

'Senseless Death'

Reagan Declares State Mourning

Sacramento

Governor Ronald Reagan declared a state of mourning for California yesterday, and the Assembly adjourned for the weekend in tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Governor Reagan further directed that all flags in California be flown at half staff during the mourning period, to extend through the funeral Saturday.

"The tragic, senseless death of Senator Kennedy affects all Californians and all Americans," he said in an early morning statement.

"My sympathies go out to Mrs. Kennedy and other members of his family. The prayers of all Americans are with them."

EULOGY

The governor canceled his public appointments for the day.

The Assembly met for only a few minutes, heard a eulogy for the slain Senator, called off all committee meetings scheduled for yesterday and today, then recessed until Monday.

"Give us, Father, another voice to speak for the unfed, the unorganized, the disinherited and the disenchanting, so that we can look with hope

to our tomorrows," said the Rev. Leo McAllister of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplain of the Assembly.

"There is little we can say

to express the emotions that we feel, our sense of loss, our sense of shame, our terrible need. Oftentimes, in some inexplicable way, tomorrow's hopes are born in today's tragedies."

Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, (D-Inglewood), excused from the brief session on personal business, later issued a statement.

"There are no adequate words for such a moment as this. Robert Kennedy was my friend. He would have made a great president.

"He was so concerned about the mindless violence in America, so determined to bring a measure of sanity and rational behavior back to our national life. That is why he ran for the office of President of the United States.

"If there is anything for us to do now, it is to dedicate ourselves to the cause for which Robert Kennedy gave his life. He wanted understanding for all men and peace for the world."

Our Correspondent

Local Officials To Attend Kennedy Funeral

Four city supervisors will attend Senator Robert Kennedy's funeral in New York City tomorrow.

At the request of the Kennedy staff here, Board President John A. Ertola, and Supervisor Roger Boas, Robert Mendelsohn and Ronald Pelosi will attend the services.

In Sacramento, the State Assembly named 11 Democratic members, including San Francisco Assemblyman Willie L. Brown Jr., to attend the funeral. The Assembly then quickly adjourned out of respect to Kennedy's memory.

The State Senate named seven of its members to attend, including both of San Francisco's senators, Milton Marks and George Moscone. Marks was the only Republican named by the state lawmakers to attend the funeral.