted only to those people involved in Siskin's custody. Four clerks, who are armed, are on duty in that area.

Constant surveillance of the wide perimeter of the entire building is maintained by dozens of armed cars. The second floor of the infirmary is closed to all elevators but one. Ten or 12 other inmates under special care are confined in adjacent cells in the medical ward and are not located in the

"We have received threats against his life, and some against our own for protecting him, as well as a couple against me, personally."

"We must maintain custody and security and see that his Constitutional rights are not violated," he emphasized that the extraordinary security is a protection of the prisoner from outside forces.

In contrast to the excitement the assassination has spurred around the world, the prisoner spends most of his time quietly reclining on his bed.

He sustained a sprained left ankle and a fractured left index finger, and was bruised about the head in a scuffle following the Kennedy shooting. He takes exercise in the corridor outside his cell accompanied by two deputies.

Two daily newspapers are available to him, and he has asked for two books—"The Secret Doctrine" by Mrs. H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks On At The Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbeater.

Both books involve the Theosophical Church and the philosophy of Theosophy which deals with a religion of reincarnation and miracles in which death is the ultimate before life can be reborn. The religion was founded by Mrs. Blavatsky in New York in the 1880s. There is at least one such church here in



—Herald-Examiner Photo

WITH AID FROM FAMILY FRIENDS, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY LIFTS BROTHER'S BODY ONTO JET  
 The body of assassinated presidential aspirant Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lies in state in New York today

## POLICE CHECK CONSPIRACY LEAD

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 get anyone to listen, he was pushed backward by Kennedy aides who were clearing the immediate area of the shooting.  
 Wood, a water geologist, said he worked for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture and

ence, Mayor Yorty mentioned several times that a car Sirhan was known to drive was seen parked outside meeting places for the W. E. B. DuBois Club, a leftist-oriented activist group with a membership composed mostly of students.  
 Secrecy involved in the inves-

Sirhan. It espoused Jordanian causes, Communist sympathy and anti-capitalist tracts. It also expressed a need to "get rid of"  
 But the mayor, an attorney himself, said the journal in no way would affect the trial out-

come since Sirhan will be tried on a murder charge and not political philosophy. He said all the prosecutor must prove is that a given suspect did, in fact, fire a weapon which fatally wounded Kennedy.

### McNamara to Oversee RFK Rites

McNamara, a close friend of the Kennedy



# Congress Moves Protection Law

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Acting within hours of the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy from an assassin's bullets, both houses of Congress have rushed through legislation to put Secret Service guards around major contenders for the presidency.

Sent to the White House for President Johnson's certain approval, the measure would cover major contenders for their parties' nominations for the presidency and the ultimate tickets selected by the parties at their conventions.

The Senate Appropriations Committee made it clear that Alabama Gov. George Wallace, seeking the presidency as a third party candidate, would be covered.

President Johnson, who sought the legislation hours after Kennedy was shot Wednesday morning in Los Angeles, has already extended protection to all of the contenders for the Democratic and Republican nominations, including Harold Stassen, who seeks the Republican presidential nomination. All have accepted.

Under the legislation, the treasury secretary, after consultation with a bipartisan congressional advisory committee established by the measure, would decide who qualifies for protection. A candidate could decline protection if he chose to.

The legislation legalized Johnson's action in sending Secret Service agents to current contenders and provided \$400,000 to finance protection of candidates through June 30. Next week, a bill was expected

the Secret Service to have been able to prevent Kennedy's death, "There is a great chance that he would have been protected if increased."

Presently, there are 1,000 trained Secret Service agents on the payroll of the Department. In addition to protecting the president, vice president, they are also assigned to enforce laws against counterfeiting and to guard government check and

The present law covers the Secret Service protection of the president, the vice president, the president-elect and the president-elect after their families, past presidents on occasion and Mrs. Kennedy.

The White House announced Wednesday that if there are enough Secret Service agents will be drawn from the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service, the Narcotics Bureau, the Customs Bureau, military on occasion and local and state law enforcement agencies.

## Thousands Pass Bill

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Kennedy's memory at 11 a.m., at an altar set up from the casket, mourners passed the voice of a psalm heard.

"Let us pray that God bless Bobby Kennedy and his family. He will bless this country."