

3 Years Ago Today —But Assassin's Shots Still Echo

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WASHINGTON — President Kennedy was assassinated three years ago today.

The shots that killed him, the words he spoke still echo across the land.

The rifle fire on Dallas' Elm Street is heard in the calls for a new investigation of the Kennedy murder and new controversy over the possibility of a second assassin's presence.

His words form a living memory that has made the

slain President's brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, a political power within his party and a growing favorite with Americans.

On the third anniversary of the assassination, there were these echoes around the world:

- At Arlington National Cemetery, the slain President's grave was visited by his brother, Sen. Robert Kennedy; a sister, Mrs. Eunice Shriver; her husband, anti-poverty warrior R. Sargent Shriver; and Mrs. Hugh

D. Auchincloss, mother of JFK's widow.

- The number of persons visiting the grave was higher today and there were many fresh wreaths. One bore the legend "For One Brief Shining Moment" — from one of Jacqueline Kennedy's favorite "Camelot" passages.

- In New York City, Mrs. Kennedy spent the day in seclusion in her Fifth Avenue apartment. Their children — John Jr. will be six on Friday and Caroline nine on Sunday — went to school as usual.

- Overseas, another JFK brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), and his wife were overwhelmed by several hundred cheering Algerians who broke through police cordons at a wreath-laying ceremony in Kennedy Square.

- In Dallas, the city honored the memory of JFK with the first public service since the days immediately after the assassination. Said Mayor Erik Jonsson:

"Time changes the form of grief but not the emotion itself."

Mostly it was a day of memories which, but for the revival of the circumstances of his death, centered on the grace, style and excitement of the Kennedy presidency.

Swept away in the mystique growing up around the dead President — and now his brother, Robert — are recollections of a JFK legislative program stalled in Congress — a program rescued by the man who succeeded him, Lyndon B. Johnson.

On the eve of this third anniversary, the Harris Poll (published in The Examiner yesterday showed Americans believed 5-1 that history will accord Kennedy greater standing than Johnson.

The impact of the Kennedy mystique in politics is shown in a 5 percent increase — to 44 percent — in the number of Americans who would prefer Robert Kennedy over Johnson as a Democratic presidential nominee in 1968.