

Motor Cortège to Bear Kennedy's Body

PLANS FOR BURIAL BEING COMPLETED

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Along 4-Mile Route to Arlington

Cemetery

Exact Location of Gravesite,
Near His Slain Brother's,
Is Still Undisclosed

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WASHINGTON, June 7—Plans for the burial of Senator Robert F. Kennedy tomorrow afternoon were being completed tonight, with his gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery still not disclosed.

Plans for the motor cortège that will carry Mr. Kennedy's body over the 4.6-mile route from Union Station to the cemetery, near the grave of his slain brother, were outlined here tonight by a spokesman for the Kennedy family.

The spokesman, Tom Mathews, said that no decision on the gravesite had been made except that it would be "in proximity of John F. Kennedy's grave."

"The decision is up to the family," Mr. Mathews said.

President Kennedy is buried along with two of his children in a 3.2-acre memorial on a hillside in Arlington overlooking the Potomac River and the Lincoln Memorial.

Meetings on Arrangements

At the State Department, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State, other Government officials and staff members and friends of the Senator met on and off during the day trying to complete the arrangements.

"One problem is that some of the people we're dealing with in New York are almost out on their feet because of strain and fatigue," one official said.

Most members of Mr. Kennedy's family and staff were in New York, where thousands viewed the Senator's coffin at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Mr. Katzenbach, who succeeded Mr. Kennedy as Attorney General, was organizing the final service here, along with Robert S. McNamara, president of the World Bank, whom the Kennedy family has placed in charge of all funeral arrangements.



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IN WASHINGTON: Flags encircling Washington Monument are at half-staff in tribute to Robert F. Kennedy. Site is near camp of Poor People's Campaign. Capitol is at rear.

o Capital By Train

After a solemn high requiem mass tomorrow morning in New York, Mr. Kennedy's body will be brought to Washington on a special train.

Shortly before its arrival at Union Station, the train will be split into two sections. The first section, with an engine and 15 to 20 coaches, will carry official guests, family friends and members of the press.

The second section, which is scheduled to arrive on Track 17 at Union Station at 4:30 P.M., will have three coaches. Two will carry about 70 close friends of Mr. Kennedy.

The last coach, an observation car, will bear the Senator's widow, Ethel; their children; his brother, Senator Edward M. Kennedy; other members of the immediate family, and the coffin.

6 Navy Pallbearers

At the station will be a band, which has not been identified, and six Navy pallbearers who will carry the coffin to a hearse.

About 25 vehicles will be in the cortege. A limousine carrying members of the clergy will be followed by the hearse, limousines with members of the family and friends, and a bus carrying about 50 newsmen who traveled with Mr. Kennedy during his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The cortege, traveling at about 10 miles an hour, will move out of the station along First Street and will slow down as it passes the New Senate Office Building, where Mr. Kennedy's office was situated since 1965.

The procession will turn west on Constitution Avenue and down Capitol Hill, slowing once again as it passes the Justice Department, where Mr. Kennedy served as the 64th Attorney General of the United States from 1961 to 1964.

Near the Lincoln Memorial, the procession will turn off Constitution Avenue into Henry Bacon Drive, a short, tree-lined street. Then it will proceed halfway around the Lincoln Memorial, where it will slow once more. A choir will be on the steps of the memorial as the cortege passes.

Across Potomac

The procession will cross the Potomac on the Memorial Bridge and will enter Arlington Cemetery through the main gate.

For a few blocks down Capitol Hill and from near the Lincoln Memorial on to the cemetery, the cortege will retrace part of the route of the casket that carried John F. Kennedy to Arlington cemetery on Nov. 25, 1963.

The ceremony at the cemetery will be "brief and simple," lasting about 15 minutes, Mr. Mathews's announcement said. It was not announced who would conduct the graveside service.

About 3,000 invited guests will be in a restricted area near the grave.

The announcement said that the Secret Service had been in contact with representatives of the family and with law en-



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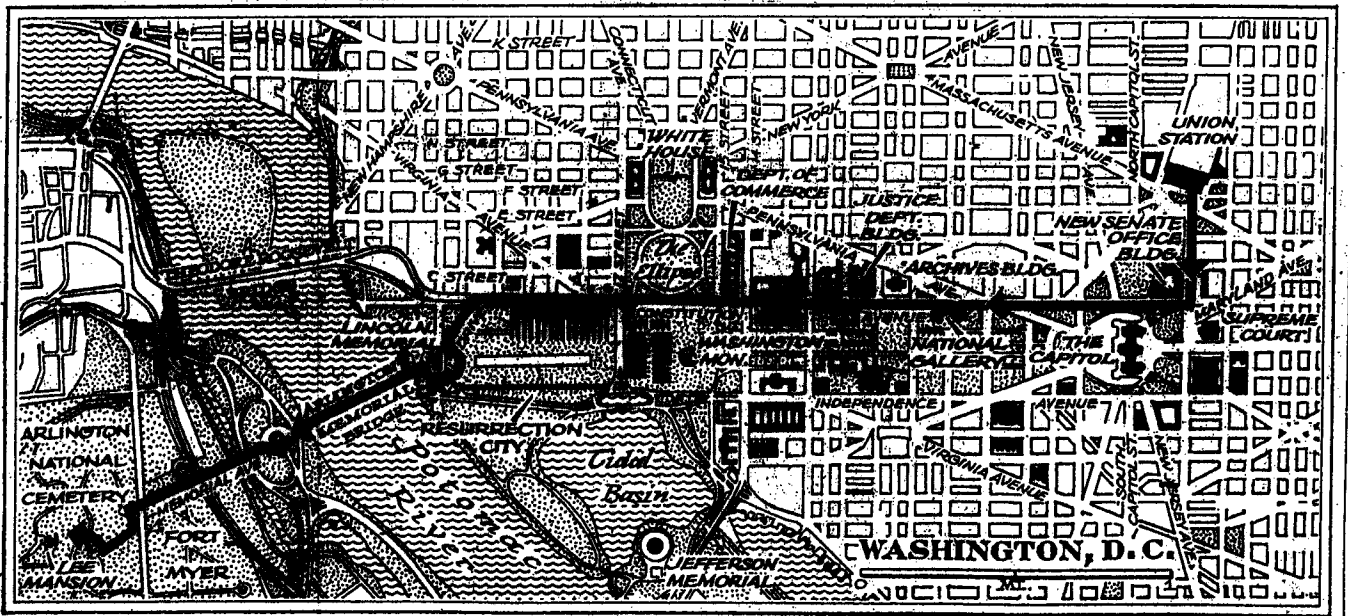
AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PARIS: A framed photograph of Robert F. Kennedy stood above the condolence book in which Parisians and others signed their names.

forcement agencies from New York to Washington.

"Security arrangements have been made along the route of the train," the announcement said.

District of Columbia officials said that security along the route of the cortege would be provided by the district police and by National Guard military policemen. The size of the security force was not announced.

The weather for tomorrow is expected to be cloudy with a chance of rain, with temperatures in the low 80's.



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FUNERAL PROCESSION: Line shows route of the cortège that will carry Senator's body to Arlington Cemetery