

Sorrow at The Vatican

World Reacts With Dismay

LONDON — (AP) — Waves of shock, dismay and sorrow went round the world today at news of the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Members of the Kennedy family in Europe were on the phone to the United States.

Sargent Shriver, the new U.S. ambassador to France and the senator's brother-in-law, tried to reach members of the family in Los Angeles.

In London, Princess Lee Radziwill said she had spoken to her sister, President Kennedy's widow.

The news caused "acute sorrow" at the Vatican, the chief press official there said. He said Pope Paul VI was being kept informed constantly of the condition of the senator, who is a Catholic.

MOSCOW

"It's a nightmare—it's terrible," said a Russian woman on a Moscow street.

"It is a great pity that you live in such a country where any person can be shot," a Russian told an American in the Soviet capital.

Tass, the official news agency, reported the shooting briefly and without comment.

Italian President Giuseppe Saragat expressed shock and dismay and told the Italian Embassy in Washington to keep him constantly informed. Aides termed the shooting "a nefarious and vile attempt."

LONDON

First editions of London afternoon papers spread the news in huge black type across their front pages.

"This is horrible, horrible," said a spokesman for

Tragic History Of the Kennedys

By United Press International

Tragedy and violence have stalked the closely knit Kennedy family since Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest among four sons and five daughters of Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., was killed on a volunteer flying mission in Europe in World War II.

A daughter, Kathleen, wife of the Marquis of Hartington, was killed May 3, 1948, when a chartered airplane crashed in mountains in southern France. Her husband, Lord Hartington, had been killed in action in France in 1944.

The late President John F. Kennedy was slain by two bullets from an assassin's rifle while driving in a motorcade through downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Edward M. Kennedy, a U.S. senator from Massachusetts, was injured critically in a plane crash in New England in June, 1964, but recovered and was able to resume his political career.

The other Kennedy daughters are Mrs. Patricia Lawford, divorced wife of actor Peter Lawford; Mrs. Jean Smith, wife of Stephen Smith, who handled the Kennedy family financial matters, and Mrs. Eunice Shriver, wife of the present ambassador to France.

Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., multimillionaire father of the family, suffered a crippling stroke Dec. 19, 1961, and has been under constant care since.

symptom of the lawlessness and brutality of our world."

The government of Thailand expressed "deep shock and regret."

Broadcast reports of the shooting stunned South Africans.

"Is it true? Is he alive?" phone callers asked newspaper switchboards.

In Dublin, an Irish government spokesman called it "a shameful, horrible deed."

"Despicable crime," said a spokesman for Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger of West Germany.

the Swiss government in Bern, where the cabinet was meeting when the news broke.

"The same thing all over again," said a diplomat in Bern. "Horrid, Horrid."

Japanese recoiled with disbelief and shock.

First word of the shooting interrupted radio and TV programs. Later reports dominated regular newscasts, and entertainment programs were interrupted for the latest news on the shooting.

"Unbelievable," said a government official in Brussels. "American political ways are frightening."

ATHENS

Greece's military government expressed "deep sorrow" over the shooting, and Premier George Papadopoulos cabled the senator the government's wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sean McBride, secretary-general of the International Commission of Justice, termed the shooting "a