

JET CARRIES RFK HOME; TRIAL TROUBLE FEARED

Requiem Mass Will Be
Held Saturday

By ARTHUR EVERETT
NEW YORK (AP) — Robert F. Kennedy came home across the full majestic breadth of springtime America Thursday to New York, his adopted state where he found political haven in the doleful aftermath of his brother's assassination.

A four-engined presidential jetliner landed with the senator's body at LaGuardia Airport at 8:58 p. m. in deepening dusk, beneath a brilliant, nearly full moon.

The plane arrived after a 4½-hour flight from Los Angeles. There an assassin's bullet to the brain claimed Robert Kennedy's life early in the day, just as it had John F. Kennedy's less than five years ago.

The silver, blue and white jet was a companion aircraft to the one that brought the late President's body home to Washington from Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The mahogany casket was removed from the plane and placed on a lift.

Behind it walked the senator's widow, Ethel, mother of 10 children, expecting an 11th. She had cradled her husband's head in her arms in the tumultuous moments after a gunman shot him down early Wednesday in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. She had been beside him in the hospital when he died.

WIDOW ERECT

Now, she was bringing him home, a widow, erect, controlling her grief.

Mrs. Kennedy's two eldest sons, Joseph 15, and Robert Jr.,

(An obituary of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will be found in Sec. 4, Page 20, and other stories associated with the Kennedy tragedy in Sec. 1, Pages 3, 6-7, 9.)

14, helped lift the casket from the plane.

Last off the aircraft was an-



SEN. ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY
1925—1968

other widow, Mrs. John F. Kennedy sister-in-law of the senator. For her it might have had he overtones of a nightmare. For on a night four years, and seven months ago, Jacqueline Kennedy had flown east from Dallas with the body of her own husband on the plane with her.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., last of four Kennedy brothers, was among the family group who stood in quiet composure as Roman Catholic Archbishop Terrence J. Cooke led them in three-minutes of prayer beside the casket after it had been lowered from the plane.

About 1,000 persons looked on at the airport.

The casket was placed in a hearse. The widow and Edward Kennedy accompanied it.

Robert Kennedy's final destination is Arlington National Cemetery, where his brother, John, rests beneath an eternal flame. But not until Saturday, after he is eulogized in St. Patrick's, the great, gray Gothic cathedral on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. There the

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42-year-old senator often in the past bowed his head in prayer.

It was there that the hearse proceeded. It arrived at 9:48 p.m., part of a 50-car motorcade, that traveled into Manhattan bumper-to-bumper from the

airport.

Since mid-afternoon, a crowd had been building outside the Cathedral. By the time the hearse arrived, police estimated that almost 10,000 persons were

at the airport there. Rowers were tossed at the passing motorcade.

The takeoff of the presidential 707 jet was delayed for more than three hours because an au-

outside the church, curious, hushed but not demonstrative.

Robert Kennedy was nearing the end of a long journey.

It had begun in bright sunlight in Los Angeles, where an estimated 4,500 persons lined the streets near the hospital where he died. At least as many stood

Cathedral, the huge doors were slowly swung closed.

The body of Robert Kennedy will lie in state Friday. A requiem mass will be held there Saturday.

An estimated 4,500 lined the streets near Good Samaritan Hospital.

At least as many stood vigil at the airport.

There were flowers for the

slain senator at both points. Some were tossed toward the passing motorcade, some were placed along the way to the ramp which led into the air plane.

The body of the New York senator, shot early Wednesday in an hour of political victory, was to lie in state Friday at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in New York.

A requiem mass was to be held there Saturday.

Then a train was to carry the body to Washington for burial Saturday at Arlington National Cemetery, probably on the grassy knoll resting place of the assassinated John F. Kennedy.

Robert Kennedy clung tenuously to life for more than 25 hours after a gunman emptied an eight-shot, .22-caliber revolver at him in a kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel.

It happened moments after he had proclaimed his most important win in the Democratic presidential nomination campaign victory over Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy in the California primary.

He died at 1:44 a.m. PDT Thursday.

His widow, Ethel, pregnant with their 11th child, was at his bedside at the end, and with his body on the final journey.

Three of their older children

were in a room next door. They visited their father before he died, but he never regained consciousness.

