

Kennedy 2nd Senator Shot in State

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SACRAMENTO (A P)—Robert F. Kennedy was the second United States senator who was shot to death in California's history.

The first was Sen. David C. Broderick of California, who lost his life in a duel with State Supreme Court Justice David S. Terry in September 1859.

The duel followed Terry's unsuccessful attempt for re-nomination to the state's high bench. In the heat of political oratory, Terry said his opponents were secretly led by Broderick, who he said was an abolitionist.

That led Broderick to remark that although he had once believed Terry to be an honest man, he was no longer so sure.

The duel ensued on Sept. 13, 1859. Broderick's shot went wild. Terry's found its mark, inflicting the wound that Broderick died from two days later.

Ironically, 30 years later, Terry was shot to death during an altercation on a train with Judge Steven Field. They came to blows, and when Terry appeared to reach for a knife, he was shot by a bystander.

The next recorded act of violence against a major public official in California was the bombing of Gov. William D. Stephens' mansion in December 1917.

A dynamite charge was planted in the southwest corner of the mansion by an unknown conspirator.

The blast damaged a portion of the mansion, but Stephen, in the southeast corner of the residence, was unharmed.

It was generally believed that the bomb had been planted by a German sympathizer, resentful of Stephen's position in favor of America's entry into World War I.