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FIRST LEAD KENNEDY

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WARSAW, POLAND, JULY 1 (AP)-ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S VISIT TO POLAND ENDED TODAY WITH A NOISY, TEARFUL FAREWELL FROM HUNDREDS OF POLES AND A COLD SHOULDER FROM THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR LONDON, EN ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES, HE ISSUED A STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN URGING "THE RECONCILIATION OF EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES" AS "THE ONLY SURE GUARANTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR, WHETHER BY DESIGN OR ACCIDENT."

EXCEPT FOR LOW-RANKING AIDES AND SECURITY PEOPLE, NO POLISH OFFICIALS SAW KENNEDY HIS WIFE AND THREE OF THEIR CHILDREN OFF AT THE AIRPORT. ALTHOUGH KENNEDY'S VISIT WAS PRIVATE AND NOT OFFICIAL, HE HAD BEEN MET ON HIS ARRIVAL LAST SATURDAY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AMBASSADOR EUGENIUSZ MILNIKIEL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE IRRITATED AT KENNEDY'S SERIES OF STUMP-STYLE SPEECHES TO STREET CROWDS AND HIS VISIT TO STEFAN CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMATE OF POLAND, AGAINST THE ADVICE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

BUT SEVERAL HUNDRED POLES OUTSIDE KENNEDY'S HOTEL REPEATED THE OVATIONS HE HAS RECEIVED THE PAST FEW DAYS. THEY SERENADED HIM WITH A CHORUS OF "STO LAT" (MAY YOU LIVE 100 YEARS) AS HE CLIMBED ONCE AGAIN TO THE ROOF OF HIS SEDAN.

AT THE AIRPORT, KENNEDY GOT OUT OF HIS CAR TO SHAKE HANDS WITH ALMOST EVERYONE STANDING IN A CROWD OF 150 OUTSIDE THE FENCE. TWO OLD WOMEN BROKE INTO TEARS. ONE KISSED HIS HAND AND HE PATTED HER CHEEK. THE WOMAN SOBBED.

KENNEDY'S DEPARTURE BROUGHT THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF PICKETS DURING HIS VISIT. BOTH AT THE HOTEL AND BESIDE THE PLANE WERE MEN WITH PLACARDS IN POLISH READING "IN THE NAME OF PEACE, DON'T GIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO WEST GERMANY" AND "WHY DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE OUR FRONTIERS ON THE ODER AND THE NEISSE?"

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KENNEDY SHOOK HANDS WITH THE PICKETS AT THE AIRPORT AND GAVE ONE OF THEM A ROSE.

IN HIS STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN KENNEDY PLUGGED A THEME WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE ATTRACTED THE INTEREST OF FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM RAPACKI IN A MEETING TWO DAYS AGO.

IT WAS THAT "POLAND HAS POLITICAL TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND PERSONAL TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES (AND) THEREFORE HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO EUROPEAN SECURITY AND THE EASING OF TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION."

KENNEDY SAID AMERICA WANTS POLAND'S HELP "IN BUILDING THOSE OPEN 'BRIDGES OF RECONCILIATION' THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON CALLED FOR LAST MONTH."

KENNEDY SAID HIS STRONGEST IMPRESSION OF POLAND WAS THE FRIENDLINESS OF THE PEOPLE. HE SAID THE POLES WERE "A STRONGLY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE DEVOTED TO THEIR FAITH AND BELIEF IN GOD."

"THIS WAS VERY INSPIRING TO SEE," KENNEDY SAID. "I DON'T THINK IT EXISTS WITH SUCH INTENSITY IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES."

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WARSAW, JULY 1 (AP)-ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY SAID TODAY THAT RECONCILIATION OF EAST AND WEST EUROPE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES "IS THE ONLY SURE GUARANTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR, WHETHER BY DESIGN OR BY ACCIDENT."

IN A STATEMENT CONCLUDING HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO POLAND, HE ALSO DECLARED: "I BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK EARNESTLY ON THE GREAT PROBLEM AHEAD--THE SECURITY OF POLAND AND OF EASTERN EUROPE, OF GERMANY AND WESTERN EUROPE, OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF THE UNITED STATES."

KENNEDY URGED EARLY DISCUSSIONS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF DIVIDED GERMANY.

"EUROPE IS NOW DIVIDED BY A DEEP AND UNNATURAL DIVISION, THE DIVISION OF GERMANY," HE SAID, "AND THAT DIVISION IS REINFORCED BY A LEGACY OF

OLD HATREDS. IT IS FURTHER REINFORCED BY INERTIA...FOR NO ONE CLEARLY SEES THE TASK AHEAD.

"BUT AS PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAID IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, LET US BEGIN. JUST BECAUSE WE CANNOT SEE CLEARLY THE END OF THE ROAD THAT IS NO REASON FOR NOT SETTING OUT ON THIS MOST ESSENTIAL JOURNEY...A GREAT CHANGE DOMINATES THE WORLD AND UNLESS WE MOVE WITH THAT CHANGE WE WILL BECOME ITS VICTIMS."

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A NEWSMAN ASKED KENNEDY WHETHER HE WOULD CONSIDER AN ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE TO MOSCOW TO WORK FOR A FULL SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

"I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT MY PLANS ARE GOING TO BE AFTER NEXT JANUARY --AFTER THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER," HE REPLIED. "I JUST DON'T KNOW."

KENNEDY, HIS WIFE AND THREE OF THEIR CHILDREN LEFT WARSAW IN A U.S. AIR FORCE CONSTELLATION FOR LONDON, EN ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE FIRST PICKETS SEEN DURING KENNEDY'S VISIT APPEARED TODAY IN FRONT OF HIS HOTEL AND BESIDE HIS PLANE. THEY CARRIED SIGNS READING: "IN THE NAME OF PEACE DON'T GIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO WEST GERMANY," AND "WHY DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE OUR FRONTIERS ON THE ODER AND NEISSE?"

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL POSED FOR PICTURES WITH THE PICKETS, SHOOK HANDS AND HANDED ONE OF THEM A ROSE.

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