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1. EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ALL WARSAW CHURCHES SUNDAY THAT SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE HELD MONDAY EVENING 1900 HOURS ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IN OLD TOWN. STRONG POSSIBILITY CARDINAL WYDZYNSKI WILL ATTEND. WE UNDERSTAND SERVICE ARRANGED ON CARDINAL'S DIRECT INITIATIVE. EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE REPRESENTED WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ALSO TO BE INVITED.

2. WE INTEND ALERT WESTERN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS ON THIS TODAY. IF ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED COMMERCIAL WIRES, VOA SHOULD PUBLICIZE IMMEDIATELY. OTHERWISE ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE HELD UP UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING BROADCAST. ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD ALSO BE CARRIED ON ENGLISH TRANSMISSIONS TO EASTERN EUROPE. JENKINS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 6441

SUBJECT: COMMUNISTS EXPLOIT ASSASSINATION

1. PREDICTABLY ITALIAN COMMUNISTS ARE USING ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION TO MOUNT ANTI-AMERICAN PRESS CAMPAIGN WITH THEME THAT UNSOLVABLE CONTRADICTIONS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY LEAD TO CHAIN OF VIOLENCE AND ASSERTIONS ABOUT SINGLE PLOT LEADING TO KILLINGS OF TWO KENNEDYS AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. IN STATEMENT BY PCI SECRETARY LONGO AND DOCUMENT OF PCI DIRECTORATE ITALIANS ARE WARNED OF DANGERS THAT "POLICY OF ALLIANCE AND SUBORDINATION TO AMERICA" BRING TO ITALY (LONGO), AND "ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES" ARE REQUESTED TO FIND NEW FOREIGN POLICY AND INITIATIVES TO BRING VIET-NAM PEACE, LIQUIDATE US BASES IN ITALY AND MEDITERRANEAN, AND MOVE TOWARD SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT (DIRECTORATE).

2. PRIMIN MORO AFTER SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK AT EMBASSY EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ABOVE PCI USE OF ASSASSINATION TO LAUNCH PRESS ASSAULT ON US AND ON NATO ALLIANCE.

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3. COMMENT: WIDESPREAD FEELING STILL EXISTS IN ITALY THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED AS RESULT OF PLOT. ALTHOUGH LOGIC HOLDS AGAINST EXTENDING PLOT THEORY TO REV. KING AND SENATOR KENNEDY, MANY ITALIANS WILL FOLLOW EMOTION RATHER THAN LOGIC. UNFORTUNATELY, DEATH COMES DURING GOVERNMENT CRISIS WITH PCI ALREADY ON OFFENSIVE.

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1. PARTY NEWSPAPER TRYBUNA LUDU JUNE 7 COMMENTARY ON SENATOR KENNEDY SAYS ALLEGED MURDER HAD FOUR 100-DOLLAR BANKNOTES IN HIS POCKETS AT TIME OF MURDER. "ANYONE WHO HAS EVER BEEN TO AMERICA KNOWS THAT NEITHER AVERAGE CITIZENS OR MILLIONAIRES HAVE SUCH SUMS ON THEM. IN FACT ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BANKNOTE IS DUBIOUS. CASH IN SUCH BANKNOTES IS PAID TO BLACKMAILERS AND...PAID MURDERS. THIS TERM, PAID MURDERER," HAS DURING LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS APPEARED IN MANY NEWSPAPERS."

2. WE HAVE NOT SEEN AUTHORITATIVE NEWS REPORTS REFERENCE TO BANKNOTES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CLARIFY. IF REPORT UNTRUE, WE WANT TO BE IN POSITION CORRECT IT WITH OUR CONTACTS. IF REPORT TRUE, WE CAN EXPECT MAJOR CONTINUING EMPHASIS HERE AS SUPPORT FOR CONSPIRACY THEORY.

3. VOA SHOULD HANDLE STORY DISCREETLY IF UNTRUE SO AS NOT TO GIVE TOO MUCH CURRENCY TO ORIGINAL REPORT. JENKINS

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FYI only: Dept. ~~under review~~ understands news media carrying story based on police sources that alleged murderer of Kennedy was carrying four one hundred dollar bills at time of murder. Reasons advanced for this purely speculative and will have to be ascertained in court. Wireless file contains full reports on Kennedy assassination developments on basis established guidelines.

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1. TRYBUNA LUDU (TL) AND ZYCIE WARSZAWY (ZW) COMMENTARIES USE SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS SPRINGBOARD FOR ATTACK ON US "LAWLESSNESS" AND IMPLIED GOVT. COMPLICITY IN POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS. BOTH PAPERS LINK SHOOTING WITH ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING AND CONCLUDE THAT "LAW OF JUNGLE IS IN FORCE AND BULLET RULES" IN US. COMMENTARIES ADMONISH WASHINGTON, IN ZW'S TERMS, TO "FIRST OF ALL PUT ITS OWN HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE GIVING LESSONS TO OTHERS." NEITHER COMMENTARY (WRITTEN BEFORE DEATH OF KENNEDY) EXPRESSES REGRET OR IN ANY WAY EULOGIZES SENATOR KENNEDY. ZW ARTICLE JUNE 7, HOWEVER, CHARACTERIZES BOTH KENNEDYS AS BEING "QUICK AND INTELLIGENT, WHICH IS NOT ALWAYS CHARACTERISTIC OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS."

2. OF TWO, ZQ COMMENTARY OF JASZUNSKI IS MORE VICIOUS. ZW IMPLIES THAT MURDERERS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND KING "ENJOYED IMPUNITY." THERE IS IMPLICIT CHARGE THAT REAL CULPRITS ARE FBI AND CIA, BOTH OF WHICH "WERE COMPLETELY COMPROMISED AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY." ZW SUGGESTS THAT SEN. KENNEDY MAY HAVE KNOWN TOO MUCH ABOUT ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER AND WAS THEREFORE "INCONVENIENT" TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MURDERERS, ESPECIALLY AS PROSPECT HE MIGHT HIMSELF BECOME PRESIDENT ROSE.

3. WE INTEND IN INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH POLISH JOURNALISTS AND

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OFFICIALS IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO MAKE CLEAR OUR DISGUST AT
SUCH DISPLAY OF BAD TASTE AND MALEVOLENT DISTORTIONS.
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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. CONGEN AND USIS HAVE RECEIVED DEEP FELT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM HIGH AND LOWLY. CONGEN HAD MANY PERSONAL CALLS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS INCLUDING STAUNCH AFRIKANERS. AMONG THEM WERE TWO FORMER SA AMBASSADORS J.E. HOLLOWAY AND HARRY T. ANDREWS AND TOP INDUSTRIALISTS H.J. VAN ECK AND GEORGE KUSCHKE.

2. MEDIA REACTION TO RFK SHOOTING: QUICKEST OFF MARK WAS SABC WHICH INTERRUPTED MORNING BROADCASTS, FOLLOWED WITH FREQUENT BULLETINS ON ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS AND VARIOUS AFRICAN LANGUAGE SERVICES. RAND DAILY MAIL EXTRA EDITION WITHIN HOUR AFTER NEWS ALERT WAS QUICK SELLOUT.

3. MAIL THURSDAY CARRIED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL HEADLINED "ACT OF MADNESS". SIGNED BY MAIL EDITOR LAURENCE GANDAR, LONG TIME RFK ADMIRER, PIECE REASONS THAT ACT HAPPENED BECAUSE U.S. STILL FRONTIER SOCIETY AND IS "IN UNCEASING TRANSITION". BOTH KENNEDYS AND LUTHER KING RECENTLY TARGETS OF VIOLENCE, ALL ACTIVE FIGHTERS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. FORCES OF REACTION IN U.S. ARE ORGANIZED BY SUCH AS KKK; IN S.A. THEY ARE "INSTITUTIONALIZED IN THE APPARATUS OF THE STATE".

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RM AFRIKAANS LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS CARRIED FRONTPAGE FACTUAL REPORTS. BACKGROUNDER ITEMS PLAYED UPI KENNEDY OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID. DIE VADERLAND HARKS BACK TO JFK UN POSITION AGAINST S.A. AND YOUNGER BROTHER'S VISIT WITH POPE WHICH REVEALED LATTER MORE OUTSPOKEN CRITIC THAN LATE PRESIDENT. DIE TRANSVALER IN LEAD ARTICLE FINDS PROOF IN SHOOTINGS OF "SOMETHING RADICALLY WRONG RELIGIOUSLY AND MORALLY" WITH REST OF WORLD. EDITOR FEELS AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED PROFOUND SOUL SEARCHING.

