

Indians Mourn in 'Q' Rites

American Indians, in whose behalf Sen. Robert Kennedy worked long and hard, will mourn his death Sunday in what will be one of the most unusual of many memorial services across the nation.

It will take place behind the walls of San Quentin Prison.

And more than 60 Indians from many different tribes will perform traditional chants and dances of mourning for the senator as thousands of inmates watch in the Lower Yard of the prison. All will be in authentic Indian regalia.

Included will be a peace pipe ceremony.

"We want to express our hope for our country that it may end the strife and rededicate ourselves to the fight against our real enemies — poverty, ignorance and hate," said Adam Nordwall, chairman of the United Bay Area Council for American Indian Affairs.

"This will be our tribute to a fallen warrior," he explained.

Nordwall said an Indian cultural program had been planned for several weeks at the prison. Originally it was to be a gala affair staged in cooperation with the North American Indian Cultural group, an organization of Indian inmates of San Quentin working together on a self-help program of rehabilitation.