

# Bobby's Advice to Youth for Future

Last month the question before H. Pat Baler's American Government class at Fremont High School was: What are some of the essential things Young Americans like ourselves can do to build a stronger America?

Senior Mary Marquez wrote to Senator Robert F. Kennedy for his answer to that question. The senator replied:

"To build a stronger America the youth of our nation must become involved and act. There are many paths to action — to service and sacrifice — open to young people.

"You can serve your country in the lines of battle in defense of American interests around the world. You are needed in programs to help release the poor and helpless from the bonds of material misery and prejudice. Educated men and women are needed in local programs of education and health.

"You are needed in the VISTA volunteers, in state and national efforts to wipe out poverty. You are needed in the Peace Corps, working to help those in less fortunate countries build a life richer in hope.

"I hope that your interest in government and its representatives will continue in the years ahead. A well-informed, well-educated young America is our country's best hope for the future."

The letter was dated May 29, six days before Sen. Kennedy was struck down by an assassin's bullet and was received Wednesday as the life slowly slipped from his body.

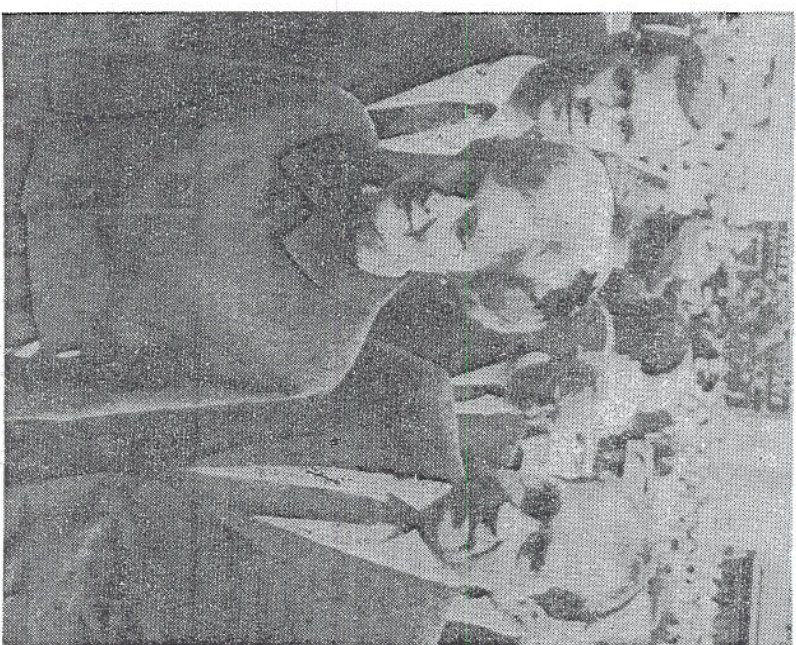
Sen. Kennedy's political career rode forward under the impetus of youth and his appeal — summed up in the letter — for the involvement and action of youth to confront the nation's and world's ills has made his death a personal loss to many still years away from their first vote.

In school essays and in letters to The Tribune, students have recorded their reaction to his death.

Hildegard C. Dennis, a Negro student at Castlepoint High School, praised Sen. Kennedy for restoring dignity to minorities, asked man to return to God and universal love and posed a challenge for all Americans:

"We cannot let vigor and courage die! We cannot let sick people terrorize energetic men, especially the younger breed with new ideas, zealous,

and pride of our country." Sen. Kennedy's letter to Mary Marquez provides a terse legacy. Be well-informed and well-educated, sacrifice and serve.



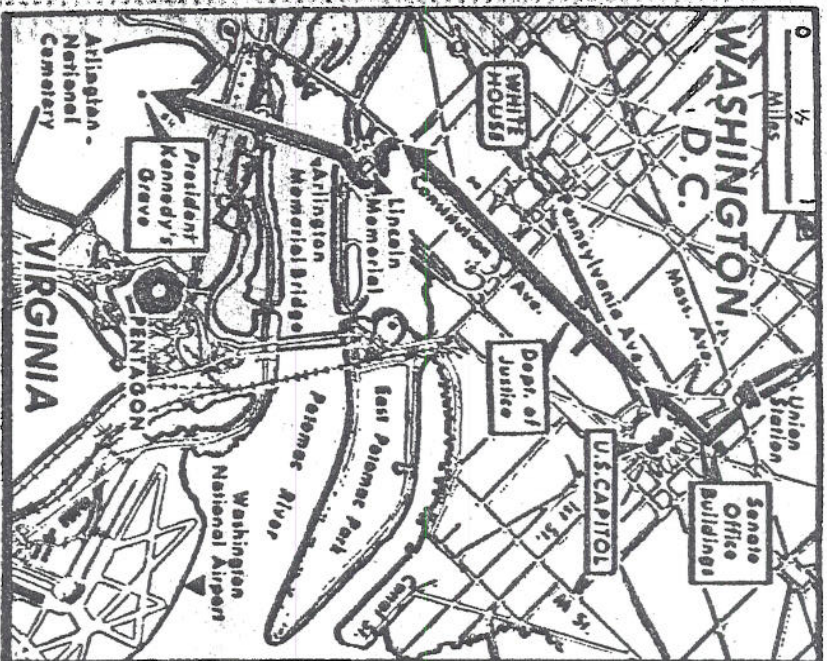
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They joined solemn crowd in St. Patrick's.—(AP)

brilliant young men. We cannot let a stage of fear and destruction erect itself in this land, a land where freedom must flourish and successfully and very soon."

Tamas McDonald, a student at Albany High School, suggests some far-ranging prescriptions for countering violence but notes that at the heart of reform is the application of individual intellect and Christian spirit to fulfillment of the American dream.

Chanel Creswell, an eight-year-old student at Lafayette Elementary School, Oakland, takes a long view of making "our country non-violent." Allowing that she "wasn't a very good classmate this year," Chanel vows to do better and suggests other children do the same or "when we grow up it's going to be worse."

Nancy Beddingfield, 1005 Verdemar Drive, Alameda, confesses to being "an astonished, bewildered, 15-year-old student" and asks what she and other concerned youth can do to "raise the standards



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Union Station to Arlington National Cemetery.—(AP)