5. CURRENT AFFAIRS, SEMI-OFFICIAL NATIONWIDE RADIO COMMENTARY, ANNOUNCED THAT "WHILE MANY SOUTH AFRICANS DID NOT RPT NOT PREFER ROBERT KENNEDY TO BECOME US PRESIDENT", NEVERTHELESS ENTIRE NATION GRIEVES FOR HIM AND FAMILY. ALTHOUGH KENNEDY "HAD HIS FAULTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS" HE WAS BASICALLY GOOD MAN. COMMENTARY BASED ON VIOLENCE AND ANARCHY IN US, CALLING FOR RULE OF LAW IN ALL CIVILIZED SOCIETIES. INFERRED IN FOREGOING AND IN AFRIKAANS PRESS WAS SATISFACTION AT ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE AND RIOTS IN PEACEFUL SOUTH AFRICA.

6. AFTER KENNEDY DEATH ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS CARRIED APPROPRIATE EDITORIAL MESSAGES OF GRIEF AND CONDOLENCES. AFRIKAANS LANGUAGE PRESS HOWEVER FINDING ITS FEET COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

DIE VADERLAND JUNE 6 - IN ADDITIONA TO MUCH FACTUAL REPORTING ISSUE CARRIED LEADING ARTICLE "LAW OF THE JUNGLE". EDITOR BEGINS BY STATING THAT SENATOR'S ATTITUDE TO SA RACE PROBLEMS HAD MADE SA APPREHENSIVE ABOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR THIS COUNTRY IF KENNEDY HAD BECOME PRESIDENT. "BUT THE HORROR IN LOS ANGELES IS NOT RPT NOT THE WAY IN WHICH CIVILIZED PEOPLE IN A CIVILIZED COUNTRY SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES". ARTICLE THEN DISCUSSED EVIL OF WHICH MAN IS CAPABLE "WHEN HIS SPIRIT IS TROUBLED BY DARK PASSIONS RESULTING FROM STRUGGLE AND ENVY OF OUR TIMES"... "NOWHERE IN THE WORLD ARE BRUTAL LICENSE AND LAWLESS VIOLENCE MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE U.S. WHICH IS IN THE THROES OF AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE... AND UNDER THE COMPULSION OF A BOUNDLESS

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FEELING OF GUILT, THE DEFIANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IS TOLERATED... EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF APPROVAL OF VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL TOOL IN THE HANDS OF VANDALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD". EDITOR THEN SAYS IT IS TIME FOR LEADERS OF GREAT WESTERN CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION TO TURN STRONGLY AGAINST THIS INEFFECTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF VIOLENCE BY INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS. "WHEN WILL AMERICAN LEADERS (HORRIFIED BY SECOND KENNEDY ASSASSINATION) EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WHICH, TRAINED AND ARMED FOR THE PURPOSE, WANT TO DEPRIVE THE NATIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA OF THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE?"

DIE TRANSVALER JUNE 7:

IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE HEART OF THE MATTER" ISSUE DISCUSSES COMMISSION WHICH PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS APPOINTING TO INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PUBLIC FIGURES IN THE U.S. ARTICLE STATES THAT COMMISSION'S WORK WILL ONLY BE OF VALUE IF IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT STEADY UNDERMINING OF MORAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WESTERN CIVILIZATION IS FOUNDED. IN U.S. IT TRACES THIS UNDERMINING FROM JEFFERSON AND FRANKLIN THROUGH TWO WORLD WARS TO PERNICIOUS EFFECT OF "HOLLYWOOD CULTURE" NOT RPT NOT ONLY ON U.S. BUT ON REST OF WORLD. "THERE IS SURELY REASON FOR CHARLES DE GAULLE'S DOING EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO KEEP AMERICAN INFLUENCES OUT OF FRANCE"!

7. ON SATURDAY JUNE 8 AT ELEVEN A.M. AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL CONGEN AND STAFF WILL ASSIST AT REQUIEM MASS BY AMERICAN PAULIST FATHERS. ATTENDING WILL BE MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG, MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RELIGIOUS AND LAY LEADERS OF THE WHITE AND AFRICANS COMMUNITIES, EDUCATORS AND STUDENT LEADERS FROM UNIVERSITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC AT THIS MULTI-RACIAL HOUSE OF WORSHIP. REINER

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTIONS KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

PAPERS CONTINUE FEATURE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTS FOLLOW YESTERDAY LINE. EXAMPLES ARE FOLLOWING:
OCTAVIO MALTA IN ULTIMA HORA SEES A POLITICAL CONSPIRACY. FULL BACK PAGE SPREAD SPECULATION ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY AND LINES TO OTHER ASSASSINATIONS.
D. HELDER CAMARA IN O JORNAL NLAMES "TRUSTS" WHO CANNOT TOLERATE OBSTACLES IN THEIR PATH.
IN SAME PAPER GUANABARA LEGISLATORS QUOTED AS BLAMING AMERICAN PEOPLE AND "CLIMATE OF BARBARIANISM ENVELOPING U.S."
SENATOR MARIO MARTINS SAYS KENNEDY ASSASSINATIONS NO COINCIDENCE.
ESTADO DE SAO PAULO SAYS "ASSASSIN NOT PRODUCT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, BUT OF WAVE OF HATE AND VIOLENCE AROUND WORLD."
PRO-GOVERNMENT JORNAL DE BRASIL ACCUSES OPPOSITION MDB OF DISTORTING KENNEDY'S IDEAS TO IDENTIFY WITH THEIR OWN CAUSE. PAPER TRIES TO TAKE ULTRA OUT OF HIS LIBERALISM.
IN BACKGROUND ARTICLE, JORNAL DO BRASIL SAYS

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KENNEDY HAD ENEMIES, E.G. BIRCH SOCIETY, HOFFA, MAFIA. ARTICLE MAKES MUCH OF POLITICAL ENMITY BETWEEN KENNEDY AND JOHNSON BUT ACCUSES NOBODY OF COMPLICITY IN ASSASSINATION.

EDITORIAL IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS: "IDEALISTS DIE BUT NOT IDEALS... ONLY IN A DEMOCRACY DOES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NEED POPULAR VOTE AND HAVE TO GO AMONG THE PEOPLE... FRACILITY OF LEADERS AND PEOPLE, IS ALSO ITS GREATNESS AND HEREIN LIES ITS TRANSCENDENT VIRTUE".

HERON DOMINGUES OF DIARIO DE NOTICIAS SAYS MODERN MASS COMMUNICATIONS IN U.S. PUT PUBLIC FIGURES TOO MUCH IN LIMELIGHT, GREATING UNDUE PASSION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS AND ISSUES.

JORNAL DO COMERCIO REPORTS THAT AT CEREMONY OF BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS HONORING GORKI, USSR AMBASSADOR PRAISED OF CEREMONY.

D. SERAFIM DERNANDES DE ARAUJO, BISHOP OF BELO HORIZONTE, QUOTED IN CORREIO DA MANHA: "ALL WHO APPEAR THERE WITH SAME IDEAS OF BOB KENNEDY WILL BE ELIMINATED, SINCE GROUP EXISTS THERE PREPARED FOR THIS".

PAULO FRANCIS (LEFTIST COLUMNIST) WRITES IN SAME PAPER THAT FBI IMPLICATED SINCE HOOVER HATES KENNEDY'S IDEAS AND WANTS TO PROTECT HIS OWN JOB. VISCIOUSLY ATTACKS CONGRESS AS INDIFFERENT TO SOCIAL PROBLEMS. LAUDS D.H. LAWRENCE ANALYSIS OF US SOCIETY AS BRUTUALITY MASKED BY PURITAN CONCEPTS. SEES MCCARTHY LAST HOPE AGAINST RADICAL RIGHT.

CARLOS DRUMMOND DE ANDRADE IN SAME PAPER SEES ASSASSINATION AS SYMPTOM OF WORLD-WIDE CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE. ASKS WHO IS NEXT. CORREIO EDITORIAL: "A GREAT COUNTRY CAN HAVE BAD MOMENT IN ITS HISTORY, AND US HAS STRENGTH TO FEAT THIS DARK CONSPIRACY AGAINST ITS VALUES, PRESTIGE, AND FUTURE. KENNEDY DIED BECAUSE HE INTERPRETED THIS PATRIOTIC DETERMINATION AND DECISION TO FACE THESE FORCES, A MINORITY BUT POWERFULL."

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The enclosure is Alan Paton's address to Wits University on the "Day of Affirmation of Academic and Human Freedom". While affirming his stand for the International Human Rights Year of 1968, Paton's text still seems a bit downcast and worried as he urges the students to dream for better days. The student body and speakers stood for a moment's silence in tribute to Robert Kennedy before Paton's speech, and to them, as well as with most liberals in South Africa, Kennedy's death is a loss of contact with the outside world which they are frightened they may not be able to replace.

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Students stand for Kennedy

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AT A CEREMONY which Robert Kennedy two years ago described as the "celebration of liberty", 1,200 people last night stood in silence for a minute to mark Kennedy's death.

It was the annual Nusas-sponsored "Day of Affirmation" of academic and human freedom, held last night at the University of the Witwatersrand. Dr. Alan Paton, leader of the Liberal Party, gave the annual address.

