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Kennedy-Receiving Hospital 250

LOS ANGELES AP - Sen. Robert S. Kennedy "was practically dead" when brought to a receiving hospital after being shot today, says the doctor who treated him.

Dr. Victor Baz was on hand at Central Receiving Hospital when Kennedy and his wife, Ethel, arrived from the hotel where a young gunman fired a bullet into the senator's brain.

Baz said he and assistants gave Kennedy a closed cardiac massage, administered oxygen, slipped a tube into his mouth to facilitate breathing, and gave him adrenalin.

"I was ready to put adrenalin into the heart, but as we were working we found we didn't need that," Baz told an interviewer.

"At first he was pulseless, then his pulse came back and we began to hear a heart beat and he began to breathe a little erratically," the doctor said.

The lack of a pulse frightened Mrs. Kennedy, Baz said.

"She didn't believe that he was alive-sort of because she could see that he wasn't responding," he said. "So when we began to get a heartbeat, I put the stethoscope in her ears so she could listen and she was tremendously relieved."

Once the senator's heartbeat was restored, he was put on a heart lung machine-a device that gives a closed heart massage while administering oxygen and giving artificial respiration.

Baz said at that point he slapped Kennedy's face several times: "I just wanted to see if I could get him to show any signs of consciousness, but he failed to respond."

Kennedy then was rigged to receive intravenous fluids and transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital where he underwent brain surgery.

Mrs. Kennedy accompanied the senator in the ambulance.

Baz described Mrs. Kennedy as acting "graciously" at all times. "She was very distraught, but superb," he said.

"She was very edgy, but my own wife wouldn't have done as well, I don't think."

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LOS ANGELES California Primary A064LE sub 13th and 14th grafs to update: victory.

This was the situation, with 16,299 of 21,301 precincts counted:

Kennedy 1,074,023, or 46 per cent, McCarthy 988,441 votes for 42 per cent, an uncommitted delegation 286,869 votes, 12 per cent.

Sub 21st-22nd grafs to update: shooting.

-Max Rafferty, California's public schools superintendent, forged ahead of Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, the assistant GOP leader in the Senate, this morning.

With 15,619 precincts counted, the vote stood at 749,690 for Rafferty, 49 per cent, and 744,360 for Kuchel, 48 per cent.

-Alan 23rd graf.

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