

Death of RFK Fades from Violence Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, which triggered creation of the President's commission on violence, has faded almost entirely out of the focus of the panel's probe.

The blue-ribbon commission, which went into its second day of formal hearings today in its broad survey of American violence, heard virtually no mention of the senator's slaying in yesterday's opening session.

CONTROVERSY over the bloody clashes between Chicago police and antiwar demonstrators at the Democratic National Convention dominated the first day. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover praised Chicago police while Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark criticized undue police violence.

Both Clark and Hoover strongly endorsed the drive for stiffer gun controls at the very hour the Senate was rejecting a proposal for registration of all firearms.

Lloyd Cutler, executive director of the commission, said there was practically no mention of assassinations at the initial session.

PRESIDENT Johnson created the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of violence as Kennedy lay dying June 5. He asked for a wide-

ranging study of violence including efforts to seek insight into assassinations.

Cutler said no witnesses connected with the investigation of the shootings of Kennedy or civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are likely to be called to the panel's Oct. 2-3 hearings on the specific subject of assassinations. Instead, he said, the panel would hear general testimony from psychiatrists and security personnel.

MUSEUM COURTS KIDDIES

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The younger set is being courted by the southwest branch of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The branch's fall series of classes include "Creepers, Crawlers and Wigglers," a biology course for preschool and early elementary school ages, and "Geology for Pebble Kickers," for the same age group.