Exactly two years ago Senator Kennedy, who was visiting South Africa as a guest, delivered the address, at the University of Cape Town.

SYMPATHY

"I would like to express our deep grief and our deep sympathy, not only to America, but to Mrs. Kennedy and her children, and the child still to come," said Dr. Paton, before his address.

"To millions of people of all races Robert Kennedy was a symbol of faith in man," said Mr. John Kane-Berman, president of the university's Students' Representative Council.

Mr. John Daniel, the Nusas president, who also paid tribute to Senator Kennedy, said: "In him young people saw a hope for a new brand of politics in the future . . . now that he has gone it is difficult not to despair of hope for the future. But we will not despair — the message of Kennedy lives on."

Mr. Daniel said he believed that the Nationalist Government—when its "improper interference" legislation was passed; when the Liberal Party had disappeared and the Progressive Party had been segregated—would focus all its attention on Nusas.

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Among 1,200 people at the annual "Day of Affirmation" ceremony at the University of the Witwatersrand last night who stood in silence to mark the death of Senator Robert Kennedy were (from the left): Dr. Alan Paton, Mr. John Kane-Berman, President of the Students' Representative Council of Wits University, Hon. O. D. Schreiner, Chancellor of the University, Mr. John Daniel, Nusas Resident and Professor I. D. MacCrone, principal of the University.

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Dr. Alan Paton addresses the meeting which was sponsored by Nusas.

Why we must go on dreaming

MBER 10, 1968, will be the 20th anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this year 1968 is designated International Human Rights Year.

The Universal Declaration is an affirmation by a majority of the nations of the world of the belief that man has certain inalienable rights, that he is not a man if he does not possess them, that he cannot live with dignity or purpose without them.

It is an affirmation of the fact that he has rights even against the State, that he must not be enslaved or tortured, that he may not be arbitrarily arrested or detained or punished. And that, if he is faced with the breaking of the law, he shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing in a court of law, and that it is only in a court of law that shall have the right to punish him, to lay claim on his property or his person, and to restrict his freedom.

The Universal Declaration affirms that anyone who is anyone who is ready to work has a right to be given the opportunity to choose the kind of work for which he is fitted, to receive fair wages, to form trade union, to be given security, shelter, and the necessary social services, to be secure in unemployment, sickness, disability and old age.

Everyone has a right to education, elementary education shall be free and compulsory. Higher education shall be accessible to all on the basis of merit. All education shall be directed to the strengthening of respect for human rights.

Some of these rights shall be exercised or exercised at the discretion of the rights of others, and it shall be the duty of the State to devise a just order in which its citizens may be able to exercise their rights

and discharge their responsibilities to their communities.

This Declaration of Human Rights was the second time in the history of Man that the nations of the world sat down and dreamed a dream.

Listen to the words of General Smuts: "We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and the worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained."

And what has become of the United Nations? It is a common pastime to sneer at their organisations and its ineffectiveness, and a common error to forget the reasons for it.

For built into the United Nations Organisation is the alarm mechanism that goes off each time it is in any danger of achieving the noble aim for which it was created.

The United Nations Organisation is ineffective — not primarily because its member governments want it to be

ineffective, but because it is a dream.

And one of the questions I want to discuss here tonight is whether there is any point in dreaming at all.

General Smuts started his Preamble with the words "We the peoples of the United Nations" and ended it with the words "accordingly, our respective Governments . . .", and we ought to know, and we must know, and especially as university people we must know, that what peoples dream and what governments do are not necessarily the same thing.

The first 20 years of this dream have not seen faith reaffirmed in fundamental human rights, or in the dignity and the worth of the human person, except on occasions such as these.

Is it worth while holding these days of affirmation when fundamental human rights, and the dignity and the worth of the human person, which are among the deepest hungers of the peoples of the world, are on the retreat in the face of the inexorable advances of our respective Governments?

Retreat

It is worth while affirming and re-affirming? — That is what we are considering tonight. The important question is not whether the dream is to be fulfilled, the important

question is whether we should go on dreaming it.

It was part of the intention of the Preamble that armed force should not be used, save in the common interest. In whose common interest is the war in Vietnam? To many of us the war in Vietnam is so terrible that there cannot be any justification for continuing it.

Here in our own country it requires no action by any court of law for a man or woman to be deprived of freedom to associate, to move about, to speak, to write, to publish, even to eat and drink with friends.

Year after year our Government takes to itself greater and greater power, and each time it does so, the rights of its citizens are diminished — and not only the rights of its citizens, but the rights of its institutions also, including this great University of the Witwatersrand, which each year affirms an ideal which it is no longer lawful to practise.

And here again we face the question which this night is demanding an answer from us: is there any point in affirming an ideal which it is no longer lawful to practise? Is there any point in affirming a belief which has no apparent relation to what is called contemporary reality?

What are the alternatives to

the affirmation of an ideal that appears to be unrealisable? There are two alternatives — one is to give in, the other is to despair.

If any man was entitled to despair, it was Bertrand Russell during the First World War of 1914 to 1918, when the bright youth of Britain, France, and Germany were exterminating one another, when 100,000 lives of promise were sacrificed to gain a few yards of mud, and another 100,000 sacrificed to win a few yards back again.

And the consequence of this sacrifice, this dying, this struggle to the death, this unspeakable heroism, was to give to Europe 20 years later the unspeakable horrors of Dachau, Belsen, Auschwitz and Hiroshima.

Russell had to live through Dachau and Belsen and Auschwitz and Hiroshima; he lived to see the signing of the Charter that was to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and he lived to see the erosion of those rights.

He lived to see the use of armed force — which may be used only in the common interest — threaten not a small nation abroad, but a large nation at home, threaten its confidence and its pursuit of happiness, and its sweet American dream.

Yet if, he had been here last night, he would have affirmed what we have come here to affirm — and how then can we believe that there is no purpose, no use, no value, in affirming an ideal which can certainly not at this time be realised, and in dreaming a dream which can certainly not at this time be fulfilled?

Doctrinaire

For if we were to cease affirming, we would be ceasing to perform a task that man has performed from his very beginnings; we would be an act of apostasy have made of man the very creature that in our moments of despair we believe him to be.

Let us examine a little more closely the view — attractive to some of us in periods of frustration — that to affirm an ideal that cannot at this time be realised, is in fact to be doctrinaire incapable of adaptation, inflexible, resistant to doctrinaire, incapable of adapting itself to contemporary reality.

The holders of this view would argue that it is unrealistic to uphold the principle of the open university when the declared policy of the authorities is one of closed universities — that is, of ethnic universities, open to members of one race group and closed to those of others.

It seems to me that this is the view that is doctrinaire, inflexible, and blind to the contemporary reality of the wider world.

The reason why we affirm our belief in the open university is not because we are inflexible and opposed to change, but because we believe that it is only the open university that can guide and aid and sustain our sanity in the times of tremendous change that lie ahead — not only ahead of us, but ahead of the whole continent of Africa of which we are a part, a continent whose emancipation from a colonial past we wish to help to make more real, more meaningful.

And I believe with all my heart that the only kind of university which will be able to offer that kind of help will be the open university, the principle of which we affirm tonight.

There are times when one cannot adapt oneself to contemporary reality. If the late Professor Hoernle had lived under Hitler he would not have adapted himself to contemporary reality — he would rather have died — and he would have died too, because Hitler would certainly not have allowed

Another view

Now I shall examine another view — akin to the first — that to pit the force of an ideal or a principle against raw and sometimes ruthless political power, is quite fatuous; that the only thing to pit against political power is another political power; that you must quit your ivory tower and get down there into the arena and play the game of power.

But there are times when you cannot get down and play the game of power, because you have no steel, no armour, no lance. The only thing that you have is your belief, and the only thing you can do with your belief is to affirm it.

I venture to read to you words which are not usually used on occasions such as this, but which are relevant to our situation.

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind.

"But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

"And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Unfulfilled

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

And was it ever fulfilled? No, but it just went on being prophesied. It was prophesied by John in Palms, and Thomas More in England, and Karl Marx and the Charter of the United Nations, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the unattainable goal, the unfulfillable dream, the history of man's long striving for something that he has never achieved.

But if he were to stop striving for the unbelievable world in which the wolf lies down with the lamb, and in which the nations of the world abjure the use of war, they would destroy the mountain itself and the great adventure of men would come to its end.

I should like to address some words to the supporters of Nusas. The words I have already used were intended to be of encouragement to them, but these are especially so.

I do not expect that the future is going to be easy for you.

You have been advised by many people to drop politics and stick to your studies. This seems strange advice, coming as it often does from people responsible for giving the vote to all White South Africans when they turn eighteen.

It was the intention of our legislators not that our students should eschew politics, but that they should take a lively interest in them. It was because the students of the Afrikaans-language Universities took a lively interest in politics that the Nationalist Government came to power.