ACCUSED GUARDED

The man accused of the shooting, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24,

was under maximum security guard at Los Angeles County Jail.

The burst of violence which took Kennedy's life seemed to stem from hatred spawned on another continent; the warring of Arab and Israeli in the Middle East.

For the alleged assassin was a native of Jordan, and those who knew him said he was inflamed by conflict between his homeland and Israel. A former employer suggested Kennedy's support of U.S. aid for Israel could have prompted the accused man to his deed.

Sirhan was held in \$250,000 bail, charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder. Five other persons were wounded in the Kennedy shooting, none critically.

Asst. Dist. Atty. William J. Ritz said his office will seek a murder indictment against Sirhan at a county grand jury hearing Friday.

Los Angeles police said Thursday they have issued an all-points bulletin for a woman sought in connection with the assassination. The bulletin said her identity was not known, described her as a white woman 23 to 27 years old.

Police said she was seen with Sirhan prior to the shooting and was clad at the time in a white dress with black polka dots.

Mayor Samuel Yorty told a news conference the assassin was stirred by bitterness over the Middle East situation—and also was inflamed by Communists.

"Some of the bitterness of the conflict in the Middle East has been transferred to our city by an alien," he said.

Asked whether he feared his disclosures might cause trouble in the prosecution of the alleged assassin, Yorty replied "There is so much evidence already," including eyewitnesses and the murder gun.

Yorty added that California

With the last of the official

Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch had told him he "was worried" that Yorty's release of information in Sirhan's diary might prejudice a fair trial.

In another news conference, Dist. Atty. Evell Younger also criticized the mayor. Calling the assassination a "great tragedy," he added: "What a greater tragedy it would be if successful prosecution of the person responsible for the terrible crime were jeopardized by statements prior to the trial commenting on evidentiary matters."

The bullets that cut down Kennedy turned a scene of celebration into one of terror. The senator had just thanked his cheering supporters for the California victory.

Haggard and pale, Frank Mankiewicz, Kennedy's press secretary, announced the death.

"Sen. Robert Francis Kennedy died at 1:44 a.m. today, June 6, 1968," he said. "With Sen. Kennedy at the time of his death were his wife Ethel, his sisters, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Peter Lawford, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John F. Kennedy. He was 42 years old."

A priest, The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. McCormack of New York, said prayers for the dying as the end came.

BROTHER PRESENT

Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the family's last surviving son, was present, too.

Mankiewicz then answered questions.

The specific cause of death? He looked up numbly.

"The gunfire attack," he said.

Mankiewicz said the fatal bullet "went into the head near the right ear."

That shot penetrated Kennedy's brain, and surgeons early Wednesday conducted a 3 hour, 40 minute operation to remove all but a fragment of it.

Another slug hit Kennedy in the shoulder and lodged in his neck.

Kennedy never rallied after the surgery.

"It was not a question of

his sinking," Mankiewicz said, "but a question of not rising. He needed a rally and steady improvement in his condition, and that did not develop."

"There had been a lack of improvement in his condition, and without the improvement there was lack of life force to sustain him," Mankiewicz said.

President Johnson was awakened at 5:01 a.m., EDT, and told of Kennedy's death. He immediately proclaimed Sunday a day of national mourning for Kennedy. "This is a time of tragedy and loss," he said.

The White House dispatched from Washington the airplane that flew Kennedy home. It was a four-engine jet of the type on which the President flies.

And there was in that an eerie reminder of another assassination and another flight eastward. Aboard that flight was the body of President John Kennedy, assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy, widow of the President, accompanied her husband's body that day, and was among the passengers on Thursday's mournful journey.

Mrs. Martin Luther King, who lost her husband to an assassin April 4, also was on the Kennedy flight.

AUTOPSY DONE

A Los Angeles County coroner's team conducted an autopsy on Kennedy's body. That examination delayed the departure for New York, but Kennedy assistants made clear from the beginning that all legal requirements of the city and state would be satisfied before the body was removed.

In that, there seemed a recollection of Dallas and the stormy scene in which Secret Service agents and associates of John Kennedy rejected the attempt of a local medical examiner to hold the body of the assassinated president for an autopsy.

