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NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY CEREMONY (440)

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DALLAS, TEX., NOV. 22 (AP)-FOREIGN VISITORS JOINED DALLAS CITIZENS IN A SIMPLE CEREMONY OF WORDS, MUSIC AND FLOWERS TODAY IN MEMORY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, ASSASSINATED HERE THREE YEARS AGO.

THE REV. TOM FRY, PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, APPEALED TO THE CROWD OF 500 FOR A REDEDICATION TO KENNEDY'S "IDEALISM OF BRINGING JUSTICE TO ALL AND OPPORTUNITY TO EVERY MAN."

TWENTY-SIX FORT WORTH MEMBERS OF A BOYS CHOIR REPEATED FOUR SONGS THEY SANG FOR KENNEDY THE MORNING OF HIS DEATH NOV. 22, 1963, BRINGING TEARS TO THE EYES OF MANY.

BUT THE SERVICE--ORGANIZED BY PRIVATE CITIZENS BUT ATTENDED BY DOZENS OF CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS--STEERED CLEAR OF EMOTIONALISM ON THE WHOLE.

THE LOCATION ITSELF, NEAR A HISTORICAL MARKER DESCRIBING ON CURVED SLABS OF PINK GRANITE HOW THE ASSASSINATION OCCURRED A BLOCK AWAY, CAUSED ENOUGH PANGS.

BEGINNING AT DAYBREAK, THE PEOPLE THROGGED TO THE MARKER AND ASSASSINATION SITE. SOME BROUGHT FLOWERS, OTHERS POEMS.

THE VISITORS INCLUDED DALLAS MAYOR ERIK JONSSON, WHO CAME HOURS BEFORE THE PUBLIC CEREMONY WITH A WREATH OF ROSES, NOTING HOW "TIME CHANGES THE FORM OF GRIEF BUT NOT THE EMOTION ITSELF."

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AND FRENCH WELTERWEIGHT CHALLENGER JEAN JOSSELIN, ALSO PLACED A WREATH ON THE MARKER WITH A 5X7 PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF IN A BOXING POSE CLIPPED TO THE SIDE.

THE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS IN THE CITY WAS PARTLY DUE TO JOSSELIN'S FIGHT WITH WORLD CHAMPION CURTIS COCKES NEXT WEEK. BUT JUST AS MANY FOREIGNERS WERE TEAMS OF REPORTERS INTERVIEWING WITNESSES AND RE-TRACING KENNEDY'S ROUTE IN THE HEAT OF THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE WARREN COMMISSION'S CONCLUSION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN SHOOTING KENNEDY.

THE CONTROVERSY NEVER WAS MENTIONED IN THE PUBLIC CEREMONY OR IN THE TWO SMALL SERVICES HONORING KENNEDY FOR HIS WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH.

MRS. MARTINA LANGLEY OF RICHARDSON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE MUSIC AND PRAYER SERVICE IN FRONT OF THE MARKER. SHE ALMOST SINGLEHANDEDLY PERSUADED THE CITY TO ERECT THE MARKER TO INFORM THE THOUSANDS OF VISITORS COMING TO THE SITE--AND IT WAS MRS. LANGLEY WHO INDIGNANTLY PROTESTED THE CITY'S PROPOSED INCLUSION OF MUCH LOCAL HISTORY ON THE MARKER BEFORE MENTIONING THE ASSASSINATION. SHE AROUSED PUBLIC OPINION TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CITY RETREATED AND INCLUDED ONLY DATA ABOUT KENNEDY'S DEATH.

THREE LANGLEY CHILDREN--JERRY, 16; TINA 14; AND MARK 11--PLACED A LARGE WREATH OF FLOWERS AND A SMALL AMERICAN FLAG IN FRONT OF THE MARKER ON BEHALF OF THEIR MOTHER, WHO IS CRITICALLY ILL AND COULD NOT SEE THE FRUITS OF HER EFFORTS.

THE VERY REV. OSCAR HUBER, WHO GAVE LAST RITES TO KENNEDY, PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONY AT THE MARKER AND AT A SERVICE ACROSS FROM HIS CATHOLIC CHURCH AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY LIVING CENTER FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

THE MENTAL RETARDATION SOCIETY OF DALLAS COUNTY EARLIER SPONSORED THE LIGHTING OF A "FLAME OF HOPE" CANDLE AT THE MARKER.

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