If there is to be any change in the dangerous foreign policies of America it will be largely due to the lively interest of American students in politics, and the fact that so many of them feel so deeply that they have actually abandoned their studies to help in the electoral campaigns — and all this because of their deep love for their country and their concern for its honourable name.

Not Strange

I do not think it strange that South African students should sing "Die Stem van Suid-Afrika" when they are saying farewell to a man who is going into exile because he has been restricted in such a way that he can no longer pursue his chosen career, for they sing also because of their love for their country and their concern for its name.

South Africa has been called a land of fear, and that is true. But it is a land of great courage also.

Politics is life, politics is living, politics is your present and your future, with politics are bound up indissolubly your ideals and your beliefs.

There is only one word of advice that I can offer you, and that is that while you have a duty to your country and your society and your fellow man, you also have a duty to yourselves, and that duty is to join in the acquisition and advancement of knowledge, and to equip yourselves for the future by paying a proper attention to your studies.

It is right and fitting that your National Union should concern itself with the affairs of its society and its people, with the pursuit of justice as you see that justice to be, with the pursuit of freedom as you see that freedom to be, with the pursuit of truth which is another of those unattainable goals whose pursuit nevertheless gives meaning and direction to our lives.

No obligation

In those pursuits you are under no obligation to believe as others believe, or as others would wish you to believe.

No State, no Government, no Church, no Party, has any right to tell you what you must believe, just as you have no right to tell others what they should believe.

But you have a right to try to persuade others, just as they have a right not to listen to your persuasion.

It is these pursuits that make us fully human, that give us that dignity and worth of the human person which is spoken of in the Charter of the United Nations.

May you continue to pursue these things, within all the limits and restrictions that may be imposed upon you, for while you continue to do this, many others will be encouraged to continue also.

DR. ALAN PATON last night delivered the sixth annual "Day of Affirmation of Academic and Human Freedom" address, at the University of the Witwatersrand. He posed the question of whether there was any point in affirming a belief at a time when it could not be realised. And to this he gave his own answer: "The important question is not whether the dream is to be fulfilled. The important question is whether the dream is to be lived."



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JUNE SEVEN EDITORIAL COMMENT SENATOR KENNEDY. EDITORIALS
DIVIDED INTO THREE TYPES.

1. CANBERRA TIMES, MELBOURNE SUN, SYDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH
EMPHASIZE GRIEF, COMPASSION, AND HOPE KEEN SHOCK WILL PUT END
FURTHER VIOLENCE. DAILY TELEGRAPH QUOTES PRESIDENT JOHNSON
AT LENGTH. SUN QUOTE IT IS SURELY MORE A QUESTION OF GETTING
PEOPLE TO THINK STRAIGHT RATHER THAN RAISING NEW SECURITY
BARRIERS UNQUOTE.

2. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD AND AUSTRALIAN GO BEYOND THIS AND
DISCUSS IMPACT ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. BOTH FORESEE BENEFITS
ACCRUING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. NIXON.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW ATTEMPTS DISCUSSION IN WORLD-WIDE SETTING.
QUOTE IT WOULD BE WRONG IF ALL THIS MINDLESSNESS AND
DESTRUCTION ALLOWED THE FORCES OF THE EXTREME RIGHT OR LEFT TO
RISE IN THE NAME OF LAW, ORDER AND DISCIPLINE TO IMPOSE THEIR
OWN FORMS OF RESTRICTION AND REGIMENTATION. THE BASIC RESPECT
THAT IS NEEDED IN THE WORLD IS RESPECT FOR PEOPLE UNQUOTE.

THE MELBOURNE AGE FOCUSES ON ASSASSINATIONS IN THE UNITED
STATES. QUOTE FOR ROBERT KENNEDY THE TRAGEDY HAS ENDED. FOR
HIS COUNTRY THERE MAY BE WORSE TO COME. THE PATTERN IS TOO
HORRIFYINGLY CLEAR TO IGNORE. IN AMERICA ASSASSINATION IS THE
LIKELY FATE OF MEN WHO EMBRACE GREAT CAUSES, WHO STAND UP

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AND SPEAK OUT FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE RIGHT AND TRUE. THE MURDERS OF THE KENNEDY BROTHERS AND MARTIN LUTHER KING DID NOT EVEN HAVE THE ALLEVIATING AIR OF BEING ACTS OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE. THERE IS SOMETHING HORRIBLY CALCULATED IN ALL THESE KILLINGS. UNQUOTE. WONDERING WHETHER AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO RESIST TREND TOWARDS MORE VIOLENCE AND ASSERTING NEED FOR MORE BRAVE MEN TO AVERT IT. QUOTE JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WERE BRAVE MEN. THEY HAD THE COURAGE OF THEIR BELIEFS, AND FOR THIS THEY WERE KILLED UNQUOTE. OTHER LEADERS QUOTE PUT THEIR HEADS ON THE EXECUTIONERS BLOCK, AND CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THE AXE WILL NOT FALL UNQUOTE. EDITORIAL ENDS DESCRIBING LOSS TO AMERICAN VOTERS. QUOTE HE HAS BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO SEE WHETHER HE COULD DO BETTER THAN THE MEN HE CRITICISED. MILLIONS WHO BELIEVED HE COULD, AND WOULD, HAVE BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY UNQUOTE. BLACKMAN

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1. GOLDBERG, AT OWN INITIATIVE, MET WITH ENTIRE ARAB GROUP LATE JUNE 6. DRAWING ON DEPT'S JUNE 5 STATEMENT GOLDBERG REITERATED ON OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL BASIS THAT THERE ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

2. IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED MEETING SHOULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED NOR DISCUSSED WITH OTHER DELS.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

1. THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY ECLIPSED ALL OTHER SUBJECTS IN THE GERMAN PRESS TODAY AND ON RADIO AND TELEVISION YESTERDAY. "THE WORLD MOURNS KENNEDY," WAS THE HEADLINE DOMINATING THIS MORNING'S FRONTPAGES. TIME DIFFERENTIAL DID NOT PERMIT THE PRESS TO REPORT SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH EARLIER.
2. SOME RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS, REPORTING FROM LOS ANGELES, COULD HARDLY CONTROL THEIR EMOTIONS. GERD RUGE, FOR INSTANCE, FIRST CHANNEL'S U.S. BUREAU CHIEF, WAS SO OVERCOME THAT HE HAD TO STRUGGLE FOR NEARLY TEN MINUTES BEFORE HE COULD GET HIS VOICE UNDER CONTROL. RUGE NARRATED A HALF-HOUR, SPECIAL REVIEW OF THE CAREER OF SENATOR KENNEDY. SECOND CHANNEL ALSO PROGRAMMED A HALF HOUR KENNEDY MEMORIAL SHOW.
3. LOCALLY, TELCISON CONCENTRATED ON INTERVIEW WITH PROMINENT GERMANS COMMENTING ON THE SENATOR'S DEATH. SECOND CHANNEL CARRIED A STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR LODGE, COVERED THE LOWERING OF THE FLAG AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, AND PEOPLE SIGNING THE CONDELENCE BOOK, RADIO COVERAGE FOLLOWED SIMILAR LINES.
4. MOST OF THE PRESS WAS QUICK TO PICK UP PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S TELEVISION APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ABIDE BY THE RULE OF LAW. EDITORIAL OPINIONS FOLLOWED ALONG YESTERDAY'S LINES. MANY EDITORIALS SEEMED TO ASK QUESTIONS RATHER THAN EXPRESS OPINIONS. AND AGAIN THERE WERE UNDERTONES WHICH PUT INTO QUESTION AMERICA'S LEASERSHIP BECAUSE OF "INABILITY TO COPE WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS."
5. DUESSELDORF'S HANDELSBLATT, FOR INSTANCE, CONCENTRATED ON THE INTERNATIONAL EFFECT OF THE KENNEDY DEATH. THE PAPER THINKS THAT THE SENATOR'S DEATH IMPLIES FAILURE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

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AND ITS AUTHORITY. "...THIS IS A FACT OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE. AMERICA'S INTERNAL WEAKNESS AND LOSS OF PRESTIGE MIGHT PRODUCE AN IMPACT EVEN IN THE REMOTEST CORNERS OF THE GLOBE....THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONFRONTED WITH THE NECESSITY OF CONCENTRATING MORE THAN BEFORE ON ITS OWN COUNTRY. CONSEQUENTLY, EUROPE WILL HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON ITS PROBLEMS, WITH EUROPEAN COOPERATION BECOMING MORE IMPRTANT THAN EVER BEFORE."

HANDELSBALATT ALSO FEARS THAT THE KENNEDY ASSASINATION MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE VIET NAM TALKS.

6. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG VOICES SIMILAR APPREHENSIONS WHEN IT SAYS, "...AS LONG AS THE DOMESTIC AMERICAN SCENE REMAINS UNCLEAR THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS WILL REMAIN DEADLOCKED WHILE FIGHTING IN VIET NAM WILL BE STEPPED UP. OF ALL POLITITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE KENNEDY SLAYING, THIS IS THE MOST UNFORTUNATE."

