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Events: 1954 Shooting

Representative Edna Kelly of New York

Recollections of Representative Edna Kelly of New York during the attack.

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Now, my mother, let's go back a little bit. Back in 1954, my mother was on the floor when the nationalist group came from Puerto Rico, was it? Yeah. And shot up into the crowd down there. My mother was in a chair there and when she got down on the floor it had a bullet hole in it after she got out. She crawled on her hands and knees back to the cloakroom and had looked around to see, she was a very, you know very good woman in a lot of ways and knew a lot and she went in there and got the phone off the hook and called her office and tell them that as far as I can see the Members from New York are okay. And then Elizabeth Montgomery of the *Post* did an article about her, you know, on it, that very night I think it was, the next day in the *Daily News*. And that was a very sad time, but I had seen it then, you see, very closely, about what can happen when something like this occurs, a terrorist attack or somebody doesn't like our government or what have you. Then there was a lot of talk about putting up a screen like around in upstairs where all the guests are and they all said no, we can't do that.