

Violence Deplored in RFK Speech

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.