

Thousands Pay Homage in Northern California

The rich and the poor, the young and the aged, they came by the thousands to pay homage to their fallen symbol of youth.

From Eureka to Monterey, they stood in lines and they prayed in churches. Their tone was restrained; their grief was deep.

Some 2,900 miles to the east of San Francisco, in a grave marked by a plain white cross, lay the body of Robert F. Kennedy.

Even as the slain senator's wife and oldest son made another visit to the grave in Washington's Arlington National Cemetery yesterday his eulogy was being spoken throughout Northern California.

In the ornate splendor of San Francisco's Grace Episcopal Cathedral atop Nob Hill, 2,500 persons heard a plea to "realize there is hope for the future" during an ecumenical service of memorial and affirmation by Christians and Jews.

A few blocks away, in the Third Baptist Church, the voices of a Negro choir united in the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Then Cantor Joseph Cycowski intoned "El Mole Rahameen," a part of a Hebrew prayer for the deceased.

More than 60 American Indians participated in traditional mourning dances in San Quentin, the state's maximum security prison which holds some 4,000 inmates. Hundreds of prisoners watched the tribute to Kennedy in the prison's lower yard.

The Rev. A. Cecil Williams of Glide Methodist Church in San Francisco told worshippers: "No guns should be in the homes of any person." He urged the congregation to work for an immediate end to the Vietnam war.

Thousands gathered in similar observances throughout Northern California. Only in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park did a memorial service fail to materialize.

Some 2,000 persons gathered in the park to hear two rock bands play at a wake for Kennedy. But police refused to permit the performance because the bands did not have a city permit.

Saboteurs Killed

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Three Arab saboteurs were killed by an Israeli patrol yesterday in the occupied west bank of Jordan, north of the Danyya Bridge spanning the Jordan River, the army reported here.