

Fair Weather

Fair through tomorrow but local morning cloudiness. Low tonight 45 to 55, high tomorrow low 60s to low 70s. West to northwest winds 15 to 30 mph.

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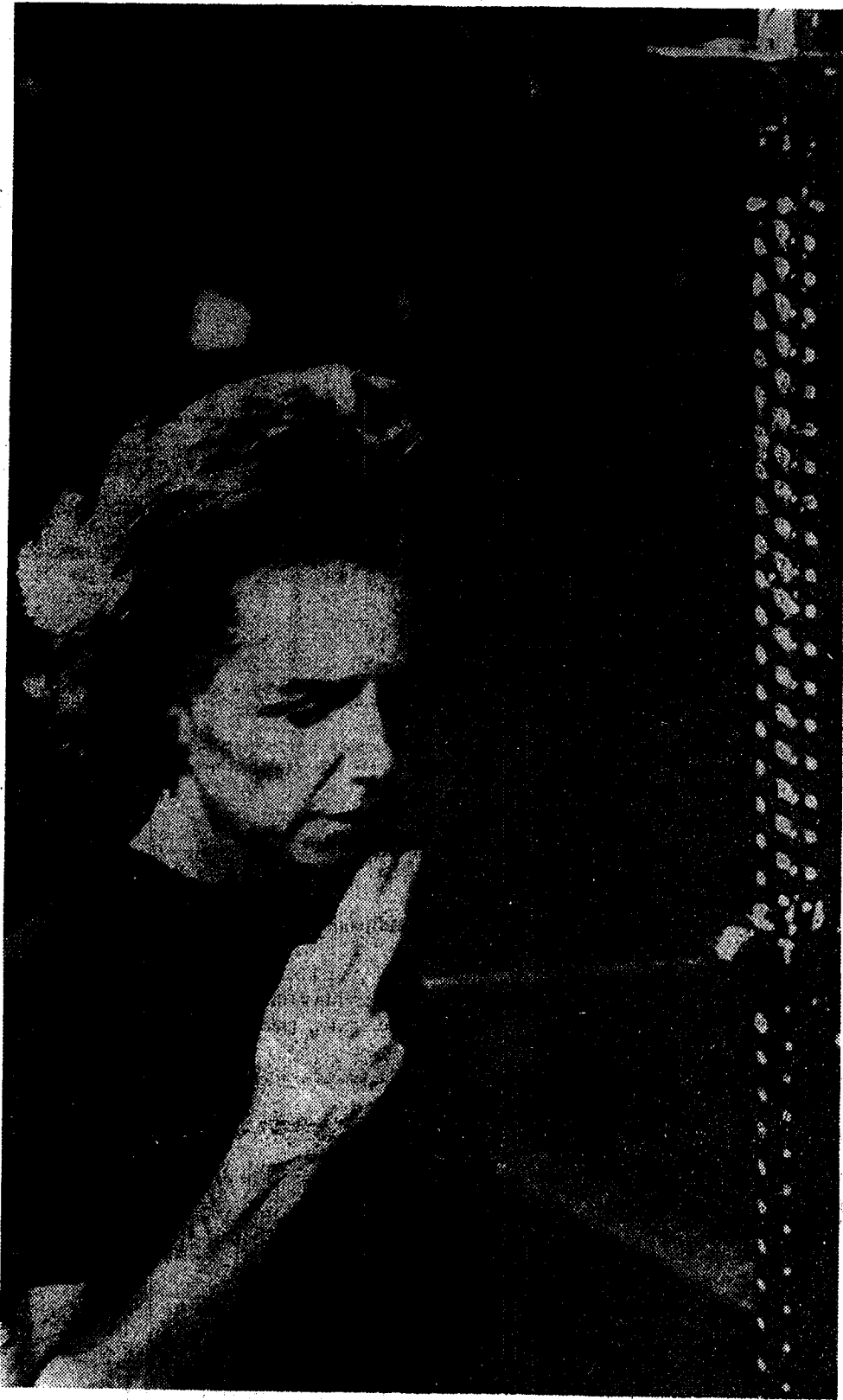


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A loving gesture . . . Ethel Kennedy blows kiss to Robert's casket

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**Throng Lines
Cathedral Bier**

Estimates Up To 1 Million

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

NEW YORK—The people who touched Robert Kennedy's hand in life reached out today to touch his casket in death.

By the hundreds of thousands they came—rich and poor, black and white, old and young, male and female, immigrant and native-born — a vast polygot stream of humanity united by a common sorrow.

Undeterred by 90-degree heat, they waited in line for upwards of five hours in order to spend five seconds filing past the bier in St. Patrick's Cathedral where Senator Kennedy lay in state.

The throng was so great that authorities announced that the great cathedral would remain open all night.

