

Friends and Relatives Keep a Vigil at Hospital

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LOS ANGELES, June 5 — A procession of grief-stricken friends, admirers and relatives of Senator Robert F. Kennedy kept a steady vigil at the Good Samaritan Hospital today.

Visitors who emerged from the hospital and passed through heavy police guards appeared pale and shaken.

Roosevelt Grier, the towering Los Angeles Rams football player, who had been the first to put a hand on Mr. Kennedy's accused assailant, passed in and out of the entrance repeatedly. As of late this afternoon, he had been without sleep for more than 30 hours.

Rafer Johnson, the decathlon star who had also traveled with the Senator on the campaign trail, paced the sidewalk in

front of the hospital. Andy Williams, the singer and television personality, visited Mr. Kennedy's wife, Ethel, who has remained in the hospital.

Sisters Are Expected

Mrs. Patricia Lawford, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Sargent R. Shriver, the Senator's sisters, were also due at the hospital. George Plimpton, the author, accompanied Mr. Kennedy to the hospital last night after the shooting and stayed near him today.

Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, whom Senator Kennedy defeated in the California primary yesterday, visited Mrs. Kennedy. He emerged from the hospital visibly shaken. Frank Mankiewicz, Mr. Kennedy's press secretary, reported that numerous heads of state had communicated their con-

lences to Mrs. Kennedy. She was reported to be sleeping in a hospital bed in a room near the Senator's late this afternoon.

About 400 people, most of them newsmen, gathered on Shatto Place, across the street from the hospital, starting at about 1 A.M. The block surrounding the hospital was sealed off by the police when Mr. Kennedy arrived. Flares at major intersections burned through the night.

Hippies Sing and Pray

Hippies sat on street corners near the hospital grounds. Some sang and some prayed.

Delicatessens and sandwich shops blocks away from the hospital ran low on supplies. A catering-service truck was allowed by the police to park in a lot opposite the hospital to dispense coffee, soft drinks and

snacks. The truck ran out of provisions an hour after it had arrived.

Later in the morning, the Kennedy organization set up a press room on the first floor of the building, where Mr. Mankiewicz gave periodic reports on Mr. Kennedy's condition. This afternoon, the press room was moved to an auditorium across the street to alleviate pressure on the policemen, some of whom had worked through the night. About 40 policemen were on duty, preventing the curious from approaching the hospital and containing newsmen in the area that had been cordoned off for them.

Hospital workers arriving for work were asked to use the emergency entrance at the side of the building.