

Day of Mourning for Kennedy Observed Here

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Sobered and wearied by three days of emotional strain, New Yorkers of all faiths prayed for the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy yesterday and heard religious and other leaders raise anxious questions about violence in American society.

"It would seem that we are going back to the early days of this country when a fast gun was the answer to any argument," said the Rev. Terence J. Finlay, rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Park Avenue and 51st Street.

"It will be a sad and tragic day for this country if it allows the gun to rule and not the ballot."

Synagogues in the city held memorial services in keeping with President Johnson's proclamation of a national Day of Mourning, while Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches added special prayers to regular Sunday worship.

Other tributes included a jazz mass and a service in Central Park in which Negroes, Puerto Ricans and white suburbanites moved among brightly colored pop banners hung from the trees.

At the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family, on 47th Street between First and Second Avenues, United Nations Secretary General Thant and United States Representative Arthur J. Goldberg delivered eulogies at a 4 P.M. service attended by United Nations personnel. The Holy Family Parish takes in both United Nations headquarters and United Nations Plaza, where Mr. Kennedy had an apartment.

Speaking of the late Senator, Mr. Thant declared:

"We cannot afford to lose such men. A tragedy of this kind deprives and diminishes us all. Mankind can ill afford to make expendable men of this rare quality.

"We have seen too much violence everywhere to escape the responsibility which all must share for putting an end to it.

"Violence begets violence, whether it takes the form of a massive war or an isolated assassination, an ill-considered appeal to violent emotions or the witless exploitation of violence as a form of public entertainment.

"We must again, and urgently, seek to make the changes in the social fabric that are necessary to reverse this murderous and disastrous course in human relations."

Tribute by Goldberg

In his remarks, Mr. Goldberg said that in the "newer world" sought by the late Senator the mere absence of violence was not a sufficient goal.

"There must also be the ever-increasing presence of justice and the ever-growing fulfillment of human rights," he declared.

Mr. Goldberg said that such a vision is "as ancient as the law of Moses" and quoted the words of Leviticus 19:

"Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart . . .

"Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The congregation of St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church at 118th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue in Harlem mourned for the late Senator with a jazz mass written for the Sunday of the Holy Trinity yesterday by Edward Bonnemere, a music teacher

Prayers for Family Added to Church Service—Thant and Goldberg Deliver Eulogies

and composer from Teaneck, N. J.

Although the mass was not a requiem, it contained many mournful passages in styles ranging from the Southern blues to a cowboy's lament. The gradual was set to the rhythm of a rural Brazilian samba, which Mr. Bonnemere said was more familiar to the congregation as a calypso march.

A high point of the service came just before the communion when the integrated congregation linked arms and sang "We Shall Overcome" in tribute to Senator Kennedy.

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"Get hold of that eulogy," the priest told his congregation. "It says everything the Gospel wants us to know and wants us to live."

1,000 at Temple Emanu-El

A thousand people attended a simple 45-minute memorial ceremony at Temple Emanu-El yesterday afternoon. On the altar of the Greek-style amphitheatre was an American flag at half staff.

Rabbi Nathan A. Perelman, rabbi of the Reform congregation, used his eulogy to urge stiffer legislation to control the sale of firearms.

"How many more must pay the price before the sportsmen of the country will yield their symbol of mankind," he asked, "and how long, O Lord, before the state legislatures and national Congress will make possession of guns by the unstable and the criminals difficult, if not impossible."

Other preachers also spoke of specific steps to reduce the prevalence of violence in American life.

Algernon D. Black, speaking at the Society for Ethical Culture, Central Park West and 64th Street, said that "The responsibility of the American people is to do what they can to control violence, ease tension and re-establish a faith in the democratic process."

He said that attention must be given to "the number of television programs used for crime and violence" and that "citizens must take the responsibility for restraint in this area."

At St. George's Episcopal Church, Stuyvesant Square, the Rev. Edward O. Miller called for "strong and effective gun control laws."

"There is no doubt that we are responsible for this assassination and for other civil rights murders," he said. "Our society is responsible for engendering an atmosphere of violence which touches off the sick man and the menally ill."

A solemn musical memorial to Mr. Kennedy preceded ordination ceremonies yesterday for 59 newly commissioned Salvation Army lieutenants at the Centennial Memorial Temple, 120 West 14th Street.

As the lights of the temple were dimmed, the congregation of 1,500 people bowed their heads and the Salvation Army Southern New England Youth Band, led by Brigadier Richard Holtz, played Randall Thompson's "Alleluia."

Later about 300 members of

the Salvation Army, including the new lieutenants, staged a "March of Witness" through Greenwich Village, many of them carrying signs such as "God is Love" and "Don't Go to Pot, Come With Us."

The Most Rev. Terence J. Cooke, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, was the principal concelebrant at the 10 A.M. mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he had delivered the eulogy at nationally televised funeral services the day before.

Deflows 'Scream and Howl'

At masses in the cathedral throughout the day preachers devoted their sermons to tributes to the late Senator and appeals for a renewed sense of brotherhood in national life.

"We seem to be a nation dedicated to the scream and the howl and nothing else," said the Rev. Robert M. Gilhooly, a member of the cathedral staff who spoke at the 11:45 A.M. mass.

"Every American this day bears within his heart and upon his conscience the awful scenes of recent history. Today we pay tribute to a man. Tomorrow we may pay ransom to ourselves—a terrible price unless we begin now to recognize responsibility and to accept it willingly."

At St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens, the Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate to the United States, offered a baccalaureate mass with six other priests for the repose of the soul of Robert Kennedy.