

## 'Unwelcome' Guest

# Protests Over Yorty's Trip

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Mayor Sam Yorty says he will attend funeral services for Sen. Kennedy in New York tomorrow despite reports the senator's widow and several Democratic clubs have urged him to stay away.

But a spokesman for Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy said today Yorty would be welcome at the funeral as the official representative of Los Angeles.

Thomas Jardine, Yorty's press secretary, said Sandy Vanocur, an NBC television newsman, had quoted Mrs. Kennedy as saying she preferred that Yorty not attend the funeral.

Vanocur accompanied the Kennedy family and the senator's body on yesterday's flight from Los Angeles to New York.

### 'CONFUSED'

Jardine said Yorty has no idea why Mrs. Kennedy should make such a comment and said Yorty "is entirely confused about it."

But today Frank Mankiewicz, press secretary to the late senator, said the Los Angeles City Council had appointed Yorty as official representative to the funeral and he would be welcome to attend.

Kennedy and Yorty had been at odds over various issues. The friction dated back to 1960 when Yorty, a Democrat, supported then Vice President Richard Nixon, a Republican, over John F. Kennedy in the presidential campaign.

### VANOCUR QUOTED

Here is what Vanocur said on NBC about Mayor Yorty:

"And I must say that one thing that bothered the Kennedy people in Los Angeles was the fact that Mayor Yorty came out to the plane.

"And Mayor Yorty had some — nuber one, he was supposed to be a Democrat in 1960, he opposed John F. Kennedy in that campaign. And I think at a Senate hearing about two years ago, the Ribicoff subcommittee on cities, he had a rather acrimonious exchange between himself and Sen. Robert Kennedy.

"And someone went up to

Frank Mankiewicz, Senator Kennedy's press secretary, and said, 'If you let Yorty near the plane I'll never speak to you again.' And Mankiewicz said, 'Well,' he said, 'I was very subtle, but I went around to Yorty and I said to him, "Sam," he said, "I think your presence would be offensive to Mrs. Kennedy.'" And he didn't go near the plane."

### PERIL TO CASE

Vanocur said the Kennedy family also believed Yorty may have jeopardized the case against Sirhan B. Sirhan by disclosing the contents of the alleged assassin's diary.

Mankiewicz, asked today about the report, said, "That's too strong. I don't think I said that. I think what I told Mayor Yorty was, 'I think Mrs. Kennedy would prefer that you not be there.' It was a private, personal, family thing. They didn't want anybody there to greet them."

He added that he respected Vanocur as a reporter "and that may have been what I said in repeating it to him, but I can't remember exactly."

### TELEGRAMS

Yorty also received a telegram from seven Democratic clubs in the San Fernando Valley urging him that he not attend the funeral.

The telegram said the clubs' "politically disassociate ourselves from your most recent actions concerning the assassination."

The telegram also said Yorty's actions "have brought discredit to the people of Los Angeles, whatever their political association. We therefore urge you not to attend the funeral services as an official representative of our city."