
'Crazed, Lonely Men' Called Causes of Assassinations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach suggested today that recent assassinations may have resulted from unbalanced persons imitating previous acts of violence.

Katzenbach told the President's Commission on Violence that most assassinations "have been performed by crazed and lonely men like Lee Harvey Oswald who wanted attention and got it by killing someone famous."

The former attorney general said what psychologists call "pattern setting" may have been responsible in part for the notable number of assassinations in the United States in recent years.

"A mentally disturbed individual, ex-

cited by what he reads or sees on television, will be more likely to act out his own fantasies," Katzenbach said. "And he may do so by copying the previous crime."

Katzenbach testified before the commission set up by President Johnson after the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in June.

He led off the second weekly session of hearings with a wide ranging survey of crime, a call for stronger gun control laws and a recommendation for police patience in handling disorderly demonstrations.

Katzenbach, who headed the President's Commission on Crime that was created while he was still attorney general, said gun control measures voted by the House and Senate this year do not go far enough.

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