RECORD CROWD

By early afternoon people waiting to get in stretched from Fifth Avenue along 51st Street to Park Avenue, up Park 12 abreast to 52nd Street and across 52nd Street to Lexington Avenue, where it doubled back four blocks to 48th Street.

It was the largest crowd that had ever turned out for a lying-in-state in the world's biggest city. Estimates of the number ranged up to a million people.

Funeral services will be held in the cathedral at 10 a.m. tomorrow. All of the 2300 seats will be filled with dignitaries, friends, relatives and other guests invited by the family.

The two men who were Kennedy's rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination — Vice President Humphrey and Sen. Eugene McCarthy — said they would attend. President Johnson's plans were not announced.

TRAIN TRIP

After the funeral Mass, the body will be taken to Washington by train for burial late tomorrow in Arlington National Cemetery.

Robert Kennedy's grave will be near that of his older brother, the late President, who also was cut down by an assassin's bullet in the brain, just four and a half years ago.

Today was the little guy's day to honor a man who was born to wealth but always had a tremendous feeling for the poor and oppressed.

As they passed the African mahogany casket at a rate of 6000 an hour, some made the Sign of the Cross or genuflected. But the most characteristic gesture was o

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SADDEST DAY OF HIS 14 YEARS
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. at casket of his fallen father

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stretch forth a hand and touch the lid of the closed casket.

It was a gesture of affection — another manifestation of the Kennedy mystique that caused crowds to stampede around him, trying to touch him, during his short and explosive presidential campaign.

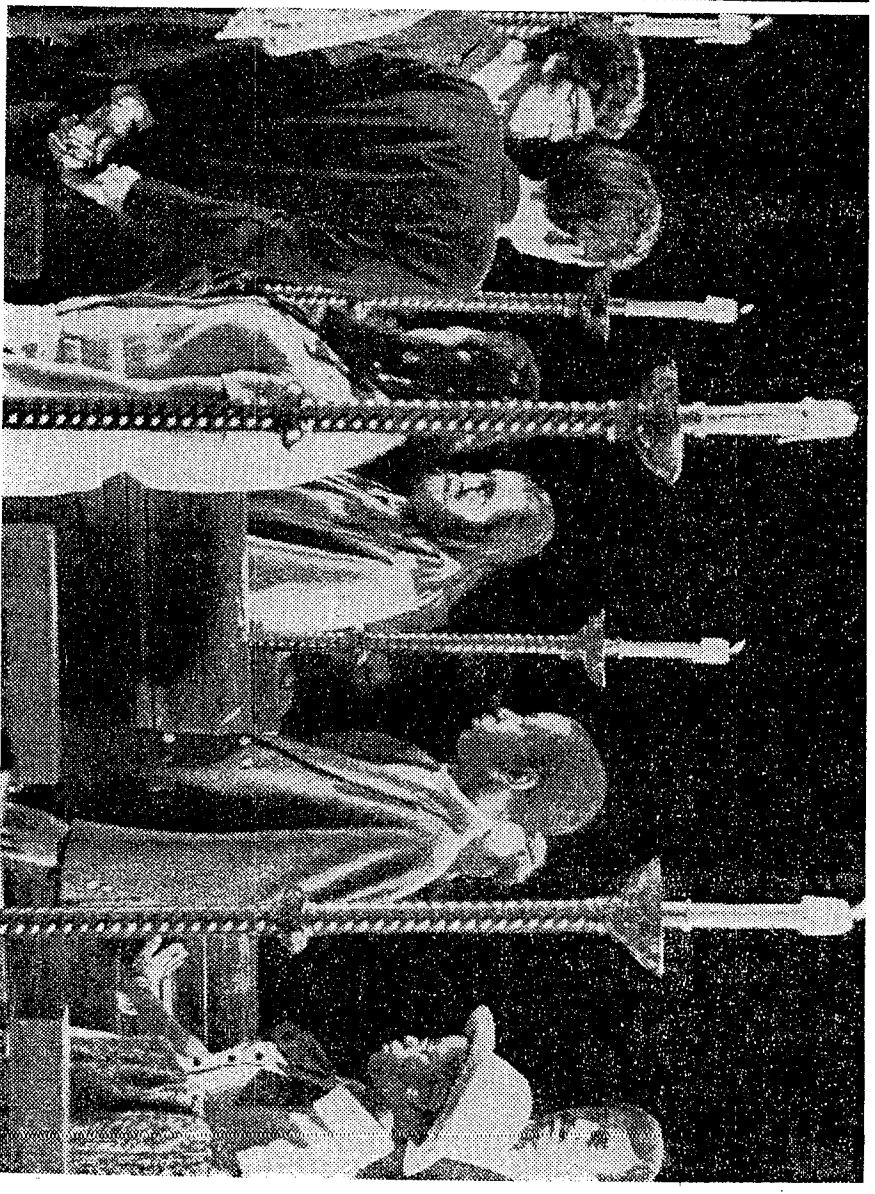
3 CHILDREN

The Senator's wife, Ethel, pregnant with their 11th child, came to the cathedral a noon with the three eldest children:

