

U.S. Leaders Voice Disbelief, Dismay

The response of prominent Americans to the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an outpouring of disbelief and dismay intermixed with concern for both Mr. Kennedy and the society whose violence felled him.

Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey said, "We'd better wake up and take the guns away from the lunatics before they shoot all of us."

"It reminds me once again that guns in the hands of lunatics, addicts and unbalanced people are apparently going to be continued by the Senate of the United States."

Former President Harry S. Truman, in a brief statement released by his personal secretary, announced that he was "shocked and horrified."

"I fervently hope that he will recover completely," he said.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan said, "It is an act that could only be perpetrated by some one who has lost all respect for anything associated with America."

"It is an ugly, mindless act,"

said Barry Goldwater, the Republican Presidential nominee in 1964.

Former Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, independent candidate for President, said, "It is symptomatic of the lawlessness and violence which has invaded our nation."

Alf M. Landon, the Republican Presidential nominee of 1936, said, "It is a tragedy for this country to have this picture of lawlessness and violence before the nations of the world."

Violence Deplored

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon said, "The American people should drop to their knees and pray for him, but we should pray for ourselves, too, because we must change this course of action in our country."

Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, like Mr. Kennedy a victor in the California primary Tuesday, promised all possible state help to investigate the shooting.

Gov. Lester G. Maddox of Georgia chastised "those in the

high courts, those high in public office and leaders in other segments of our society who condone and encourage this disobedience of the law, while placing emphasis on helping the criminals of America at the expense of the law-abiding and peaceful citizens."

Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh of Detroit saw Mr. Kennedy as "another victim of the unbelievable growth of violence throughout the nation."

John Bruns, New York State Democratic Chairman, said, "The richer we get, the less civilized we are. It is frightening."

The Rev. Oscar Huber of Dallas, who gave the last rites to President John F. Kennedy, said, "We did not think anything like this could happen again."

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, issued a statement saying, "It is time this nation grew up. We are a childish culture which permits and even glorifies violence and brutality."