7. MUENCHNER MERKUR TAKES A MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW. IT BELIEVES THAT THOUGH THE KENNEDYS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ATTAIN THEIR GOALS, "...THEY HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON MANKIND'S DREAM - ETERNAL PEACE."

8. RHEINISCHE POST WARNS OF OVERSIMPLIFICATION AND HASTY CONCLUSIONS DRAWN FROM THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY. "VIOLENCE," THE PAPER SAYS, "NO LONGER HAS EASILY RECOGNIZABLE ROOTS....IT PERVADES ALL GROUPS, NATIONS AND CLASSES, PROGRESSIVES AND REACTIONARIES...."

9. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG FEELE THAT THE KENNEDY LEGACY WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT'S MOST DIFFICULT TASK, NAMELY TO "RENEW IN THE NEGORES, THE POOR OF ALL COLORS, AND THE YOUNG....A FAITH IN THEIR COUNTRY AND A PRIDE IN CTS DEMOCTRATIC TRADITIONS...."

10. FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU'S MANAGING EDITOR ADMONISHES THE U.S. TO REEXAMINE ITS ENTIRE SOCIAL STRUCTURE. HE USES THIS OCCASION TO VIOCE HOSTILITY TO FREE ENTERPRISE AND WHAT HE FEELS IS ITS INCLUENCE OVER THE CONGRESS. "...WHAT KIND OF A CONTRY IS IT THAT UNTIL NOW COULD NOT PASS A LAW TO CONTROL THE POSSESSION OF ARMS? THE POWER OF THE BUSINESS LOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS IS TOO STRONG. THE IDOL OF FREE ENTERPRISE IS BECOMING A MONSTER WHICH IS THREATENING SOCIETY...."

11. DIE WELT'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HEINZ BARTH WRITES THAT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION HAS THROWN THE U.S. INTO A DEEP ABYSS OF NATIONAL CRISES. HE EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE SIGNAL TO REVERSE THE TREND OF VIOLENCE.

12. STUTTGARTER EITUNG EMPHASIZES THAT THE REPLY TO VIOLENCE MUST NOT BE RESIGNATION OR APATHY, "INSTEAD, THE KENNEDY

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ASSASSINATION COMPELS THE FREE WORLD TO RETURN TO THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO LAW."

13. WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG COMPARES THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY WITH THE SHOOTING OF RUDI DUTSCHKE IN BERLIN TO SHOW THAT EXTREMIST EXCESSES CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE. THE PAPER EMPHATICALLY CALLS FOR A RETURN TO REASON AND ABSTENTION FROM VIOLENCE.

14. REJECTION AND CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON REACTION THROUGHOUT GERMANY. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE ATTEMPT TODAY NOT TO SINGLE OUT THE UNITED STATES, BUT RATHER TO POINT TO A GENERAL DETERIORATION IN WORLD MORALITY LEADING TO VIOLENCE. THE IDENTITY AND PRESUMED MOTIVE OF THE ASSASSIN WAS FAIRLY WIDELY COVERED IN TODAY'S PRESS.

15. MANY COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS MOURN KENNEDY'S DEATH. THE FLAG FLIES AT HALF FROM BONN'S CITY HALL. BERLINERS HAVE STAGED A SILENT TORCHLIGHT PARADE, AND MUNICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE PREPARING FOR A MARCH OF MOURNING DURING THE WEEKEND.
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FROM : Amembassy ALGIERS

DATE: June 7, 1968

SUBJECT : Algerian Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

The Algerian press has fully reported the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Although banner headlines have not been used, ample coverage has appeared on inside pages. All the enclosed clippings appeared in the semi-official Algiers daily El Moudjahid.

Enclosure No. 1: Editorial entitled "Robert Kennedy and Zionism", which appeared on May 28th and helps to explain subsequent Algerian reaction to the assassination.

Enclosure No. 2: Report of the assassination attempt and editorial query why Los Angeles police claim Sirhan is an Arab after first saying he was Jamaican, then Cuban. (June 6, 1968).

Enclosure No. 3: Report of death from front page of El Moudjahid, (June 7, 1968).

Enclosure No. 4: Words of Arthur Schlesinger deploring American acts of motive, (June 7, 1968).

Enclosure No. 5: Full report on Senator's death, President Johnson's declaration, and information on Sirhan, (June 7, 1968).

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Figure 1 is a schematic representation of the experimental design. It shows a sequence of events: Pretest, Training, and Transfer. Each event has a corresponding label in a circle. Arrows indicate the flow from Pretest to Training to Transfer. A legend indicates that 'Pretest' and 'Posttest' are represented by circles, and 'Training' and 'Transfer' are represented by rectangles.

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Enclosure No. 6: Algerie Presse Service editorial: "Who armed the assassin?" (June 7, 1968).

Enclosure No. 7: Statement issued by Palestine liberation movement "El Feth" in Algiers, (June 7, 1968).

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Robert Kennedy et le sionisme

○ La campagne électorale bat son plein aux Etats-Unis. Les différents candidats à la Présidence font feu de tout bois pour gagner les bulletins du corps électoral américain.

Les uns axent leur propagande sur le Vietnam, d'autres sur le problème des Noirs. Robert Kennedy pour sa part, a fait acte de foi sioniste devant la communauté juive de Portland (Oregon).

Ressorlant le cliché éculé du mythe dépassé d'« Israël — petit pays pacifique » le candidat aux élections présidentielles de novembre a déclaré : « Nous nous sommes engagés à faire survivre Israël, nous devons maintenir la sécurité d'Israël contre toute agression extérieure, par les armes si c'est nécessaire ».

Point n'est besoin pour nous de souligner le caractère ridicule des affirmations du sénateur américain quant à « l'agression extérieure qui menacerait Israël. L'Histoire a démontré et notamment les événements depuis le 5 juin dernier, de quel côté se situe l'agression et le mépris des Nations unies. L'occupation de vastes portions de territoires, l'annexion de Jérusalem, la répression sanglante qui sévit contre des populations civiles ne sont pas, à ce qu'on sache, le fait des Arabes.

A moins que M. Kennedy ne soit mal informé ou aveugle pour ignorer des réalités connues de tous.

En vérité, il n'est ni l'un ni l'autre. Le sénateur n'exprime que l'opinion du « système américain » et confirme ainsi ce que nous avons toujours dénoncé ici à savoir qu'Israël n'est qu'une base de l'impérialisme au Moyen-Orient.

S'agissant du sionisme et de la lutte contre le mouvement de libération arabe, la « Sainte Alliance » se fait rapidement aux Etats-Unis. « Kennedy-le-Libéral » emboîte le pas à Johnson et fait lui aussi de la « sécurité d'Israël », son cheval de bataille.

Ces prises de position n'étonnent guère du reste les Arabes, pour qui l'extirpation du sionisme du Moyen-Orient reste le devoir le plus sacré, n'en déplaise à M. Kennedy et consorts.

ALGER, 6.1968
June 6, 1968

ROBERT KENNEDY VICARIE D'UN ATTENTAT A LOS ANGELES

« Etat extrême-
ment critique,
il pourrait bien
y rester »
disent
ses médecins
- 250 000 dollars
de caution pour
l'agresseur
Sirhan Sirhan



ROBERT Kennedy, frère du président assassiné, 43 ans, sénateur de l'état de New York, candidat de gauche aux élections présidentielles de novembre prochain a été l'objet hier matin à Los Angeles, d'un attentat. Le sénateur venait de terminer un discours où il annonçait sa victoire électorale en Californie.

Atteint de plusieurs balles, dont deux dans la tête, il a été immédiatement opéré. A l'heure où nous mettons sous presse, son état est jugé extrêmement critique par ses médecins. « Il a, disent-ils, une toute petite chance de s'en sortir. »

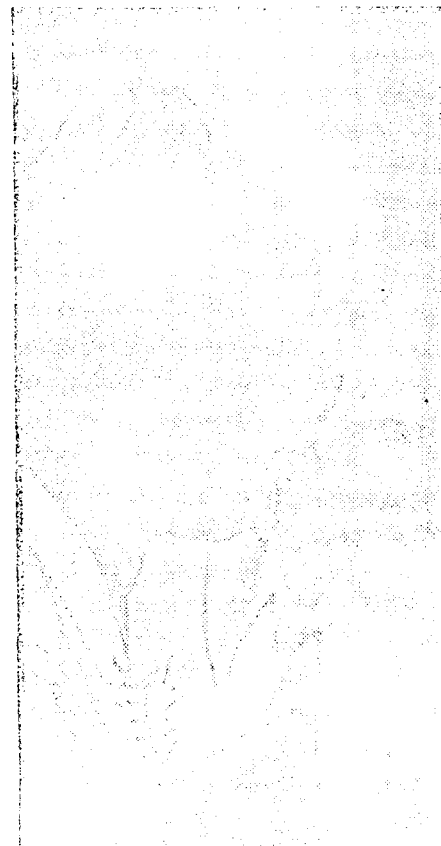
Son présumé agresseur, Sirhan Sirhan, âgé de 23 ans, est arrêté. Les autorités de Los Angeles après avoir dit qu'il s'agissait soit d'un Jamaïcain, soit d'un Cubain laissent maintenant entendre qu'il est d'origine arabe. On peut se poser des questions sur les véritables motifs de telles insinuations.

