

LBJ Orders All Presidential Candidates Guarded

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WASHINGTON — President Johnson today led a horrified nation in praying for the recovery of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and ordered the Secret Service to immediately assign

a detail to guard the other presidential candidates.

The President spent much of the night watching television accounts of the tragedy and its aftermath.

Johnson, who succeeded to

the office of President when John F. Kennedy was slain before his eyes in Dallas four years ago, said "there are no words equal to the horror" of this newest tragedy.

"All America prays for his

recovery," Johnson said. "We also pray that divisiveness and violence be driven from the hearts of men everywhere."

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who had gone to bed, was awakened and went to the Beverly Hilton hotel ballroom where he asked the stunned crowd to join him in a moment of silent prayer.

McCarthy canceled plans to go to Seattle in furtherance of his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination and said he would fly directly to Washington.

George Christian, White

House press secretary said Johnson talked with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who had rushed to his brother's bedside in Los Angeles. The President also was in touch with Theodore Sorensen, one of Kennedy's advisers.

Johnson consulted during the night with Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The attorney general ordered the FBI into the case under au-

thority of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Clark also ordered James P. McShane, chief U.S. marshal, to take command of a guard detail posted at Kennedy's home, Hickory Hill, in suburban Fairfax County, Va.

Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough, D-Tex., who was riding with Johnson two cars behind the presidential limousine when President Kennedy was slain, said today:

"The horror of it is that political assassination in this country is becoming as common as it is. America has to reorient and take stock of itself that this has become so common in our public life."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., awakened in the predawn hours like many government officials to be told that a second Kennedy had been shot in an assassination attempt, said: "The world has gone mad."

"My God," gasped House Speaker John W. McCormack on being told of the shooting. "What is this country . . ." and his voice trailed off. "It's terrible, it's indescribable."

President Johnson, who had gone to bed for the night, was awakened by the White House situation room to be told of the shooting. He arose and watched television accounts of the tragedy.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said he was terribly disheartened and saddened that another member of the Kennedy family has been attacked in this manner.

"I wonder what is happening to this country," Mansfield said. "I'm shocked that

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Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen termed the shooting "a disaster of national proportions" and said it only emphasizes the lawlessness which grips the nation.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, visiting the Air Force Academy in Colorado, said his "hopes and prayers" were with Kennedy.

"It is a shocking and terri-

ble thing that has happened," Humphrey said. "Our hope and prayers are with Senator Kennedy and those others who have been the victims of this dreadful act of violence."

Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., said the "world seems torn with madness sometimes."

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House Republican leader Gerald Ford, a member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, said "It's shocking, unbelievable.

"An attacker must be demented to do something of this sort," Ford said. "What more can you say at a time like this."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., said it "is a shocking, terrible tragedy. One cannot think beyond that at the moment."

Sen. Fred Harris, D-Oka., called it "an awful, awful thing."

"It's a total shock," said Sen. Gale McGhee, D-Wyo. "There isn't anything to say but shock."

Yarborough said the "deep stain of criminality and assassination in American life" appeared aimed at "the most brilliant and progressive among us.

"My main hope is that he recovers for the benefit of America as well as his family," he said.

Rep. Samuel Stratton, D-N.Y., said "One wonders what is happening here in America when something like this can happen twice in the same family."

Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz., also expressed "shock that anything like this can happen."