

An Editorial

*'We All Share  
Grief, Guilt'*

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Once more our nation hangs its head in shame and sorrow.

Once more we share a common grief. And a common guilt.

For the fingerprints of countless millions of us are on the gun that shot Senator Robert Kennedy.

They are the fingerprints of those who preach a doctrine of hate.

Even more — they are the fingerprints of those who in the name of righteousness preach contempt of the law.

Let those who have argued that it is right and just to "break the laws that offend you" each share the guilt for this profane tragedy.

Let those who have urged our citizens to "act according to your conscience" each bear a heavy portion of the blame for this evil act.

Let those who contend that moral laws supersede man-made laws now ask themselves "whose morals?" and "whose laws?"

Let us hope that this terrible crime will unite the people of this nation in a common resolve to drive lawlessness from our land. Let us turn away from the paths of permissiveness that have carried us into the brambles of confusion and despair.

Let us demand respect for the laws. And for those charged with enforcing them.

Let us also address ourselves anew to the task of bringing true enlightenment, understanding and opportunity to all our people. Let us strive to learn the true art of communications. Not to reach men's eyes and ears . . . but to reach their hearts and minds.

In these efforts let us turn once more to the God of our fathers. There must be a place for prayers in our communications.

We mean the kind of deep and meaningful prayers that you — and millions like you — are whispering in the silence of your heart for the relief of the pain of Robert Kennedy. For the grief of his star-crossed loved ones.

And — for the agony of our nation.