Kathleen, 17, Joseph C. III, 16, and Robert Jr., 14. They knelt in a front pew while a priest, offering a Mass for the Dead, intoned the pray-



A solemn-faced Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense, stands by the slain Senator's casket while near him a woman mourner weeps uncontrollably.
—AP Photo



From many stations of life, of many races and ethnicities, the neat, the shabby, the poorly clad, the well-dressed, Democrats and Republicans alike, the mourners pass the bier.
—UPI Photo

er:

"May light eternal shine upon him, O Lord . . . be merciful to the soul of Your faithful servant Robert."

Mrs. Kennedy, whose trademark is a hairbow, wore a black one for this sad occasion. Her eyes were wide and staring. For her, it was only the midpoint of the nightmare.

LONG PROCESSION

Still to come was tomorrow's funeral and the mournful trip to Washington in a black-draped funeral train.

And finally, hardest of all for a grieving family trying to maintain dignity under relentless public gaze, the long funeral procession through Washington, past the Senate Office Building, past the Department of Justice where Kennedy once served as attorney general, around the Lincoln Memorial, and over the Potomac River to the National Cemetery.

The Kennedys know the route only too well. They've been there before.

MOTHER ALONE

Mrs. Rose Kennedy, 77 year old mother of the tragedy-stalked family, slipped into the cathedral at 8 a.m., unrecognized by the crowd.

She took communion at a side altar and remained hidden in a corner for about an hour. When she left she broke down in heavy sobbing as two policemen supported her to a waiting car.

To lose two sons in the same way is too much for any mother — even a Kennedy.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, only survivor of the four Kennedy brothers, had come earlier, sitting alone during a 6 a.m. Mass.

HONOR GUARD

The two older boys, Joseph and Robert, took turns during the morning standing in the honor guard around the casket.

The guard was changed frequently, consisting sometimes of members of the armed forces, and at other times of relatives, friends, political associates and staff aides of the late senator.

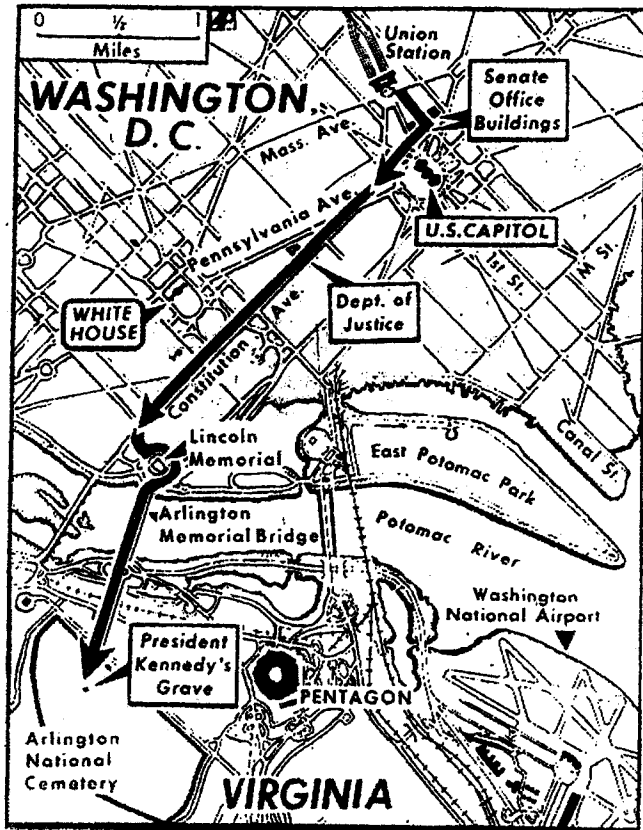
Kennedy's body, flown here from Los Angeles, had remained overnight in the majestic cathedra, on Fifth Avenue, but the public was not allowed to enter until shortly after 5:30 a.m.

Many waited all night

the sidewalk to be at the head of the line.

