

KENNEDY, UPSET BY MEMORIES
OF TRAGEDY, CALLS OFF RALLY

by Homer Bigart

Ithaca, N.Y., Sept. 28 - Robert F. Kennedy today canceled a rally scheduled this morning in Union Square in New York because of the sorrowful memories evoked by the publication of the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination, his aides said.

Instead of campaigning, he spent the morning with Mrs. John F. Kennedy, the widow of the President. "It's been a rough day for both of them," an aide said.

All morning assignments today were canceled, including a walking tour of 14th Street in Manhattan from Fifth Avenue to Union Square.

In the afternoon Mr. Kennedy flew to Ithaca for the start of a two-day tour of central and western New York. He spoke to a crowd of 200 at Ithaca Airport and to 1,000 persons at DeWitt Park in downtown Ithaca.

Mr. Kennedy seemed subdued, and so did his audiences in this heavily Republican Finger Lakes region. ~~Temp~~

On the flight up from New York Mr. Kennedy sat by himself, staring out of the plane. Occasionally he smiled wanly during his speeches, which lacked fire.

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