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ROBERT KENNEDY A STICCOVIRIS A SES BLESSURES DIMANCHE, DEUIL NATIONAL AUX ETATS-UNIS

ROBERT Kennedy est mort hier matin à l'hôpital du Bon Samaritain de Los Angeles. Maintenant tous les regards se tournent vers l'homme accusé de cet assassinat, Sirhan Sirhan. Son interrogatoire se poursuit, mais sans succès car jusqu'à présent Sirhan Sirhan n'a pas parlé. Après les rumeurs répandues par les autorités de Californie sur une prétendue origine jordanienne de l'assassin, Amman a déclaré, par la voix de son Premier ministre qu'il n'existait aucun Jordanien de ce nom. Après la mort de Robert Kennedy on enregistre dans le monde de nombreuses réactions.



NOUS SOMMES MARQUES PAR LA VIOLENCE

LES Américains sont le peuple le plus effrayant de la planète », a déclaré, mercredi soir, M. Arthur Schlesinger, conseiller de l'ancien président Kennedy, puis de son frère Robert, au cours d'une allocution qu'il prononçait à l'occasion d'une remise de diplômes à 33 étudiants de City College, à New-York.

Emu au point d'en pleurer, M. Schlesinger a ajouté : « Depuis trois ans, nous tuons des gens de l'autre côté du monde. Nous avons déjà assassiné deux citoyens qui personifiaient l'idéalisme américain à l'étranger et hier nous avons tenté d'en assassiner un troisième. Ces actes de violence ne sont pas des accidents. Ils ont leur origine dans notre passé national ». « Ces actes, a poursuivi M. Schlesinger, ont commencé lorsque l'homme blanc s'est mis à assassiner les Indiens et à faire des esclaves de ceux qu'il considérait comme ses inférieurs à cause de la couleur de leur peau ». « Nous sommes marqués par notre société d'un droit inné à la violence qui apparaît dans le zèle que nous mettons à poursuivre une guerre irrationnelle au Vietnam qui suppose une poussée intérieure de haine et de violence », a conclu M. Schlesinger.

Après 24 heures d'agonie, Robert Kennedy succombe à ses blessures

DIMANCHE JOURNEE DE DEUIL AUX ETATS-UNIS

Robert Kennedy est mort hier matin à 1 h. 44 (heure de Los Angeles) soit 9 h. 03 GMT. Le sénateur n'avait pas repris connaissance depuis son transfert, moins de 24 heures, avant à l'hôpital. Après une intervention chirurgicale qui a duré près de quatre heures, les bulletins de santé successifs publiés

dans la journée à l'hôpital du Bon Samaritain, n'indiquaient aucune amélioration. L'état du sénateur restait toujours extrêmement critique.

C'est M. Mankiewicz, son attaché de presse qui a annoncé la nouvelle de la mort de Robert Kennedy.

Quelques instants plus tard, ans et Robert Jr. 13 ans, se détails suivants : les trois aînés des dix enfants Kennedy Joseph, 16 ans, Kathleen 17 ans et Robert Jr. 13 ans, se trouvaient à l'hôpital au moment du décès, mais il n'a pu dire s'ils avaient vu leur père avant sa mort. La dépouille de M. Robert Kennedy devait être transportée dans la matinée de jeudi soit à Washington soit à New York. La Maison Blanche a été prévenue. M. Mankiewicz a encore précisé que la mort du sénateur avait été provoquée par la blessure reçue dans la nuit de mardi à mercredi et qu'il n'avait pas pu surmonter le traumatisme.

L'annonce faite par M. Mankiewicz n'a provoqué aucune surprise parmi les journalistes présents dans la salle de presse. Chacun savait en effet depuis la fin de l'après-midi, que tout espoir était perdu et que le sénateur était dans le coma. Il semble que ce soit entre 17 heures et 17 h. 30 (heure du Pacifique) que l'agonie se soit précipitée. En effet, M. Mankiewicz avait à 17 heures (locales) donné rendez-vous à la presse pour jeudi matin. Un peu plus tard, il leur avait conseillé de rester sur place dans l'attente d'une nouvelle annonce. Seul un public très clairsemé stationnait encore devant l'hôpital.

Dès l'annonce du décès, le président Lyndon Johnson adressait un message de condoléances à la famille du sénateur et décrétait que dimanche prochain, sera journée de deuil national ; à ce moment, sur tous les bâtiments publics, et les navires de la marine de guerre américaine, le pavillon étoilé était mis en berne pour y rester jusqu'après les funérailles du sénateur.

Celles-ci auront lieu à New York et à Washington ; la dépouille mortelle du sénateur sera transportée dans quelques heures par avion spécial, de Los Angeles à New York, où, après avoir été exposée pendant toute la journée de vendredi, une messe sera dite samedi matin à la cathédrale St. Patrick au cœur même de la Grande Métropole. Puis, par train, le corps du sénateur sera transporté à Washington, où il sera inhumé samedi dans la journée au cimetière national d'Arlington aux côtés de la dépouille du président John Kennedy qui y repose depuis sa mort.

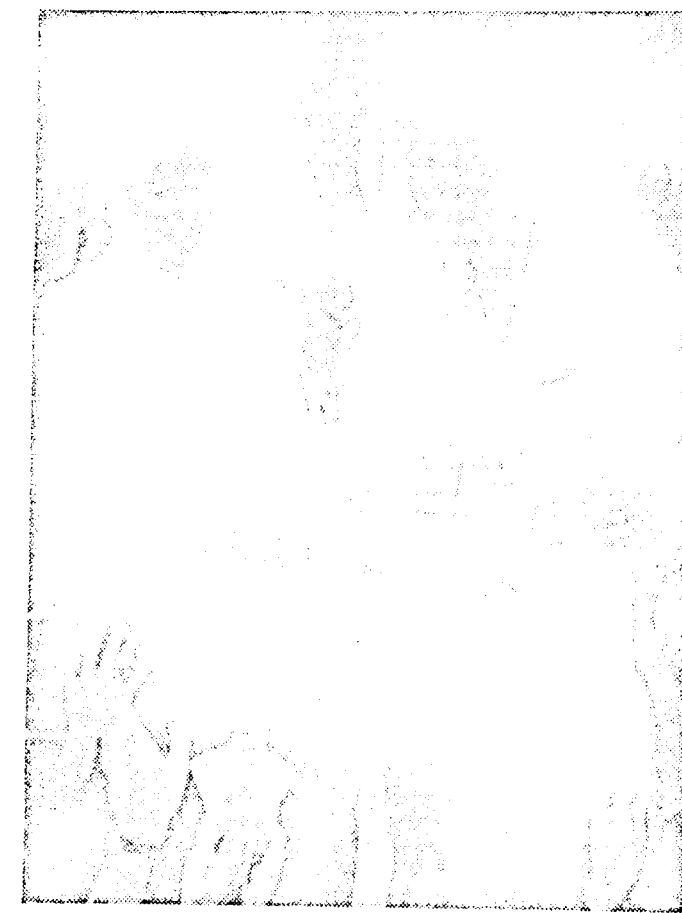
DECLARATION DU PRESIDENT JOHNSON

Peu après l'annonce de la mort du sénateur Kennedy, le président Johnson a fait la déclaration suivante :

« Nous connaissons à cette heure une perte et une heure tragiques. Le sénateur Robert F. Kennedy est mort.

« Robert Kennedy était une affirmation du pays — une affirmation de l'honnêteté intrinsèque du pays, de son désir de paix, de son désir de voir les conditions de vie s'améliorer pour tous.

« Au cours de sa vie, il a connu beaucoup plus que sa part de tragédie.



Robert Kennedy au cours d'un meeting électoral à New-York avec à ses côtés sa femme Ethel.

« Il n'a pourtant jamais abandonné sa foi en l'Amérique. Il n'a jamais perdu sa confiance dans la force spirituelle des hommes et des femmes.

« Il croyait en l'aptitude des jeunes à se parer et au droit des plus âgés et des pauvres à vivre dans la dignité.

« Sa perte amoindrit notre vie publique.

« Mme Johnson et moi-même exprimons notre profonde sympathie à Mme Kennedy et à sa famille.

« Je viens de signer une proclamation demandant à notre nation d'observer une journée de deuil pour Robert Kennedy. »

« Notre pays est malade », a déclaré dans la soirée de mercredi le président américain en lançant un appel au pays pour qu'il « renonce à la violence ». Il a annoncé la création d'une commission qui va « commencer immédiatement un examen des causes de cette tragédie » comme de tous les actes de violence qui ensanglantent le pays depuis l'assassinat de John Kennedy, il y a quatre ans et demi.

