

Prayer and Hope

McCarthy Says Nation Bears Burden of Guilt

Los Angeles

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, appearing grim and shaken, said yesterday that the nation bears "a burden of guilt" for the attempted assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Expressing his "prayer and hope" that Kennedy would recover, McCarthy paid a private visit to the Good Samaritan Hospital where the New York senator battled for life, and then prepared to fly to Washington, D.C.

McCarthy announced an indefinite suspension of all political activity.

This was the text of a statement he delivered outside his suite in the Beverly Hilton Hotel shortly before 10 a.m.:

"No words can fully convey the feeling that I have toward the Kennedy family in this time of their particular tragedy for the feeling that one must have for the nation in the face of this new tragedy.

"It's not enough in my judgment to say that this is the act of one deranged man, if that is the case.

"The nation I think bears too great a burden of guilt of the kind of neglect which has allowed the disposition of violence to grow here in our

own land, or the reflection of the violence which we have visited upon the rest of the world, or at least a part of the world.

"All of us must keep vigil with the nation in prayer and hope that Senator Kennedy will recover.

"Meanwhile, I'm suspending indefinitely all political activities. I intend to return to Washington soon to confer there with spokesmen for Senator Kennedy, with the President, with the Vice President and other political leaders before taking any other political action of any kind."

As McCarthy spoke, he was guarded by Secret Service agents, members of the Beverly Hills Police Department and hotel security personnel.

Answering questions briefly, the senator pleaded for "somewhat more rational attention to the problems of America."

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Titan Launch

Vandenberg AFB

A satellite employing a Titan III-B Agena D booster combination was launched yesterday from this California air Force base by an Air Force-industry team.

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SENATOR McCARTHY LEAVING THE HOSPITAL
"There must be a better way"