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MRS. KENNEDY, THE SENATOR AND JESSE UNRUH AT THE END OF KENNEDY'S TALK
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Kennedy's Last Speech

'We Are A Great Country'

New York

Here is Senator Robert F. Kennedy's victory statement, delivered in Los Angeles just before the shooting. It was recorded by radio station WOR.

Kennedy began by saying, "I want to first express my high regard to Don Drysdale. He pitched his sixth straight shutout tonight and I hope that we have as good fortune in our campaign."

He expressed his gratitude to many who worked in the campaign and then said:

"I'm very grateful for the vote that I received in the agricultural areas as well as in the cities. It seems to indicate quite clearly what we can do here in the United States — the vote here in the state of California and the vote in the state of South Dakota. Here is the most urban state of any of the states of our union, South Dakota the most rural state of any of the states of our union. We were able to win them both. I think that we can end the divisions within the United States.

VIOLENCE

"What I think is quite clear is that we can work together in the last analysis and that what has been going on within the United States over the period of the last three years — the divisions, the violence, the disenchantment with our society; the divisions, whether it's between blacks and

whites, between the poor and the more affluent, or between age groups or on the war in Vietnam — is that we can start to work together.

"We are a great Country, an unselfish Country and a compassionate Country. I intend to make that my basis for running.

"I'll just take a moment more of your time because everybody must be dying from the heat.

CHANGE

"What these primaries have indicated and all of the party caucuses have indicated whether they occurred in Colorado or Idaho or Iowa — wherever they occurred — was that people in the Democratic party and the people of the United States want a change. And that change can come about only if those who are delegates in Chicago recognize the importance of what has happened here in the state of California, what has happened in South Dakota, what's happened in New Hampshire, what happened across the Country.

"The Country wants to move in a different direction, we want to deal with our own problems within our own Country and we want peace in Vietnam.

"I congratulate Senator McCarthy and those who have been associated with him in their efforts they have started in New Hampshire and carried through to the primary here in the state of

California. The fact is that all of us are involved in this great effort. It is a great effort not only on the part of the Democratic party, it is a great effort on behalf of the United States, on behalf of our own people, on behalf of mankind around the globe.

DEBATE

"I would hope now that the California primary is finished, now that the primary is over, that we could concentrate on having a dialogue — or a debate I hope — between the Vice President and perhaps myself on what direction we want to go in.

"What we are going to do in the rural areas of our Country, what we are going to do with those who still suffer within the United States from hunger, what we're going to do around the rest of the globe and whether we're

going to continue the policies that have been so unsuccessful in Vietnam — of American troops and American Marines carrying the major burden of that conflict. I do not want this and I think we can move in a different direction.

"I thank all of you who made this possible this evening. All of the effort that you made and all of the people whose places I haven't been to but who made or did all of the work at the precinct level, got out the vote, did all of the efforts, brought forth all of the efforts required. I was a campaign manager eight years ago and I know what a difference that kind of effort and that kind of commitment can make.

"My thanks to all of you and on to Chicago."