L'attentat commis contre le sénateur Kennedy, de même que l'assassinat du pasteur King, montre que « la violence peut abattre les meilleurs d'entre nous », a poursuivi M. Johnson.

« Nous ne pouvons tolérer la domination d'hommes violents parmi nous », a-t-il dit. « Nous ne pouvons tolérer

l'appel à la violence, quelle que soit sa cause », a-t-il ajouté, soulignant qu'un grand pays ne peut garantir la liberté des citoyens que « dans le respect de la loi ».

Le chef de l'Exécutif a demandé au Congrès d'adopter le plus rapidement possible des mesures législatives pour arrêter « le trafic insensé des armes » aux Etats-Unis. Il a enfin demandé à chaque Américain de commencer dès ce soir à faire preuve de modération et d'oublier la violence.

Le projet législatif de lutte contre la criminalité, prévoyant de sévères restrictions à la vente des armes à feu et des munitions, libre jusqu'à présent aux Etats-Unis, pourrait être débattu dès jeudi à la Chambre des représentants, estime-t-on à Washington.

En effet, la commission de procédure de la Chambre s'est prononcée, douze heures après l'attentat commis contre le sénateur Kennedy, pour l'ouverture de ce débat que le gouvernement réclamait depuis longtemps.

QUI EST SIRHAN ?

L'auteur de l'attentat contre le sénateur Robert Kennedy a été identifié mercredi au début d'après-midi. Il s'agit d'un nommé Sirhan Bechara Sirhan, né le 16 mars 1944 à Jérusalem, demeurant depuis peu à Pasadena, en Californie, avec l'un de ses frères dit « Joé », employé dans un grand magasin de Pasadena.

Au cours d'une conférence

de presse, le maire de Los Angeles, M. Samuel Yorty, et le chef de la police de la ville, M. Thomas Reddin, ont déclaré qu'ils avaient pu remonter la filière grâce aux empreintes digitales relevées sur l'arme de l'agresseur, un pistolet de calibre 22. L'arme portait d'autres empreintes, dont celles d'un autre frère de l'agresseur, prénommé Adel.

L'identification a été confirmée par les empreintes digitales du suspect prises à l'occasion d'une demande d'emploi qu'il avait faite auprès de la direction d'un champ de courses hippiques à Hollywood. Cette demande d'emploi avait été remplie il y a quelque temps alors que Sirhan était élève au collège John Muir de Pasadena.

Il a été transféré mercredi après-midi du quartier général de la police de Los Angeles à l'infirmerie de la prison du Comté, à l'indiquer un porte-parole de la police.

Sirhan Sirhan, y est soigné, a-t-il précisé, pour un doigt cassé et des contusions à une jambe.

Le porte-parole a refusé de dire si le prisonnier avait été blessé au cours de la lutte qui suivit immédiatement l'attentat, avant qu'il n'ait été maîtrisé par les gardes du corps du sénateur Kennedy, ou plus tard dans les locaux de la police.

M. Thomas Reddin, chef de la police de Los Angeles, a refusé mercredi soir, au cours d'une conférence de presse, de donner des détails sur les documents découverts plus tôt dans la journée au domicile de Sirhan Sirhan.

En refusant de donner des précisions sur la nature exacte de ces documents, M. Reddin a déclaré qu'à l'heure actuelle des révélations de ce genre ne pourraient que porter préjudice au déroulement du procès de l'accusé.

M. Reddin a répété aux journalistes que rien de concret pour l'instant ne permettait d'étayer la thèse d'une sinistre conspiration internationale dans cette affaire. Il a ajouté que l'accusé, autant que l'on sache, n'appartient pas à une organisation politique extrémiste.

Le chef de la police a donné quelques détails supplémentaires sur la famille de l'accusé :

Sirhan Sirhan est arrivé en 1957 aux Etats-Unis venant de Jérusalem avec son père, sa mère, une sœur qui est décédée depuis, et quatre frères. Le père dont le prénom n'est pas connu, a quitté la famille peu après son installation à Pasadena et a regagné ensuite que l'on sache Jérusalem où il résiderait actuellement.

Deux frères, Adel et Mounir, vivent encore avec leur mère à Pasadena. Les deux autres, Saïd Allah et Shami, ont quitté le domicile maternel et on ne sait pas où ils sont actuellement.

Seules cinq ou six personnes parmi lesquelles les deux frères, Adel et Mounir, se sont présentées à la police pour fournir des renseignements sur l'accusé, qui observe toujours un mutisme total.

QUI A ARME LA MAIN DE L'ASSASSIN ?

L'assassin du sénateur américain, Robert Kennedy, candidat aux prochaines élections présidentielles des Etats-Unis, a-t-il en commettant son acte agi de son propre chef, par « idéalisme » par besoin de publicité autour de sa personne par « fanatisme » ou bien pour le seul désir de tuer ? Quelle est la véritable personnalité de Sirhan Sirhan, quelles sont ses idées vis-à-vis d'un problème politique donné comme celui par exemple du Moyen-Orient ? Le meurtrier n'aurait-il pas été armé intentionnellement par un tiers ? Dans l'affirmative, qui avait le plus intérêt à voir disparaître Robert Kennedy et pourquoi avait-il intérêt à ce qu'il disparaisse ? Autant de mystères, autant d'hypothèses à travers lesquels il est encore bien difficile de voir clair. On annonce déjà qu'il s'agit là d'un acte prétendument « isolé ». Va-t-il être dit une nouvelle fois que les raisons qui ont amené la mort de Robert Kennedy resteront dans l'ombre comme sont restées dans l'ombre celles intéressant la mort de son frère, le président John Kennedy et celle encore toute récente intéressant l'assassinat du Pasteur intégrationniste noir, Martin Luther King ?

Rien, si ce n'est le nom et l'origine de l'assassin n'a pour le moment filtré de l'enquête menée actuellement par la police autour de cette affaire. Cependant, plusieurs agences et radios étrangères certainement « bien intentionnées » ont commencé à émettre des suppositions les plus abracadabrantes quant aux raisons qui ont amené Sirhan à assassiner le sénateur Robert Kennedy. Certaines radios périphériques européennes dont l'attitude

anti-arabe au lendemain de l'agression sioniste du 5 juin n'est plus à démontrer, vont jusqu'à souligner la nationalité « arabe » de l'assassin, son « fanatisme arabe » tout cela avec bien entendu, un sens péjoratif des plus aigus. En les entendant, on serait tenté de dire qu'elles ne vont pas tarder à parler d'une véritable conspiration des Arabes contre un homme politique qui n'a jamais caché toutes les sympathies qu'il éprouvait pour l'Etat sioniste installé en territoire arabe occupé au détriment de toute autre considération.

N'est-ce pas éloigner le problème de son contexte purgament américain que de vouloir le rattacher intentionnellement ou non au problème du Moyen-Orient, à un moment justement où toute la Nation arabe se remémore douloureusement, la lâche agression sioniste du 5 juin 1967.

Des observateurs étrangers affirmaient déjà bien avant les résultats de l'enquête policière qu'il s'agissait là d'un crime politique.

« L'assassin, ont-ils dit, est un farouche nationaliste qui a voulu marquer par son acte le premier anniversaire du conflit arabo-sioniste de juin dernier, M. Kennedy ayant préconisé une livraison immédiate d'avions américains à l'Etat sioniste ».

Pourquoi Sirhan ne serait-il pas plutôt un tueur à gages à la solde des sionistes et qui aurait été armé par eux dans le seul but de discréditer aux yeux de l'opinion internationale les Arabes et provoquer une hystérie anti-arabe aux USA ? C'est là l'argument qui a été avancé par plusieurs observateurs arabes qui estiment que cet acte peut profiter aux sionistes. (APS)

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"Des manœuvres sionistes machiavéliques"

ALGER. — Après l'attentat qui a coûté la vie au sénateur Robert Kennedy, certaines agences de presse ont avancé que son auteur est un Arabe originaire de Jérusalem.

Devant la gravité de la situation et les moyens crapuleux dont use le sionisme pour dissimuler la vérité, le bureau d'Alger du mouvement de libération nationale palestinien « El-Feth » vient de rendre public la mise au point suivante :

« L'attentat qui coûta la vie au sénateur américain Kennedy après les déclarations qu'il a faites au cours de sa campagne électorale et relatives au problème palestinien, revêt pour nous une grande signification. C'est sans vergogne que le sionisme mondial commence à étaler ses moyens de propagande pour déformer la réalité quant au problème palestinien et à la Révolution palestinienne qui commence à jouir d'un grand soutien à travers le monde.

« A l'opinion publique internationale, nous disons que toutes les hypothèses avancées sur l'identité du criminel ne sont que des manœuvres machiavéliques sionistes.

