

## S.F. Heads At Mass For RFK

San Francisco responded to Mayor Alioto's call for an ecumenical prayer service for Senator Robert F. Kennedy with an overflow crowd of 1300 in St. Dominic's Church in the heart of the Western Addition ghetto.

Presiding at the solemn, 5:30 p.m. mass yesterday was Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken. Among communicants were Police Chief Thomas Cahill, Deputy Chief Al Nelder, Chief Administrative Officer Thomas Mellon, Fire Chief William Murray and Supervisor Terry Francois.

Among worshippers were the majority of the Board of Supervisors, 25 members of the local consular corps, Dean Julian Bartlett of Grace Cathedral and Rabbi Saul White.

### NATION WOUNDED

The sermon was by Auxiliary Bishop Mark Hurley, who told the congregation, "An American nation, too, is gravely wounded. Shock has given away to disbelief and tragedy in ever narrowing circles has been succeeded by chagrin and dismay.

"The thought," said Bishop Hurley, "that such irrationalities seem to be becoming less than rare, the ominous and grisly specter that a great nation and a great people is tending to lose its self control and to erode its own noble traditions of liberty and justice for all—yes it is a time for prayer for the nation..."

## Mayor Declares Mourning in City

Mayor Joseph Alioto today declared a period of mourning in The City to continue through Sunday, a national day of mourning proclaimed by President Johnson for the late Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The mayor asked that all flags be carried at half staff.

Catholic Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken announced that a Requiem Mass will be held for Senator Kennedy at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mission Dolores Church.

Bishop Merlin Guilfoyle will deliver the sermon and music will be by the Priests' Choir under the direction of Father Robert Hayburn.

Mayor Alioto commented: "Our entire community is saddened by the tragic death of Sen. Kennedy. He was a leader in the fight to bridge the gap between the black

and white communities in America. He will be sorely missed."

The Archbishop said: "As citizens and Americans, we must be conscience stricken. This and other assassinations are evidences of the venom of hatred in our society. I think as Americans we must all work together to root out every bit of malice and ill will and get down to the job of working together in unity to make this the nation it can be, under God."

Donald Stokes, British consul general here, announced that to mark the period of mourning for Senator Kennedy the British colony will postpone its annual Queen's Ball. It was to have been held this Saturday, but will be delayed to Saturday, June 22.

## Labor Council Cancels Meet

The San Francisco Labor Council meeting tomorrow night was cancelled today in respect to the memory of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, Secretary George Johns announced.

The council's next meeting will be June 14.

The previous two meetings had been cancelled because of the Committee On Political Education dinner May 20 and the Memorial Day holiday.

## Supervisors to Attend Funeral

Four San Francisco supervisors will attend the funeral services for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in New York this Saturday.

They will make the trip at the request of the Kennedy family as they were leaders here in the senator's presidential primary campaign.

They include Supervisors John Ertola, chairman of the board, Roger Boas, Robert Mendelsohn and Ronald Pelosi.

## Senate Breaks Tradition

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The Senate, in a rare break with tradition, met today within hours of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's death to authorize Secret Service protection for major presidential candidates.

The move broke a long-standing precedent that the Senate does not transact business on the day a member dies.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield said he had been in touch with the Kennedy family and "they said this is what Bob would like to have done.

He said the Senate would stand adjourned tomorrow as a "further mark of respect" for Kennedy.

Mansfield said a "sizeable" delegation of Senators Air Force plane Saturday to attend Kennedy's funeral, then return in a special car on the funeral train which will carry his body to Washington.

He said the lawmakers will then form part of the funeral procession to Arlington National Cemetery where Kennedy will be buried with his slain brother.

President Johnson ordered Secret Service protection for the major presidential candidates a few hours after Kennedy was shot during a victory celebration in Los Angeles.