

At U.N. a Question Is Being Heard: 'Is There a Plot?'

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 5—The shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy stunned delegations to the United Nations regardless, apparently, of their positions on world issues.

The shooting of the brother of President Kennedy caused discussion whether there was a conspiracy in the United States to eliminate "liberal" thought and actions from the American scene.

The comments of diplomats and foreign journalists were made before it was reported that the suspect might not be an American.

The fact that the shooting might have been prompted by other than domestic pressures was not aken into consideration.

Later with more information, many diplomats held to the opinion that American Society appeared to be amenable to violence, particularly against

its leaders, whatever the source.

An Eastern European diplomat said: "How many 'coincidences'—how many 'impulsive actions' and how many 'inexplicable' incidents must occur in your country before you face the fact that there is, here, a pattern, a design and organized violence that is no accident?"

Thant Deeply Shocked

Secretary General Thant arrived this morning obviously disturbed, saying he was "distressed and deeply shocked."

A newsman recalled to Mr. Thant that he said May 13 in a speech in Edmonton, Alberta, that "the violence we are witnessing in Vietnam is bound to have its repercussions elsewhere" and that "the prevailing mood of violence in the United States and elsewhere" was a consequence of the climate created by the war.

The Secretary General interjected that he would not pursue that line of thought "at this

time" but that he might comment later.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, called the shooting "shocking beyond words."

"It is intolerable that in a society such as this that violence of this kind can be tolerated," he said. "This violence has so often deprived us of our best men."

Goldberg Sees a Lesson

The chief United States representative, Arthur J. Goldberg, said that while "we pray for Senator Kennedy our hearts cry out in pain and anguish at this terrible act of violence."

He added: "The cry is that all violence must stop. Surely by now the lesson that violence breeds violence must be pounded into our heads. Surely by now all will agree that there must be an end to killing at home and abroad. Otherwise, there will be little hope for our country or for the world."

News of the events in Los

Angeles pre-empted attention during the day.

In meetings of various United Nations committees, the representatives seemed to find it difficult to address themselves to the agenda.

Burudi Nabwera, the representative of Kenya, interrupted a statement in the Political Committee to express "shock" at the shooting of a man he called "the champion of the underdog."

Mr. Nabwera noted the Senator's "fight for human rights" as a cause for which the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life.

Birth-Curb Plan Irks Cleric

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP)—The Right Rev. Dr. John Phillips, Anglican Bishop of Portsmouth, has resigned as president of the local Family Planning Association because of legislation that makes contraceptives available to everyone, regardless of circumstance.