

Gun Law Changes Unlikely

SACRAMENTO — (UPI) — Governor Reagan and other California elected officials joined the nation today in denouncing the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

But some key legislators indicated the gunning-down of Kennedy wouldn't trigger repercussions in the Legislature for tougher gun control laws.

Reagan pledged the full resources of state government to assist Los Angeles police authorities if they indicated they needed help in the case.

USELESS THING

Senate Leader Hugh M. Burns (D-Fresno) called the shooting "a terrible tragedy and an uncalled for useless thing."

"But what seems to be the age we're living in," he said from his bed at St. Agnews Hospital in Fresno, where he was undergoing a routine checkup. "It's destruction of human beings and property for no apparent reason."

Burns and Assembly Republican Leader Robert T. Monagan of Tracy agreed that the shooting probably would not bring passage of stricter California firearms control laws. Several such bills have been introduced in the legislature.

NO CHANGE

Monagan, who termed the shooting "very tragic," forecast no "great, radical move to change existing law."

"In our society guns are readily available to the criminal who has no concern whether he is breaking the law by possession of a weapon," Monagan said. "So legislation really can't be drafted that protects us from the person most apt to use a weapon with harm to someone in mind."



Paul Schrade, one of the assailant's victims, lies in a pool of blood on the

hotel floor while a bystander waves a magazine to give him air.

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