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LOS ANGELES Take 3 Kennedy NL A024-025? doctor.

A doctor administered emergency treatment. A priest said he held a rosary toward Kennedy and the senator clutched it, but the crush of people came between them.

Kennedy was wheeled on a stretcher to the hotel service elevator, taken by ambulance to Central Receiving Hospital.

There, The Rev. Thomas Peacha administered last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Victor Baz, on duty at that hospital, said the senator was practically dead when he arrived.

Baz said Kennedy at first had no pulsebeat. The doctor said he administered a closed cardiac massage, gave Kennedy oxygen and adrenalin, and slipped a tube into his mouth to facilitate breathing.

Mrs. Kennedy was with her husband.

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

At the ornate Ambassador Hotel, the gunman was in police hands.

Roosevelt Grier, giant Negro lineman of the Los Angeles Rams, held the assailant, smashed the man's hand against a serving table, trying to force loose the gun.

It fell free.

Grier, Olympic athlete Rafer Johnson and Kennedy bodyguard William Barry hauled the assailant away from the fallen senator.

"Kill him," a man shouted.

Police took over, hustled the assailant at gunpoint through the lobby of the rambling old hotel. "Lynch him, lynch him," shouted people in the crowd.

But police rushed the man past the entrance to the Coconut Grove night club, down the stairs and off to the Central Jail.

The suspect was sullen and silent through the early hours of police questioning. "He would not speak except once he said 'yes,'" said Police Chief Thomas Reddin.

Later he began to talk, but not about himself or the shooting. Reddin said he was "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid."

Whenever the questioning came to the shooting, Reddin said, the man would reply only:

"I prefer to remain incommunicado."

The police chief said the key to a 1959 automobile, parked near the hotel, was found in the gunman's pocket. He said the car belonged to a hotel employe who worked in the kitchen.

Reddin said Kennedy had twice been offered and twice declined Los Angeles police protection during his campaign.

After the shooting, President Johnson ordered the Secret Service to guard all presidential candidates. And Congress swiftly went to work to approve the step.

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