WHITE LILIES

The casket rested on a bier draped in purple, in the crossing of the cathedral, where the wide center aisle intersects the side transepts. It was flanked by six candles in tall bronze holders. A single wreath of white lilies lay at the foot. Later an Ameri-

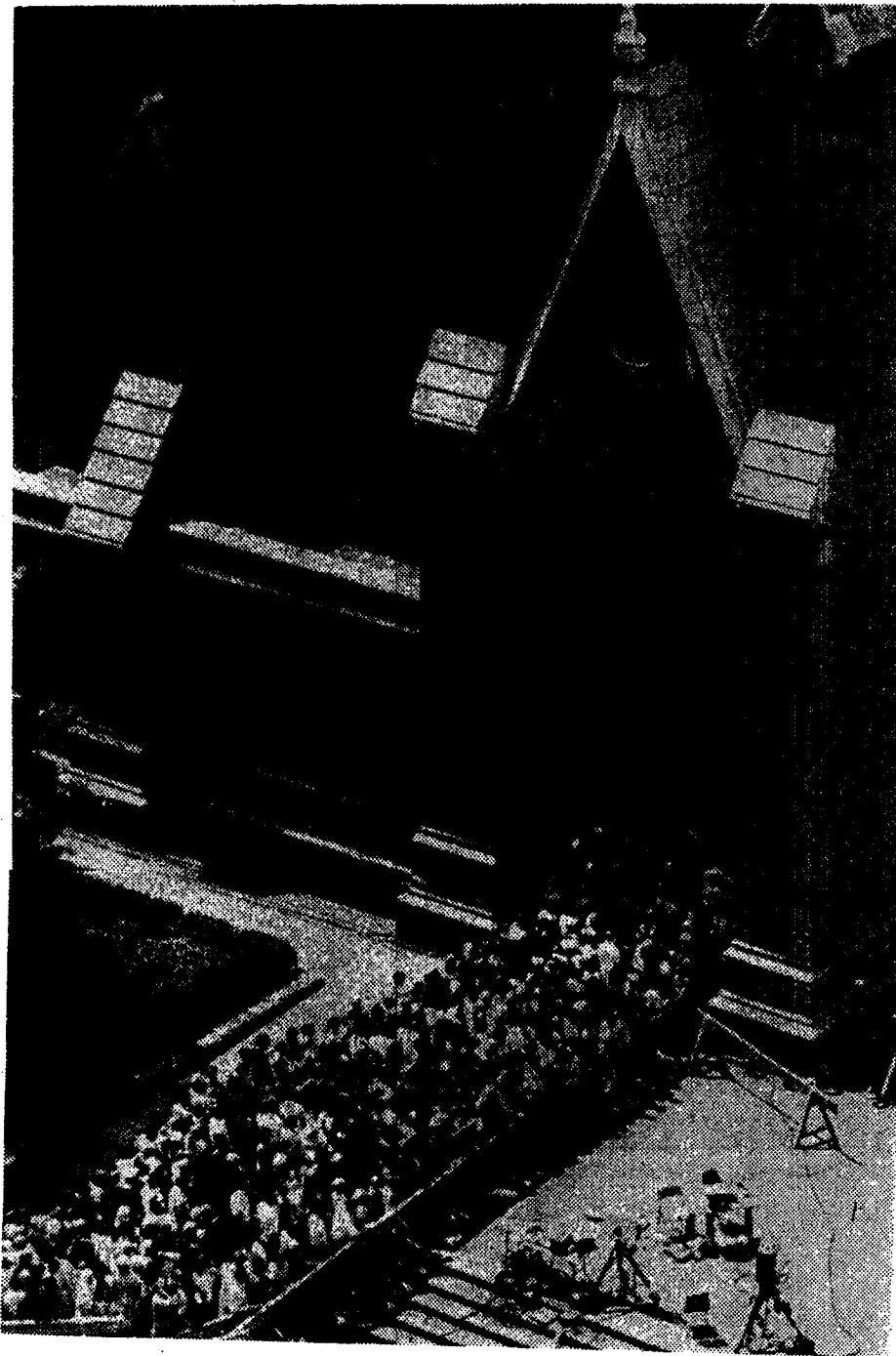


Map shows line of march of the funeral procession

can Flag was draped over one of his top aides, Angelo the coffin.

Pope Paul VI, who offered a private Mass for the 42 year old senator at the Vatican early today, idspatched

Cardinal Dell'acqua, p a p a l vicar for Rome, to New York to act as his personal representative at the funeral and



CROWD OF MOURNERS ENTERS CATHEDRAL'S SIDE DOOR
After a long wait, the long line finally reaches St. Patrick's entrance

—UPI Photo

convey a special papal benediction.

Prime Minister John M. Lynch of Ireland also flew from Dublin to join in America's final tributes to Kennedy.

NON-STOP TRIP

The funeral train will make no stops between New York and Washington but will make "slowdowns" at Newark and Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia; Wilmington, Del.; Baltimore and perhaps other places where crowds are assembled to see it go by.

At Union Station in Washington, the casket will be transferred to a hearse. The funeral motorcade will slow down at three points which have significant relevance to Kennedy's career.

The Senate Office Building, where he has worked in recent years; the Justice Department, and "Resurrection City," the shantytown near the Lincoln Memorial which is headquarters for the Poor People's Campaign and therefore a symbol of the slain young Senator's compassion for the victims of poverty.