

# Hazards to Candidates Told

number of assassinations in recent years.

## Violence Unit Hears Chief of Secret Service

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service chief has told presidential candidates that they should avoid riding in campaign parades and plunging into crowds to shake hands. He didn't note, however that they do it a bit anyhow.

James J. Rowley, head of the Secret Service, acknowledged to the President's commission on violence Wednesday that his men cannot possibly protect the public figures they guard from every potential threat.

Howley said he met with candidates after the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to brief them on the hazards the Secret Service wants them to avoid.

He listed motorcades over an announced route, diving into a gathering without leaving a protective strip of space between candidate and crowd, and sudden changes of campaign schedules that prevent the Secret Service from making advance security checks.

However, the major presidential candidates have chosen on several occasions this year to overlook the Secret Service warnings.

Republican nominee Richard M. Nixon kicked off his campaign with a motorcade in downtown Chicago. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey made his first campaign appearance as Democratic nominee by marching in a Labor Day parade in New York. At another time, Humphrey saw a parade in Pittsburgh and joined it on

the spur of the moment.

In his testimony, Rowley quoted the Warren Commission's finding that "presidents can never be protected from every potential threat." He called the comment appropriate.

Rowley went on to cite other Secret Service protection problems listed by the Warren Commission.

The Secret Service official said, "About one of every five presidents since 1865 has been assassinated and there have been attempts on the lives of one out of every three."

Rowley testified behind closed doors as the violence commission began its hearings on assassinations. His opening statement was made public by the panel.

The commission sidestepped any specific discussion of the assassination of Sen. Kennedy that caused its creation in June.

### TRIALS PENDING

A panel official noted trials are pending in the slayings of both Kennedy and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Although President Johnson appointed the commission as Kennedy lay dying last June, the panel has undertaken a broad survey of American violence that ranges from street muggings to antiwar protests.

Its report, due at the end of this year, is expected to make only minimal mention of the Sen. Kennedy and King slayings, since both cases are virtually certain to be still before the courts.

Rowley sketched for the panel the various protective steps the Secret Service takes, including setting up a perimeter of helicopters and police patrol cars

along a public figure's route.

He said the Secret Service uses a computer to keep track of persons considered to be potential risks because of a past history of mental illness or threats made to public figures.

The computer can pinpoint the number and names of such persons on a city by city basis, Rowley said.

Prof. Ivo K. Feierabend of San Diego State College told the panel the United States is among the world leaders in the