

Kennedy Wins... Then Tragedy

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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy surged to victory in California's Democratic presidential primary early today, only minutes before his triumph turned into violence and tragedy.

Kennedy had just told his jubilant supporters, "We can end the violence in our society. We can start making this a compassionate country. I intend to make this the basis for my running."

SLOW COUNT

Moments later gunfire felled the Senator in the crowded kitchen off the Embassy Room in the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel, making his victory almost meaningless.

Returns from 18,709 of the state's 21,301 precincts (about 87 percent of the vote):

Kennedy	1,258,869	46%
McCarthy	1,138,108	42%
Lynch	329,954	12%

The ballot count had been slowed by confusion among San Francisco precinct workers, problems with new computers in Los Angeles, slow counts in many other big counties and a complete

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