« A l'opinion publique, nous disons que le mouvement de libération nationale palestinien « El-Feth », qui entreprend aujourd'hui l'un des plus nobles et durs combats contre l'ennemi sioniste en Palestine, condamne toute personne utilisant cette arme dans un pays étranger et contre un citoyen étranger pour des divergences politiques.

« Malgré l'oppression que con-

naît le peuple palestinien de la part des sionistes, notre mouvement a maintes fois affirmé sa décision de ne jamais employer de moyens de représailles contre les populations civiles de nos ennemis. Notre combat est un combat de libération et nos coups sont spécialement portés contre les hordes militaires sionistes qui occupent notre territoire.

« UN INSTRUMENT AUX MAINS DU SIONISME »

« Il y a quelques années, ajoute la déclaration, le président John Kennedy a été assassiné. Aujourd'hui c'est le tour de son frère Robert. Est-il possible qu'un seul individu puisse remplir à lui seul une mission aussi dangereuse que criminelle ? le problème est beaucoup plus complexe qu'on le pense.

« En ce qui nous concerne, nous considérons qu'en plus des échecs retentissants qu'elle a subis à l'extérieur, notamment en Europe, en Asie, en Amérique Latine, en Afrique, la politique américaine, loin de devenir saine, a eu les influences les plus néfastes sur la société américaine et les personnalités politiques américaines elles-mêmes.

« Pour nous, même Arabe, le criminel ne peut-être qu'un instrument aux mains du sionisme mondial, du capitalisme, de la Central Intelligence Agency pour la concrétisation des plus abjectes aspirations politiques.



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1. NO FOREIGN EVENT SINCE ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT KENNEDY, INCLUDING DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HAS MOVED PEOPLE OF CHILE AS MUCH AS ASSASSINATION SENATOR KENNEDY. STARTING WITH PRESIDENT FREI'S PUBLIC DECLARATION (SEE REFTEL) STREAM OF VISITORS, OFFICIAL, SEMI-OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO EMBASSY, CONSULATE AND RESIDENCE TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES, CONSTERNATION AND SYMPATHY. THESE INCLUDE PRESIDENT FREI, FORMER PRESIDENT JORGE ALESSANDRI, ALMOST ALL CABINET MINISTERS AND NUMEROUS POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS. NOTABLE NON-FRAP EXCEPTION HAS BEEN RADICAL PARTY WHOSE LEADERS HAVE NOT APPEARED (SENATOR DURAN OUT OF COUNTRY).

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MAKE LEAP FROM SENATOR'S TRAGIC DEATH TO VIRTUALLY WHOLE-SALE CONDEMNATION U.S. SOCIETY. MANY IN THIS CATEGORY ARE ESPECIALLY BITTER BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED SENATOR "THEIR" CANDIDATE FOR U.S. PRESIDENCY AND UNIQUE IN HIS UNDERSTANDING

OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS AND NEEDS.

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK, SECY OF STATE
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WITH THE GREATEST CONCERN AND ASTONISHMENT I RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT AGAINST THE LIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY ALL MY PRAYERS WENT TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR HIS FULL RECOVERY. THE FATAL OUTCOME HAS FILLED ME WITH THE DEEPEST OF SORROWS. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY CONSTITUTES AN IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS FOR THIS GREAT NATION AND FOR THOSE OF US THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO LOVE DEMOCRACY. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE VIOLENT PASSING OF SUCH AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC FIGURE IS A MOST DESPICABLE ATTACK AGAINST DEMOCRACY

JULIO A RIVERA AMBASSADOR OF ELSALVADOR

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VASCO MARIZ MINISTER REPRESENTATIVE AD INTERIM OF BRAZIL.

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1. LA TRIBUNA INDEPENDENT EDITERIALLY CALLED ROBERT KENNEDY CRUSADER FOR LIBERTY, DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY WHO HAS FALLEN; STATED THIS IS GRAVE LOSS FOR AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE, ADDING THAT "NO NATION CAN BE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD WHERE GUNMEN, ACTING EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR CARRYING OUT PLOTS OF OTHERS, CAN END THE LIFE OF JUST REFORMERS AND PATRIOTS IN WHOM HUMANITY PLACES ITS CONFIDENCE." TRIBUNA ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT DISTURBANCE IN FRANCE, ITALY AND OTHER NATIONS OF OLD WORLD, ASKING, "WHO CAN DENY THAT THE STRINGS OF THESE INTRIGUES ARE BEING PULLED BY A POWER WHICH HOPES TO HARVEST RESULTS AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT?"

2. DAILY ABC INDEPENDENT SAID KENNEDY REPRESENTED THE MOST LUCID CONSCIENCE OF A NEW GENERATION OF MEN DISPOSED TO BREAK WITH OLIGARCHIC PRIVILEGE, RACIAL SEGREGATION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. IT SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA FOR THE SECOND TIME HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED IN ITS HOPE FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

3. ABC ALSO DECLARED AMERICANS LIVE IN AN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY WHERE MATERIAL VALUES STAND OUT MORE THAN MORAL ONES. "THEY

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BUILD THEIR LIFE ON A BASE OF MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION, AN IMAGE WHICH, MOREOVER, THEY HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH THEIR FILMS, TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND THE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED BY THEIR PRESS OFFICES."

4. ABC ALSO ASKED HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD POSSIBLY CONVINCE LATIN AMERICANS OF ITS FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS WHEN IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE REAL DIMENSION OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS.

5. ITS CARTOON ON EDIT PAGE SHOWED STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH TORCH IN ONE HAND AND OTHER HAND HOLDING PISTOL, WITH TITLE, "WITHOUT WORDS."

6. COLORADO ORGAN PATRIA REFERRED TO VIOLENCE OCCURRING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AND DECLARED "THE WAVE OF SAVAGERY MUST BE ENDED. DEMOCRACY MUST BE DEFENDED WITH SOMETHING MORE THAN WORDS." KARST

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NOTE OF CONDOLENCE ON DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY RECEIVED
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER FROM ISRAELI AMB VARON LATE THIS
MORNING CONTAINED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "I AM PROFOUNDLY
SHOCKED THAT HIS GALLANT STAND IN FAVOR OF MY COUNTRY
WAS, AS IT SEEMS, A FACTOR IN HIS ASSASSINATION."

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President Johnson has issued following statement and official
approximately 6:00 a.m. EDT
proclamation/on death of Senator Kennedy.

TEXT OF STATEMENT: QUOTE This is a time of tragedy and loss.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

Robert Kennedy affirmed this country -- affirmed the essential
decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to
improve conditions of life for all.

During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal
tragedy.

Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost
his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women.

He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence/and
in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

Our public life is diminished by ~~xxx~~ his loss.

Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy

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and his family.

I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy. END QUOTE

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION: QUOTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States, do call upon all Americans to observe Sunday next, the ninth day of June, as a day of national mourning in his memory throughout the United States. In our churches, in our homes, and our in ~~the~~/hearts ~~N~~ let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived shall endure.

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I direct that until interment the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions.

I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time ~~XX~~ at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second. ~~XXX~~ LYNDON B. JOHNSON END QUOTE

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ACTION: ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS FLASH

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of March 3, 1954

In accordance with Presidential proclamation 3044/all

US flags on official installations will be flown at
half staff beginning immediately and through June 7 in
honor of Senator Robert F. Kennedy who died at 0844Z
today.

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Rm. 7241, Ext. 5836

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : L - Marjorie M. Whiteman
Rm. 6419 NS, Ext. 2280

SUBJECT: Request for declassification of paper(s) pursuant to
FAM Vol. 5, 966.4 and 966.4-1, for Whiteman
Digest of International Law

It is desired to have the attached paper(s) declassified
to UNCLASSIFIED so excerpts may be quoted or paraphrases used,
and the paper cited as reference in the Digest.

If you perceive no objection, please declassify by com-
pleting the CLASSIFICATION CHANGED stamped on the document.

Please return the paper to me when you have completed
action, Room 6419 NS.

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2. Circular Telegram 177492 to All Dip. and Consular Posts
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President's proclamation will be interpreted to mean that
flags remain at half-staff through day of national mourning,
Sunday, June 7.

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Info:

STATE

In connection with the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy
at 0844Z today Department will provide as soon as possible
pertinent details regarding funeral and guidance regarding
foreign representation. ~~Also will be regarding period of~~

~~mounting and flying flags follows nearest.~~

end

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1. PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS WHO CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO
EXPRESS CONDOLENCES FOR DEATH
SENATOR KENNEDY INCLUDED

PRES STROESSNER, FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR, PRES SUPREME
COURT SANCHEZ QUELL, PRES SENATESBRVES, AND INTERIOR
MINISTER MONTANARO. STROESSNER GESTURE NOTEWORTHY,
SINCE TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS FIRST TIME HE HAS
VISITED EMB CHANCERY.

2. USIS REPORTING PRESS AND PUBLIC REACTION SEPARATELY.

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