

'Now He Knows the

(By United Press-International)

The nation's newspapers reflect the sorrow of Americans at the assassination of President Kennedy.

Editorial comment included:

Boston Globe — Bareheaded and unafraid, this brave young leader moved the nation in his inaugural by saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you . . . ask what you can do for your country." Now, somewhere in that space whose conquest he had just said "must and will go on," he knows the tragic answer.

Atlanta Constitution — The death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy leadens the heart with sadness, and leaves the nation and the world for a moment in stunned uncertainty.

New York Daily News—Thus ends in a terrible tragedy mourned by the nation and, we feel sure, most of the world, a career that was brilliant and a life that was crowded with excitement, adventure, and achievement.

Philadelphia Bulletin—The nation has suffered a grievous injury, one which does mortal damage to its whole being. We pride ourselves that we are a people who have accepted the law of democracy . . . but in our pride, we forget perhaps that there are those among us who do not accept this law: people who can not accept honest debate, and who resort to the gun as the final arbiter.

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Dallas Morning News —The assassination is a cruel, shameful mark in this city's history and a tragedy for the country which has been under his guidance . . . It is a sad hour for the nation, which bows its head in sympathy for his wife and family. The mourning is in genuine, profound, and indescribable sadness. The sorrow and shock are balanced with the consolation that a good and benevolent God carves our path of national destiny.

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San Diego Union—The tragedy is a personal one to all Americans. More than half of those who voted chose him as their President. The others respected his courage, valued the idealism of his still young years, and shared his hope for a better and more peaceful world. The assassination of our President can only be the dark stab of a person hopeless and twisted in mind.

Chicago Tribune—It will be reported of him that he constantly labored to maintain peace in the world, that he would not permit himself to suffer discouragement in his quest to spare the world the searing horror of thermal nuclear war.

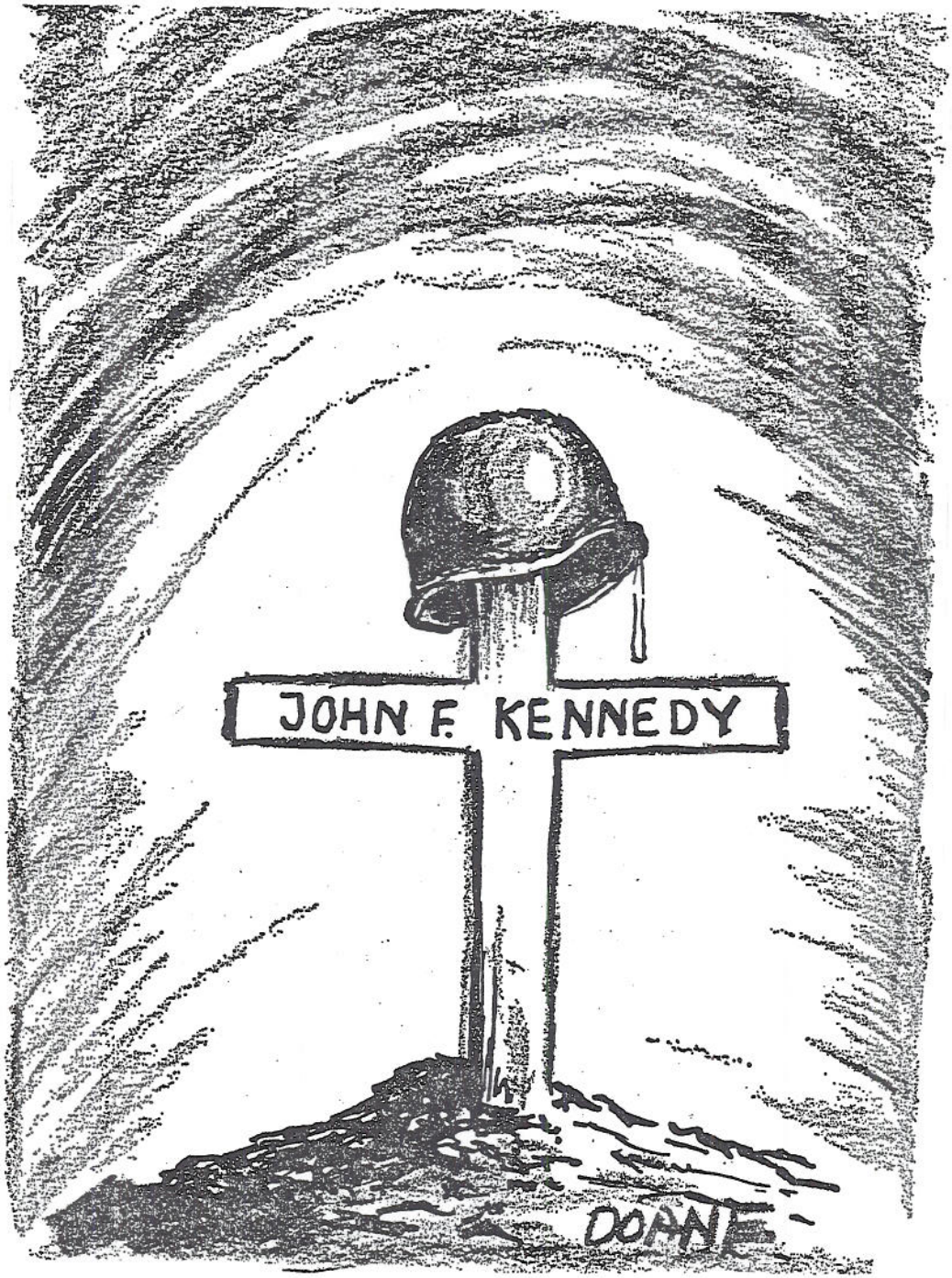
St. Louis Post Dispatch—All such acts of violence transcend the bounds of reason . . . What is wrong with the United States that it can provide the environment for such an act? There is a sickness in the nation when political differences can not be accepted and settled in the democratic way.

