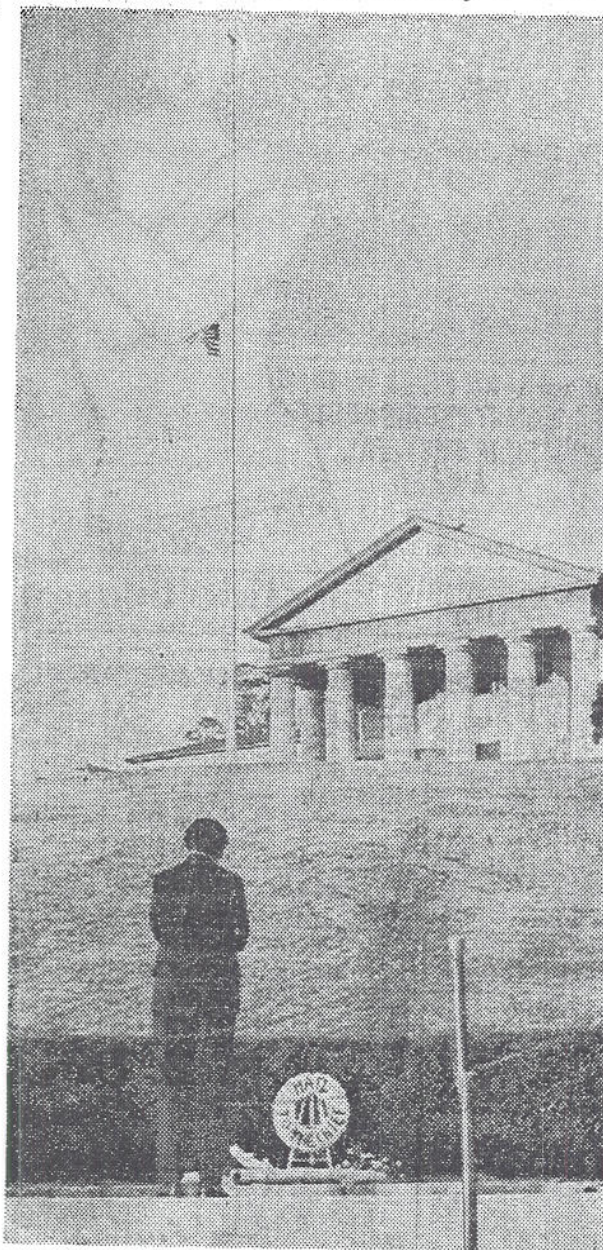


Thousands Visit Kennedy's Grave

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy in an anniversary visit to the grave of President Kennedy. At top is Custis Mansion.

ARLINGTON, Va., Nov. 22 (AP)—Thousands of people climbed a grassy, windswept hillside today to pay tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the eighth anniversary of his assassination.

Leading the procession through acres of small white markers was Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who arrived at Arlington National Cemetery in the early morning hours, coatless, solemn and alone.

For a quarter hour the Massachusetts Democrat stood before his brother's grave, shivering in the November chill, arms folded, head bowed. Then, making the

sign of the cross, he knelt and placed a single white carnation on the stone.

Then, stepping away, he walked to the grave of his brother Robert F. also a victim of an assassin's bullet. Here, Senator Kennedy placed a small white rosebud.

Another early visitor was the President's mother-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, accompanied by her 24-year-old son, James, who said he thought his half-sister, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, was in New York.

Traditionally, Mrs. Onassis remains in seclusion with her children on the anniversary of her first husband's death.