

Sunday Day of Mourning

(By The Associated Press)
President Johnson led the nation in mourning today as Americans great and small reacted in grief and sorrow to the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The President, saying Kennedy had never abandoned faith in America although he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy, called for the nation to observe a national day of mourning Sunday.

IN A PROCLAMATION issued upon learning of Kennedy's death today, the President directed that American

flags on all federal buildings be flown at half-staff until Kennedy's burial.

President Johnson also named a commission to seek an answer to the problem of violence. The panel includes U.S. Rep. Hale Boggs of New Orleans, along with leading educators, clergymen and lawyers.

Boggs was also a member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He is the only individual appointed to both commissions.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey expressed a "profound personal loss" at Kennedy's death and called on all Americans to recommit themselves to the principles of humanity and individual justice.

"May our nation find the strength, the faith, and the wisdom to dispel the forces of irrational hate among us and to replace them with the

love of man and God," Humphrey said.

"**WE HAVE ALL** lost a great American—a man of deep concern, compassion and personal commitment," the vice president said.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon said in a statement in New York that Kennedy's death "is a terrible tragedy both for a family and a nation which have known too many such tragedies in recent times."

Nixon said, "Sen. Kennedy was a man of tremendous energy and vitality. He was one of the great popular leaders in American history. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Sen. Kennedy in this hour of grief."

"**WHILE THE** Kennedy children are stricken with sorrow today, as they grow up they will know their father and uncle was a young man of great courage who al-

ready had left his mark on history," Nixon said.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said the death of Kennedy was "an unspeakable tragedy and a terrible loss to the nation."

"Mrs. Rockefeller and I and all the citizens of this state, whom he so diligently served, join in extending our deepest sympathy to his widow and to all the Kennedy family," he said.

ROCKEFELLER proclaimed "the day of burial as a day of mourning in this state."

The chief executive expressed his shock and dismay over the shooting of Kennedy in Los Angeles and told a national television audience last night that violence, murder, and assassination must stop.

"My fellow citizens, we cannot, we just must not, tolerate

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the sway of violent men among us," he said.

"**WE MUST NOT** permit men who are filled with hatred, and careless of innocent lives, to dominate our streets and fill out homes with fear."

Declaring that "I hope and pray that we can learn how to stop it," Johnson announced creation of the 10-member commission to immediately examine what he termed "this tragic phenomenon" of violence and assassination.

He enjoined the commission to seek the help of medical and social scientists in searching for root causes of violence. The panel also will study further steps to prevent assassination and how better to protect public figures.

COMMISSION MEMBERS include Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, former president of Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Roman Catholic Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York, and veteran Congress members.

No chairman was named immediately.