

Eugene McCarthy

'Nation Bears Guilt Burden'

BEVERLY HILLS — (AP) — Sen. Eugene McCarthy said today the nation bears "a burden of guilt" for the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

He said he planned to visit the downtown Los Angeles hospital where Kennedy, his political rival, lies gravely wounded.

McCarthy said he was suspending indefinitely all political activities and returning to Washington tomorrow to meet with aides of Kennedy and with President Johnson and Vice President Humphrey.

Speaking softly, his face reflecting his somber mood, McCarthy issued a statement in the corridor outside his suite in the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

CAN'T CONVEY

"You all know that no words can really fully convey the feeling that I have toward the Kennedy family in this time of their particular tragedy and the feeling one must have for the nation in the face of this new tragedy," McCarthy said.

"It is not enough in my judgment to say that this

was the act of one deranged man, if that is the case.

"The nation, I think, bears too great a burden of guilt, really, for the kind of neglect which has allowed the disposition to grow here in one's own land, in part a reflection of violence which we have visited upon the rest of the world, or at least one part of the world.

KEEP VIGIL

"All of us must keep vigil with the nation in prayer and hope that Sen. Kennedy will recover . . ."

Later, McCarthy said he had spent part of last night conferring with Pierre Salinger, former press secretary to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and a principal aide to Robert Kennedy.

Justice Aide OK'd

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The senate Judiciary Committee approved today the nomination of Edwin M. Zimmerman, a former Stanford law professor, as an assistant Attorney General to head the Justice Department's anti-trust division

HHH Calls Off Talk at Air School

AIR FORCE ACADEMY (Colo.) — (AP) — Vice President Humphrey, calling the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy a "shocking and terrible thing," canceled a graduation address today at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Humphrey also called off all his public activities for the rest of the week and planned to return immediately to Washington, D.C.

"Our hopes and prayers are with Sen. Kennedy and those others who have been the victims of this dreadful act of violence," Humphrey said in a statement issued through his staff.

"It is a shocking and terrible thing that has happened. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Kennedy and the children and the families of the other wounded," he said.

An aide said the Vice President considered any kind of speech inappropriate under the circumstances. There was speculation that security considerations may have been involved in the decision against making the graduation address.

There was heavy security around the Air Force Academy stadium where Humphrey was to have spoken.