

Luncheon in Leningrad

Another Big Day for Kennedy

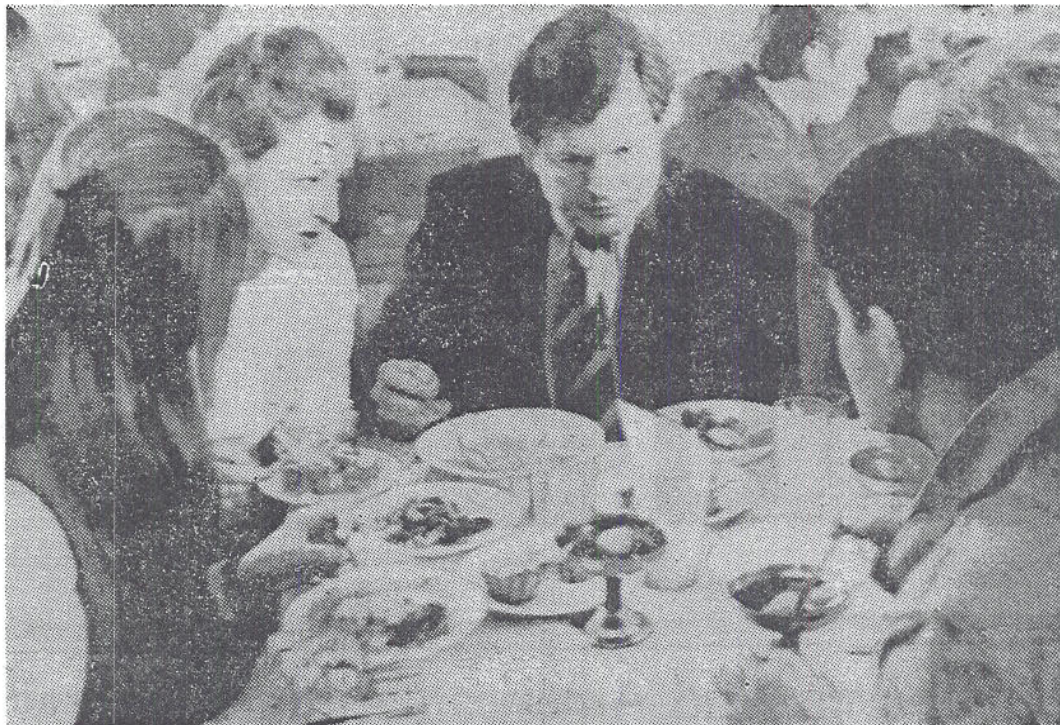
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"It's just like being in Fitchburg, Mass., during the last week of the campaign," Joan Kennedy observed yesterday after her husband, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, was engulfed by Leningrad residents eager to shake his hand.

Large, jubilant crowds greeted Kennedy wherever he went in the stately former czarist capital, just as they did on Tuesday when he toured Tbilisi, the capital of the southern Georgian republic.

The one-day trip to Leningrad ended the Kennedys' week-long visit to the Soviet Union.

The tour resembled a political campaign in more than the friendly crowds. During a visit to the largest Soviet electric turbine plant, Kennedy shook hands with workers, exchanged vodka toasts with the director and looked over the huge ma-



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Senator Kennedy ate with four workers in the Leningrad electrical plant cafeteria.

chines.

He stood through the factory cafeteria line and sat down to eat cabbage soup, beef, potatoes and fried onions with four workers, asking them about their life and work.

Earlier in the day Kennedy placed red carnations at the monument of Piskarev-

skoye Cemetery, the burial place of victims of the siege of Leningrad in World War II. In the visitor's book he wrote:

"Leningrad — city of 900 days of siege, city of courage and determination, city of everlasting memory in the minds of men everywhere who love freedom."

Before visiting the Hermitage Museum, the Kennedys stopped off at a store and bought several hundred dollars worth of souvenirs.

Mrs. Kennedy bought a \$38 dollar amber ring and said: "It's a gift to me from the senator. He doesn't know it yet."

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