

Quiet vigils honor JFK

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Hundreds of people came to the John F. Kennedy Memorial in downtown Dallas yesterday, as the city where he was killed 25 years ago prepared to mark the anniversary with private remembrances but no official ceremony.

Kennedy was traveling in a motorcade through downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, when shots rang out across Dealey Plaza and he fell, mortally wounded. Today, a stone slab inscribed with Kennedy's name and surrounded by partial

walls stands near the site as a memorial.

It was to this slab that visitors came yesterday, on the eve of the anniversary, to pay tribute to a president some of them were too young to remember.

Raul Miranda, 40, was in Dallas for a convention when he recalled the anniversary and decided to visit the memorial before going home to Los Angeles.

"It's something that I can tell my kids what happened," he said. "I'm going to tell them that 25 years ago this event changed the history of

the United States, the history of the world."

In Washington, in the Capitol Rotunda where John F. Kennedy's body lay in state 25 years ago, approximately 500 former Peace Corps volunteers began a 24-hour vigil yesterday celebrating the life of the president who harnessed their youthful idealism to serve the needy of the world.

"We are here to rejoice in a life

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Texas School Book Depository preparing assassination exhibit **A6**

WARM
Half night, low to partly cloudy tomorrow, high in the 40's. Temperature by hours: 3 A.M. 40, 4 P.M. 45, 7 P.M. 45, 10 P.M. 45. Yesterday: Max. 50, Min. 35.

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ASSASSIN KILLS KENNEDY

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed by a sniper's bullet in Dallas today, 25 years after he was elected president. The assassination occurred at 11:57 a.m. as Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, were riding in a motorcade through downtown Dallas. Kennedy was struck in the back by a bullet fired from a sniper's perch on the Texas School Depository building. He was pronounced dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Praying Street Empty
Kennedy died at Parkland Hospital, where Lt. Hubert...
Comally Storms in SF
Lovers...
Yarborough Gives Account
...
See a Gun Emerge
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The President and Jackie, flanked by Texas Gov. and Mrs. John Connally, tour the Lone Star State

Adoula Tells Red Mission To Pack Up

Life...
Adoula...
Dear Left Open

Lifeline Threat Renewed

Junior Probably As Tough One To Shave, Too

Kennedy Lashes Out at Barry's 'Simple Solutions'

Jackie Charms Thousands Deep in the Heart of Texas



JOHN F. KENNEDY, 1917-1963

The late city edition of The Daily Home News on November 22, 1963 carried the news of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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well-lived, and not to mourn a life that has passed away. This is a celebration of life," said Katy Hansen of Orange City, Iowa, who taught in a Nigerian high school in 1967-68 and is president of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

She led off the "journals of peace" vigil in which former volunteers from across the country took turns giving brief speeches, singing songs and reading from their journals or letters from abroad, reflecting on what the time they spent in Peace Corps service meant to them.

Also today, Dallas-area painters, poets, performance artists and musicians planned a series of exhibits and live performances at the Texas Theater, where assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was apprehended only hours after the assassination of the president.

At Dealey Plaza, a small American flag with a bouquet of flowers lay in front of a plaque, about 200 yards from the memorial and across the street from the Texas School Book Depository Building, where authorities say Oswald fired

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— Raul Miranda —

from a sixth-floor window into Kennedy's motorcade.

On Sunday, 30 former Green Berets and 150 onlookers gathered at the memorial to remember Kennedy. The members of the U.S. Army Special Forces wore their berets — the ones Kennedy had authorized in 1961 — as they saluted four wreaths laid at the memorial.

At Parkland Memorial Hospital, where Kennedy was taken after being shot, a roundtable discussion was planned today with five doctors and nurses who were at the hospital when the president arrived.

The attention given to the 25th

anniversary has aroused more interest than usual in the site, said Gary Mead, who drove one of several tour buses that stopped at the memorial yesterday.

"They're very much aware of it," Mead said. "They don't want to miss this part of the tour."

The Dallas County Democratic Party, which had been in charge of the official observance, last marked the anniversary five years ago. Since then, it has sponsored ceremonies every May remembering Kennedy on his birthday.

"We got the impression that the family preferred we remember the

happier moment celebrating his birth," said Sandy Kress, county party chairman. "We think the family was right, and we feel good about what we're doing."

The Washington vigil ends at noon today, the 25th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, with remarks by Sens. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., himself a former volunteer in the Dominican Republic; and commentator Bill Moyers, former deputy director of the Peace Corps.

A commemorative service will be held afterward at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where Kennedy's funeral service was held on Nov. 25, 1963. Officiating will be the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, first chairman of the Peace Corps advisory committee.

They are among an estimated 130,000 former volunteers who have served in 94 countries since Kennedy founded the Peace Corps in March 1961 as his first major initiative as president. Today there are 7,000 volunteers serving in 64 countries.

Rep. Tom Petri, R-Wis., one of six House members who are former volunteers, said Kennedy taught him that "Americans should be involved with the world, not just as diplomats or the military, but as citizens."