This was the tentative schedule for Kennedy's final rites:

Friday

5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.—The body lies in state at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Saturday

10 a.m.—Requiem mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

12:30 p.m.—The body is placed in a train for the journey to Washington.

4:40 p.m.—The train arrives in Washington, the body to be taken in a funeral cortege past the Senate Office Building, where Kennedy worked, and the Department of Justice, where he served as attorney general.

5:30 p.m.—Burial at Arlington National Cemetery, probably at the plot overlooking Washington where John Kennedy is buried, and where an eternal flame burns in his memory.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, who had been a Kennedy rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, expressed "profound personal loss."

"We have all lost a great American," he said.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., another presidential contestant and the man Kennedy defeated in the California primary, spoke of the grieving family. "Let us seek to comfort them by our quiet mourning," he said, "our rejection of violence and reprisal," and by new dedication to the Kennedy goals of peace and reconciliation.

Kennedy won 172 nominating votes in the California primary. But the bullets that cut him down cancelled the effect of the 1.4 million votes he received Tuesday.

SLATE RELEASED

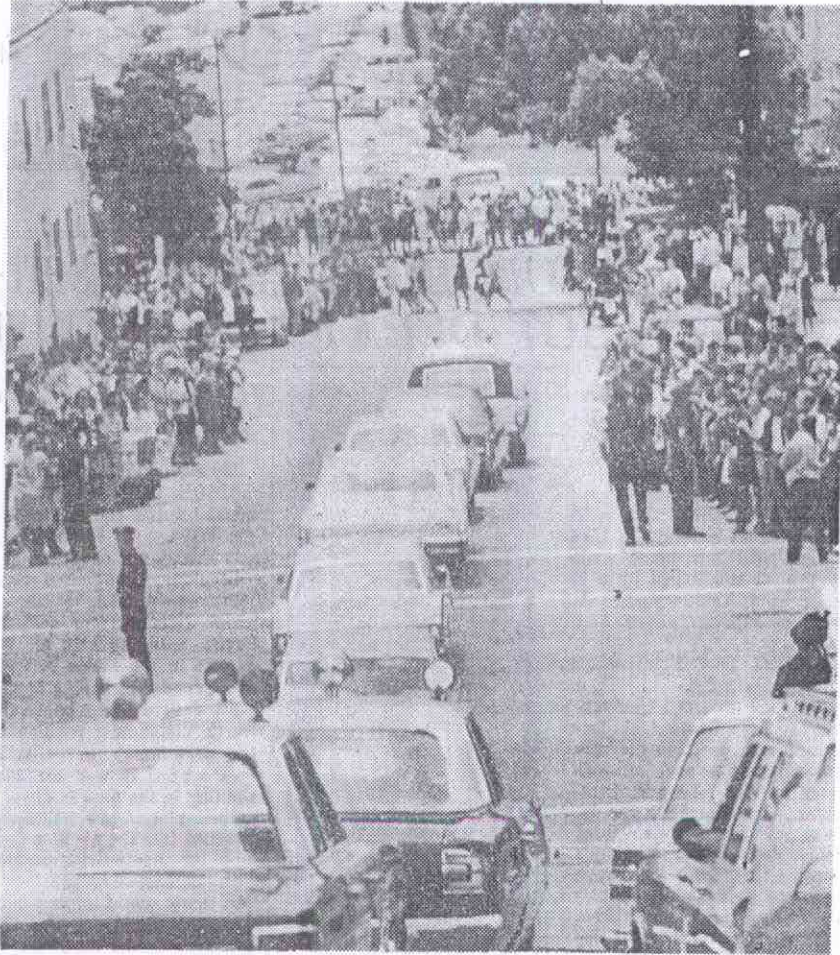
A spokesman for the Democratic National Committee said California officials held that the Kennedy-pledged slate of delegates elected in the primary was automatically released by the death of their candidate, and may support whom they wish.

For the third time, word of the violent death of a son reached the home of Joseph P. Kennedy in Hyannis Port, Mass.

A niece, Miss Ann Gargan, told Mrs. Rose Kennedy at 6 a.m. that Robert was dead. Mrs. Kennedy went to mass an hour later. Then she flew to New York to join the rest of the Kennedy family.

The eldest Kennedy son, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., was killed in action during World War II. Then came the assassination of President Kennedy, four years and nearly seven months ago.

