

Schools, Courts, Stores and Offices to

MOURNING PERIOD WILL END SUNDAY

Sporting Events Postponed
— Broadway Shows to
Go On as Scheduled

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ing at half-staff, midtown streets looked as if yesterday was just another pleasant spring day. There were very few photographs of Robert Kennedy in store windows, well-groomed people moved along without transistor radios, and the lunchtime talk was about the 90-degree weather.

Reluctance to Speak

When they were asked, and apparently only when they were asked, New Yorkers spoke with sadness and horror. Jack Slapin, a dress designer standing in the shade of a truck at the corner of Seventh Avenue and 38th Street, seemed to speak for many people when he said:

"It's a disgrace, it's a pity — What can you do about it? was taking Alka Seltzer all morning so I shouldn't get an attack like when the President was killed."

Mayor Lindsay, slowly speaking the words, "I wish we could do more," proclaimed Saturday as a day of mourning and then drove to St. James's Episcopal Church, where he attended a memorial service for Mr. Kennedy with his wife, Mary, and two of their daughters, Katherine and Anne.

Flags will remain at half-staff in the city for 30 days, he said, as they did only last month in tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Governor Rockefeller later proclaimed Sunday as a state day of mourning.

Announcements of closings, cancellations and postponements of events quickly followed from all parts of the city and state.

Closings Announced

Parochial schools will be closed in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York and

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Close Here Today in Honor

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the Diocese of Brooklyn. The City University and all New York public libraries will be closed until Monday.

The city's Commerce and Industry Association estimated that half of the city's private business offices would be closed today. The Fifth Avenue Association announced that most of the major stores would remain closed until 12:30 P.M. tomorrow.

Consolidated Edison Company announced that it would handle only emergency work after 1 P.M. today.

All cases and work were cancelled today in the city's civil and criminal courts and the State Supreme Court. The same is true in local Federal courts except that one major trial will continue—the conspiracy case against four men

indicted last year with James L. Marcus, the former City Commissioner who has pleaded guilty to accepting a \$40,000 kickback on a reservoir cleaning contract.

Three of the city's major museums—the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the Brooklyn Museum—will be closed today, but open tomorrow.

Hunter College and New York University—with the exception of its medical center and dental college—will close

today. But the Fordham University commencement tomorrow and the St. John's University commencement on Sunday will be held as scheduled.

No Broadway performances scheduled for today or tomorrow have been cancelled, but Sunday performances of "Hair" have been called off and "Spofford" will close tomorrow night instead of on Sunday.

All Loews theaters will be closed tomorrow, except the Capitol and State, which will open at 5 P.M. Radio City Music Hall and RKO theaters will

not open until 5 P.M. tomorrow.

Several concerts scheduled for tonight and the weekend have been cancelled or postponed, including those of the violinist, Gabriel Banat, at Lincoln Center, the Roth String Quartet at Lincoln Center, the Brooklyn Conservatory Concert at Judson Hall, and the Sounds of Sunday on the Central Park Mall.

The walkout of longshoremen, which spread from New York piers to ports from Maine to Texas began spontaneously, but the International Longshoremen's Association later sanctioned the work stoppage by declaring yesterday as a day of mourning. Union leaders said they expected their members to return to work today.

Louis Stulberg, president of the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union, urged the 170,000 members of his union in New York City to report to work today, but to stop work from 11 a.m. to noon as a tribute to Mr. Kennedy.

One area of city life that was affected by the tragic news from Los Angeles was the flower business. Two flower wholesalers sat sadly discussing their problems yesterday over coffee at the Magnolia Food Shop near the flower market at Avenue of the Americas and 28th Street.

"My business is down 75 per cent," one said. His friend answered, "Mine's down 85 per cent. People are in a gloomy state of mind. They don't want flowers, I guess."