



Tribune photo by Robert Shimelt  
 Kennedy for President headquarters at 59 Grand Avenue in Oakland was quiet today. A hand-lettered sign implored stricken candidate to 'hang on.'

## 'The Nation Guilty,'—McCarthy

BEVERLY HILLS (UPI) — A shocked Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy said today he was suspending all campaign activity in a "vigil" for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The Minnesotan, who lost to Kennedy in the crucial California primary yesterday, planned to extend personal condolences to members of the New York senator's family before returning to Wash-

ington, possibly later today.

In a prepared statement, McCarthy said:

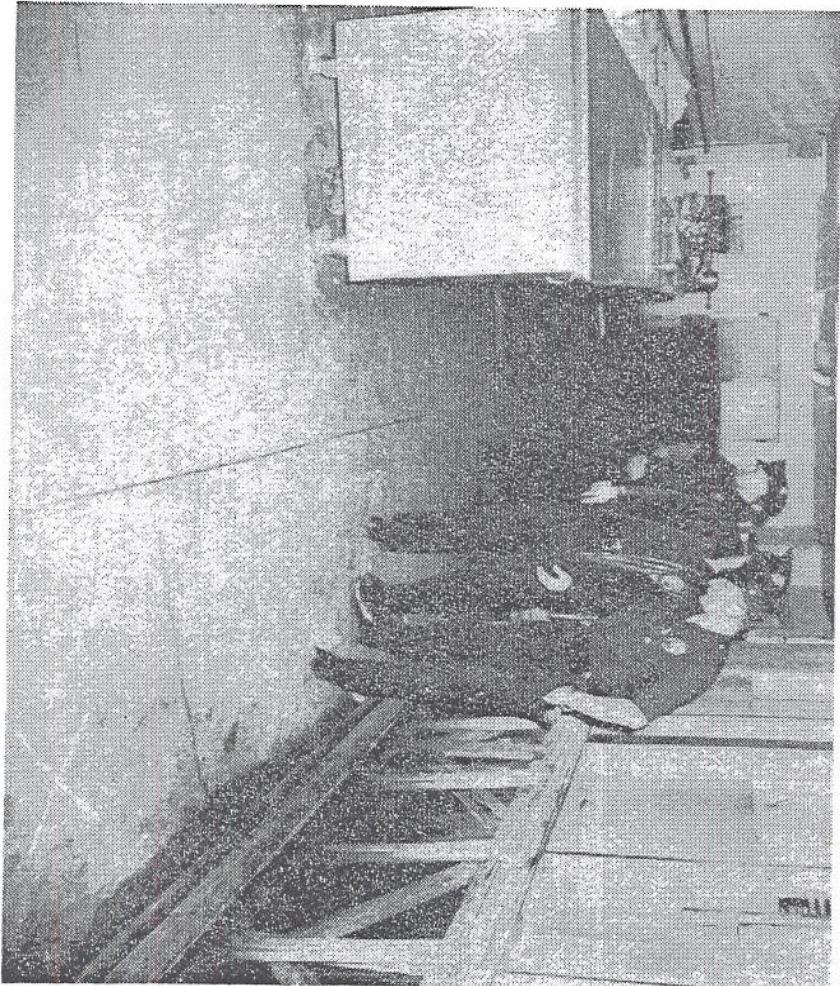
"No words can express my feeling for the Kennedy family and for our country in this tragedy. It is not enough to say it is the act of a single deanged man.

"Our nation bears too heavy a burden of guilt for the violence we have permitted to afflict our land and our world."

"I have suspended all campaign activity, and I ask my supporters to do the same.

Like the rest of the nation, we have a vigil to keep and will join in prayer and hope for the recovery of Sen. Kennedy."

"I intend to return to Washington soon and to confer with Sen. Kennedy's spokesmen, with the President and with the Vice President before resuming any political activity."



Sen. Kennedy was shot at near end of the steel counter being inspected by policemen. He staggered and fell at spot where 'X' is chalked on floor.—(AP)

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