Hearse Leads Procession in Los Angeles



SPECTATORS crowd the street as an entourage of automobiles, headed by a hearse carrying the body of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, leaves Good Samaritan Hospital in

Los Angeles Thursday for the airport. In the autos are members of the Kennedy family and friends. The body was placed aboard a jet and flown to New York.

—AP WIREPHOTO.

That left Edward the family's sole surviving son.

Gov. Ronald Reagan declared a state of mourning in California. New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who will appoint a Senate successor to Kennedy, ordered flags on state buildings to half staff.

A crowd of several thousand people—somber and silent—gathered off Wilshire Boulevard at the hospital where Kennedy died.

Many held red and black placards that read: "Pray for Bobby."

There were crowds, too, in Tokyo, gathered to read news bulletins. And there were tears in the eyes of a man on a Moscow street.

There were expressions of regret in the Arab world, but there was bitterness, too.

"Sen. Kennedy has been destined to pay the price for eagerness of American politicians to seek the votes of American Jews," wrote the Beirut newspaper Al Bayrak.

Kennedy aides listed 33 passengers on the flight to New York—family members, Kennedy friends and aides. Two passengers, former Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson and Los Angeles Rams lineman Roosevelt Grier, were the men who seized the accused assassin at the spot of the shooting.

Also aboard was an author, George Plimpton; an entertainer, Andy Williams; a mountain climber, James Whittaker; a friend and associate, former Asst. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall. They were the kind of people Robert Kennedy liked to travel among.

Canadian Flags Will Be Lowered

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau ordered flags on all Canadian federal buildings flown at half-staff Saturday in mourning for the assassinated U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"This action is symbolic of the profound sense of loss felt by the Canadian people," said a statement Thursday from the office of the prime minister, who is campaigning in northern Ontario for the national elec-

Yorty Is Criticized for Release on Sirhan

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Prosecuting authorities expressed concern Thursday that Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty might have prejudiced the case against the accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy as they rushed preparations to bring him to trial.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian citizen, remained behind a heavy cloak of police protection. Authorities pressed their investigation and announced plans to take their case to the grand jury for an all-day hearing Friday.

Dist. Atty. Evelle C. Younger said he hoped to bring Sirhan to trial within 60 days.

Police issued an all points bulletin for a woman between the ages of 23 and 27 they said was seen with Sirhan before the fatal shooting of the New York senator just after he proclaimed his California Democratic presidential primary victory to supporters early Wednesday.

As the investigation continued, both state and local officials expressed concern that Yorty might have hurt the prosecution's case by disclosing to newsmen the contents of Sirhan's notebook.

In it, Yorty said, Sirhan wrote of "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

'GREAT TRAGEDY'

Younger told a news confer-

ence that while the assassination was a "great tragedy, what a greater tragedy it would be if successful prosecution of the person responsible for the terrible crime were jeopardized by statements prior to the trial commenting on evidentiary matters."

He was critical of the disclosures from "the notebooks referred to Wednesday by Mayor Yorty."

California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch, in a statement, said he had cautioned Yorty Wednesday "to confine his release of information concerning the suspected murderer of Sen. Kennedy."

He warned that U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court decisions on public statements and fair trials place severe limitations on what public officials say. "Under these court decisions," he said, "evidence may be ruled out and a trial severely hampered by such public statements."

Yorty, at a separate news conference, said "there is so much evidence already that I don't see how revealing some of the background can be prejudicial."

"This is a matter of judgment and I am a lawyer and I exercised my judgment in this matter," he said.

Younger said he wouldn't oppose a change of venue—shifting the trial to another area—if defense attorneys asked for it and he considered the request valid.

There was a maximum secu-

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rity guard on Sirhan in a hospital ward at the Los Angeles County central jail. His index finger had been broken and his left ankle sprained when he was captured by Roosevelt Grier, Los Angeles Rams lineman, and Rafer Johnson, the former Olympic decathlon champion, just after the shooting.

Police said the all points bulletin for the girl was an informational one.

"We are not going out and trying to pick up anyone or ar-

rest anyone," inspector Peter Hagan said. "We are merely asking for anyone to come to us with information regarding the girl in the polka dot dress."