Boston Herald—The shot to President Kennedy's head was a shot in the heart of the United States. As much as any one man could be he was the indispensable one of the times.

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Louisville Courier-Journal — President Kennedy is dead . . . A stunned and grieving nation cannot, at once, assess the reasons why. The greatest gift he brought us was the gallantry with which he met that spirit of change, the earnestness with which he sought the ways of peace abroad and at home.

New York Times—All of us—from the country's highest leaders to the humblest citizen—all of us are still in a state of shock



from this stunning blow, that even now seems unreal in its grotesque horror . . . John F. Kennedy was a man of intellect as well as action. He represented the vitality and the energy, the intelligence and the enthusiasm, the courage and the hope of these United States in the middle of this 20th century.

Austin (Tex.) American—In a real sense, some of the guilt for the death of this brave young American must rest with each of us. The acquiescence to the spread of ignorance and fanaticism, the flabby spirit of complacency, that has permitted some preachers of hatred to appear respectable, and the self-righteousness that labels all who disagree with us traitors or dolts prepared the way for the vile deed that snuffed out John Kennedy's life.

New York Herald Tribune—There is deep grief in the nation . . . There will, doubtless, be memorials to John F. Kennedy. The best one that the nation could create, however, would be the thorough investigation of the causes of the crime, the resolute determination to see to it that never again should tinder be scattered around that might lead to such an evil blaze.

Detroit Free Press—It is hard, in this moment of shock and grief, not to blame all Texas and especially the people from Dallas . . . But Dallas was not alone. We have the same vicious stupidity here, in New York, in San Francisco, and in the smallest hamlet in the nation. Hatred and fear exist every-

where there is not understanding.

Cincinnati Enquirer—The despair that fills the hearts of his family touches every home in the land. And we are reminded once more that the things that have divided the American people are far less meaningful than the things that unite them.

Houston (Tex.) Press—It was even more tragic than the death of Abraham Lincoln. John F. Kennedy was a young man, his life and what he was destined

to accomplish for his country and for the world lay in front of him. Lincoln's death came after history's role for him—holding our great nation together—was accomplished.

Chicago Sun-Times—The deed

in Dallas was different only in degree of importance from such acts of violence as the bombing of houses of worship, racial murders, and only last month, in the same city, the degrading assault on UN Ambassador Adlai Stevenson. All of these acts of violence are the work of persons who, fundamentally, do not believe in a democratic government operating under a rule of law.

Philadelphia Inquirer — The murderers have to be dug out of their rat holes, and whatever impelled them to this crime exposed. But nothing can erase the horror, the shame, and the anguish that swept a stricken world in a Friday afternoon that was black indeed

for Texas, for America, and for humanity.

Milwaukee Sentinel — The assassin's bullet that killed our President inflicted also a deep wound on every American of good will, and faith in the good will of others. These wounds will not easily be healed.

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Columbus Citizen-Journal — And so we enter a period of deep national mourning for a man who survived the wounds of battle to perish at the height of his career from a sneak shot in his own country.

Houston Post — The shock and grief that all Americans feel as they mourn the death of President Kennedy . . . are beyond measure. But for Texans there also is mingled with these emotions of deepest sorrow a feeling of great shame. Shame that it was in this state that the nation's chief executive met his death while a guest in one of its largest cities. It is an ugly blot upon the name of Texas.

Albany (N. Y.) Times Union—He was more than a victim. He was a martyr. Not a martyr of the Democratic par-

ty but one who exemplified in his character, his acts, the decency, the reason, the freedoms of his country and all its people.

Ashland (Ohio) Times-Gazette — The horrible, violent, and untimely death of President John Kennedy has stricken all of us. Those who opposed his aims and methods share the awful feeling of grief and shame that such a tragedy has put upon the world.

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Salt Lake Tribune — America is swept with a grief that cuts across all lines of race or faith or politics — a grief that struggles without success to express itself in words . . . We bow our heads in grief.

San Francisco Chronicle — The young President whom we lost Friday gave at all times his best to the nation. In the spirit of his inaugural address, he asked only what he could do for his country, and did it. It is the country he served which somehow failed him.

Binghamton (N. Y.) Sun-Bulletin — He was a gallant man, a great American, a sturdy patriot fallen victim to a senseless, lunatic, incomprehensible murderer.

San Francisco Examiner — Mr. Kennedy was a good, courageous President. He was a good, courageous American. It is a tragedy that his career had thus to end with an assassin's bullet when he had so much more to give.

Kansas City Star — John F. Kennedy died for his country, as did his brother in a moment of wartime violence. More has been lost in the last few hours than could possibly be put into words. And with the loss there is a scar across the face of the republic.