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NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY GRAVE

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 22 (AP)-AN INDIAN SUMMER SUN CAST ITS MELLOWNESS AND LONG SHAFTS OF SHADOW TODAY ACROSS THE GRAVE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSASSINATION.

AMERICANS CAME BY THE SCORES TO PAY HOMAGE AT THE LITTLE WHITE PICKET FENCE THAT SURROUNDS THE PLOT OF GROUND ON A GENTLE HILLSIDE IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WHERE THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND TWO OF HIS CHILDREN ARE BURIED.

HIS WIDOW, MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY, STAYED IN SECLUSION IN HER NEW YORK APARTMENT, BUT THE TWO SURVIVING CHILDREN, JOHN, 5, AND CAROLINE, 8, WENT TO SCHOOL AS USUAL.

BY NOON MORE THAN A SCORE OF WREATHS WERE LINED UP AROUND THE INSIDE OF THE SQUARE THAT THE PICKETS FORM IN THE BRILLIANT GREEN LAWN.

THERE WERE OFFERINGS FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON, FROM FT. BRAGG, N.C., HEADQUARTERS OF THE GREEN BERETS, THE ARMY SPECIAL FORCES; FROM THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS, AND FROM MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS OF KENNEDY.

SEN. AND MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW OF THE PRESIDENT, WERE THE FIRST VISITORS, ARRIVING IN THE FIRST LIGHT OF THE CLOUDLESS DAY, AT 7:25 A.M. (EST)

THEN MRS. HUGH AUCHINCLOSS, JACQUELINE KENNEDY'S MOTHER, CAME AND STOOD FOR A FEW MINUTES. THIS WAS AT 7:50 A.M.

AT 8:30 A.M. MRS. SARGENT SHRIVER, SISTER OF KENNEDY, ARRIVED AND REMAINED FOR A SHORT TIME.

MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY LAID A BOUQUET OF LILIES ON THE GRAVE AND THEN SHE AND HER HUSBAND KNELT FOR A PRAYER.

THERE WERE NO CEREMONIES ARRANGED TO MARK THIS THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION, BUT GROUPS ARRIVED ONE AFTER ANOTHER WITH SPRAYS AND WREATHS OF FLOWERS AND GREENERY.

FRESH CAPS OF SERVICEMEN, REPRESENTING EVERY BRANCH, WERE TOSSED ON THE MOUND OF THE KENNEDY GRAVE AS THEY HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DAY HE WAS BURIED THERE IN NOVEMBER 1963.

THE ETERNAL LIGHT THAT THE WIDOW, JACQUELINE, LIGHTED DURING THE BURIAL SERVICE BLAZED ITS SERPENTINE FLAME UPWARD, WAFTED BY A GENTLE HINT OF A BREEZE.

IN THE CROWDS THAT EBBED AND FLOWED AROUND THE PICKET FENCE WERE AT VARIOUS TIMES: BLACK-ROBED NUNS, CRISPLY UNIFORMED MILITARY MEN, PRIESTS, SCHOOLBOYS, HOUSEWIVES AND MANY OTHERS.

THE PRESIDENTIAL WREATH SENT BY THE WHITE HOUSE WAS BROUGHT BY THE PRESIDENTIAL NAVAL AIDE, LT. CMDR. F. WORTHINGTON HOBBS. IT WAS CARRIED TO THE FENCE BY THE HONOR GUARDSMEN, PLACED ON A TRIPOD AND GIVEN A CENTER PLACE IN THE ARRAY OF WREATHS. NO WORDS WERE SPOKEN AS HOBBS AND MAJ. JAMES MASON OF THE MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON HELD A SALUTE WHILE THE WREATH WAS CARRIED TO ITS PLACE.

SHORTLY AFTER NOON A GROUP OF GREEN-BERETED SPECIAL FORCES MEN ARRIVED, HEADED BY SGT. MAJ. FRANCIS J. RUDDY, TO PLACE THEIR FLORAL TRIBUTE AT THE GRAVESITE. MADE OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS DYED A DEEP GREEN, THE PLAQUE SAID: "SPECIAL FORCES DECADE CLUB," FORMED BY THE 165 MEN WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE FORCE 10 YEARS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

AMONG THE WREATHS WAS ONE THAT SAID: "HAIL TO THE CHIEF," AND ANOTHER: "FOR ONE BRIEF SHINING MOMENT..." A QUOTATION FROM CAMELOT WHICH WAS A FAVORITE QUOTATION OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. KENNEDY.

THE BRIEF PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE AS WORKMEN WENT ABOUT THE JOB OF COMPLETING THE NEW \$2-MILLION GRAVESITE. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE LANDSCAPED IN THE SPRING AND THE BODIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE TWO CHILDREN WILL BE MOVED ABOUT 20 FEET TO THE NEW GRAVES.

THE BODIES NOW REST ABOVE THE NEW SITE ON A HILLSIDE RUNNING DOWNWARD FROM THE CUSTIS-LEE MANSION.

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