He was speaking of a woman referred to by a 20-year-old Youth For Kennedy worker, Sandy Seranno, who said she saw her running from the assassination scene shouting "we shot" Kennedy.

Other witnesses, Hagan said, have told police they saw a woman in a polka dot dress in the area, but he added "there could have been 20 women in polka dot dresses."

Younger said he expected Sirhan's attorney to seek a court delay of 10 days to two weeks before entering a plea. So far, he has been represented by the public defender's office, but he has talked with representatives of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union, which Wednesday called Yorty's statements on the case "ill advised."

Sirhan remained out of contact with the public and all information about him came from friends, acquaintances and former employes.

Sirhan is charged with six counts of attempted murder and the grand jury is expected to indict him for murder.

'HATED JEWS'

He was, by the account of those who knew him, a young man who hated Jews and was angered by Israel's victory over Arab states last year.

A New York committee on America-Arab relations said he "may have been inflamed" by Kennedy's call for U.S. jets for Israel during his televised debate with Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy Saturday night.

Yorty, while taking note of what the others said, offered another reason. The mayor said, "it appears also that he was inflamed also by contacts with the Communist party and the contacts with Communist dominated or infiltrated organizations."

Sirhan's car—"or one that we know he drove"—had been seen outside a building in which the W.E.B. DuBois Society was meeting, Yorty said. Yorty said the society had been identified by federal officials as a Communist front, and added "that evil organization has played its part in inflaming the assassination of Kennedy."

FAMILY SHOCKED

Sirhan's family expressed shock over the killing of Kennedy.

In Israeli-occupied Jordan, his father, Bishara Sirhan, 53, who had returned to his homeland, said "I cannot understand what could have pushed him to do such a thing. My son was always a quiet, humble and very gentle boy. I brought up my children to do good."

And in Pasadena, where his mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan lives, she and her other children sent a telegram to the Kennedy family.

"It hurt us very bad what has happened and we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with the mothers and father," she said.

She added "I want them to know that I am really crying for them all."

Family Spirit, Unity Vital in RFK's Life--Hannan

Prelate Praises Concern for Children, Poor

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan said during the Requiem Mass he celebrated Thursday night for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy that Kennedy epitomized the basic unit of Christian society — the family — throughout his life in his dealings with and concern for others, in his belief in God and in his politics.

The archbishop, a personal friend of the Kennedys, said the senator exemplified what a son, a brother, a husband and a father should be.

Archbishop Hannan recounted some of the experiences he had with the senator while he was pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Washington and lauded Kennedy's affection and concern for children and the poor.

FAMILY SPIRIT

He said the family spirit and unity was and is saturated throughout the entire Kennedy family, is absorbed completely by those who married into the family and lived completely by all of them.

"That family unity," he added, "was demonstrated so well after the death of President Kennedy. Their unity imparted strength to every member in that ordeal.

"The common sorrow only forged tighter bonds of unity. After that sad event, Bobby always included Caroline and John and their mother in his family excursions and vacations, trying to be a substitute for his slain brother."

BELIEF IN CHARITY

They believed in charity as a way of life, the archbishop said of the clan's concern for the underprivileged.

"His last impromptu speech epitomized his belief in democracy — that all segments of our people could be united and strive towards a common goal," Hannan said.

"Of course, he also expressed

the bride or bond between those groups. That wish—shorn of political overtones—is now a part of our national legacy.

"He felt that he belonged to the poor and to the man on the street. He came frequently on weekdays to St. Patrick's Church in Washington, where I served as pastor, because it was located only two blocks from the Department of Justice. He never wished to be singled out."

RESOLUTION URGED

The archbishop urged that all turn the mourning for the senator into a resolution for spiritual renewal and to draw good out of the evil permitted by God.

"This heart-breaking tragedy presents a challenge and demand that we cannot shirk," he added. "We, his fellow citizens, must turn this violence into the good of the community.

"The good it must serve is the fuller achievement of the ideals to which he dedicated his life, the ideals of his country. This is the challenge that this country faces."

Earlier Thursday, Archbishop Hannan said he would leave here Friday morning to attend the senator's funeral in New York on Saturday morning. He delivered the eulogy at President Kennedy's funeral.

Gov. John J. McKeithen said he will accompany the archbishop to New York.