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LOS ANGELES AP - In the victory speech Robert F. Kennedy delivered moments before a gunman fired a bullet into his brain, the New York senator urged his supporters to help him deal with the plague of violence in America.

It was in large measure a joking, jubilant speech.

But Kennedy was solemn as he declared:

"I think we can end the divisions within the United States."

"We can work together," he said, to overcome "divisions, violence, disenchantment.

"We can start to work together, we are a great country, a selfless country, a compassionate country. . .

"What all of these primaries have indicated, and all of the party caucuses have indicated, was that people in the Democratic Party and the United States, want a change. . ."

Kennedy said he hoped now to "concentrate on having a dialogue or a debate, I hope, between the vice president and perhaps myself on the directions the country is going to take."

He had opened the speech in a joking mood. "I first want to express my high regard to Don Drysdale," he said. Drysdale is the Los Angeles Dodger pitcher who achieved a record sixth consecutive shutout Tuesday night.

"I hope we have as good fortune in our campaign," Kennedy said.

He went on to thank his campaign chieftains, his supporters,

"my dog Freckles, who's been maligned," and his wife, Ethel - "not in order of importance."

Then he turned through the crush of supporters, heading for the kitchen passageway where a gunman waited, with this final rallying cry: "On to Chicago, and let's win there."

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LOS ANGELES Kennedy bjt AC89-077LE to update, sub following for 36th graph: Los Angeles.

President Johnson was notified of the shooting. He issued the statement from the White House:

"There are no words equal to the horror of this tragedy.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Sen. Kennedy, his family, and the other victims.

"All America prays for his recovery.

"We also pray that divisiveness and violence can be driven from the hearts of men everywhere."

Kennedy's opponent 37th graph.

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LOS ANGELES AP - Neurosurgeons operating on Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to remove a bullet lodged in his brain say the surgery will take another hour, possibly two.

Kennedy's press secretary, Frank Mankeiwicz issued the doctors' report at Good Samaritan Hospital after an hour and a half of surgery. He said Kennedy's respiration, heart and blood pressure were good.

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