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KENNEDY FILM

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 17 (AP)--SOMETIMES IN GLOWING COLOR, SOMETIMES IN SOMBER BLACK AND WHITE, THE YEARS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY MOVED ACROSS THE SCREEN, REACHED OUT AND REVIVED THE PAIN OF A YEAR AGO.

"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT TORE YOUR HEART OUT SO COMPLETELY?" SEN. GEORGE S. MCGOVERN, D-S.D., ASKED A FRIEND AFTER THE PREMIER SHOWING OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY'S MEMORIAL MOVIE, "JOHN F. KENNEDY: YEARS OF LIGHTNING, DAY OF DRUMS."

THE LATE PRESIDENT'S FOOD FOR PEACE DIRECTOR MAY WELL HAVE BEEN SPEAKING FOR ALL THE NEW FRONTIERSMEN WHO MADE UP LAST NIGHT'S BLACK-TIE AUDIENCE--AND FOR THOSE WHO WERE SO MOVED THEY LEFT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AUDITORIUM UNABLE TO SPEAK.

"I STILL CAN'T GET USED TO SEEING THOSE PICTURES," SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK SAID IN A CHOKED VOICE TO JACQUELINE KENNEDY'S MOTHER, MRS. HUGH AUCHINCLOSS. THE KENNEDY CABINET MEMBER TOOK MRS. AUCHINCLOSS' HAND IN HIS AND STOOD SHAKING HIS HEAD.

THE ONLY OTHER MEMBER OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY AT THE 90-MINUTE SHOWING WAS MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A SISTER-IN-LAW OF THE SLAIN PRESIDENT. SHE HURRIED AWAY IN A LIMOUSINE.

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VISIBLY MOVED WAS ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL NOW AS HE WAS IN THE KENNEDY YEARS. HE TRIED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE USIA PRODUCER, GEORGE STEVENS JR. TEARS WELLED IN HIS EYES AS HE SAID: "TELL HIM -- TELL HIM --TELL HIM -- I'M GLAD WE WERE IN IRELAND TOGETHER."

THE FILM, WHICH COVERS KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION FROM THE DAY OF HIS INAUGURATION UNTIL THE DAY OF DRUMS--THE DAY ON WHICH HE WAS BUREIED, WAS PREPARED BY USIA FOR SHOWING AROUND THE WORLD.

GREGORY PECK IS THE NARRATOR AND THE FILM IS ALTERNATELY IN BLACK AND WHITE AND COLOR BECAUSE FILM CLIPS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES WERE USED.

COLOR SEQUENCES OF THE FINAL DAY--WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S BODY WAS MOVED FROM THE CAPITOL TO ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL AND TO FINAL BURIAL IN ARLINGTON--ARE THREADED THROUGH IT, MAKING THE DAY OF DRUMS A RECURRING THEME.

"I THINK," SAID W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, A FRIEND OF KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY, "IT WILL MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION ALL OVER THE WORLD."

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WASHINGTON--FIRST ADD KENNEDY FILM (A39WX) XXX THE WORLD."

IN LINE WITH ITS USUAL PRACTICE, USIA HAS NO PLANS TO SHOW THE FILM INSIDE THE UNITED STATES, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS USIA INTERPRETS THE LAW, IT IS SUPPOSED TO USE ITS FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS, NOT AT HOME. SOME CONGRESSMEN HAVE BEEN QUICK TO OBJECT IN THE PAST IF THEY THOUGHT THE OUTPUT OF THE OVERSEAS PROPAGANDA AGENCY WAS BEING DIRECTED AT THE HOME FOLK.

IN 1962 USIA MADE AN EXCEPTION FOR ITS FILM OF MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY'S TRIP TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN. THIS MOVIE WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY AFTER THE SENATE PASSED A RESOLUTION FAVORING DOMESTIC SHOWING.

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WASHINGTON--SECOND ADD KENNEDY FILM (A164WX) XXX SHOWING.

MCGOVERN TOLD A REPORTER HE MAY INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION WHEN CONGRESS MEETS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE FILM ON PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN THIS COUNTRY AS WELL AS ABROAD.

"IT IS A FILM EVERY AMERICAN OUGHT TO SEE," MCGOVERN SAID.

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