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A WIDOW'S PRAYERS: Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy by the grave of her husband at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday

Mourners Mark the Death of Robert Kennedy

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WASHINGTON, June 6—The anniversary of Robert F. Kennedy's death was marked here today by a memorial service and a disclosure of plans for a permanent gravesite in Arlington Cemetery.

The Senator's family and friends gathered at his grave tonight for a memorial mass. Afterward, about 100 of them went to his widow's home at nearby McLean, Va., for a buffet supper.

Mrs. Kennedy, wearing a white dress, first went to the

grave at about 7 A.M., before the cemetery was opened to the public. She spent several minutes kneeling by the small white cross that marks the place of her husband's burial and left a bouquet of flowers.

She then visited the permanent gravesite of President Kennedy a few feet away.

An Army spokesman said that plans had been completed for a permanent burial site for the late Senator, who was shot to death a year ago in Los Angeles.

He died in the early morning hours of June 6, a little more than a day after Sirhan B. Sirhan shot him down in the Ambassador Hotel while Mr. Kennedy was celebrating his victory in the California Democratic Presidential primary.

The spokesman said the permanent site would be less elaborate and less costly than the one for the late President.

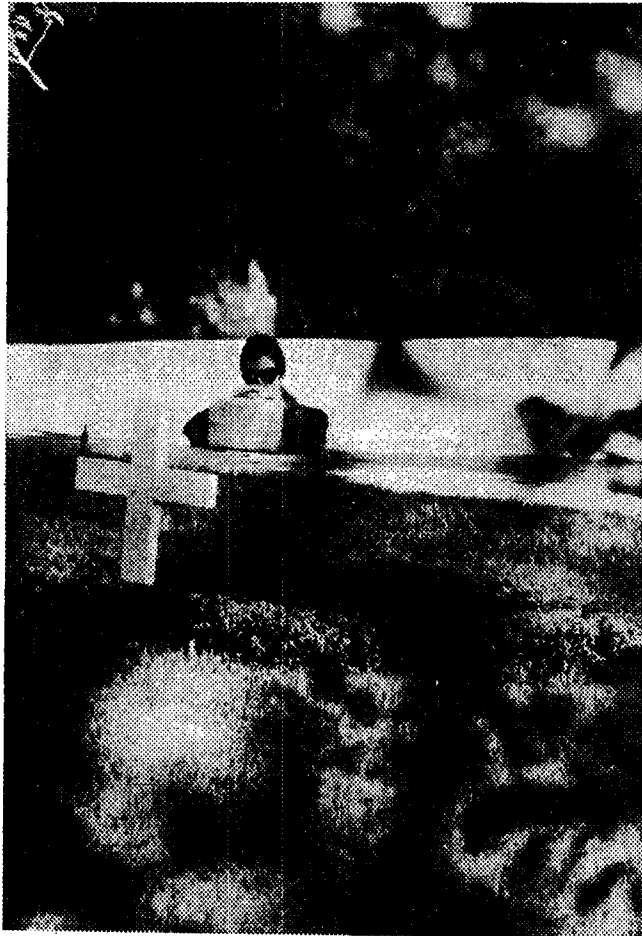
Senator Kennedy's present grave is about 50 feet south of President Kennedy's grave, to the right as one stands at

the President's grave, and faces downhill toward Washington. The Senator's permanent grave will be shifted a few feet downhill but will still remain to the right of the President's.

The Robert Kennedy gravesite will cost about \$677,000. The Army will build approach walks, stairs and a special walkway for handicapped persons. Their cost is estimated at \$257,800.

The Kennedy family will pay the \$419,200 remaining,

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ARLINGTON: Visitor to the grave of Robert F. Kennedy yesterday, leaning against the hedge around the site.

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or whatever the difference if the costs run higher.

A semicircular granite platform, 30 feet across, will be set into the grass of the slope. A small, white wooden cross will be placed in the grass a small distance from the platform.

A reflecting pool, 10 feet by 38 feet, will be placed on the east side of the platform, downhill from the granite.

A low granite wall inscribed with quotations from Senator Kennedy's writing and speeches will be built along an edge of the pool. American beech and holly will be planted.

The granite will match that of President Kennedy's grave. The Army Corps of Engineers will do the work.

The Senate and House Ap-

propriations Committees were asked in May to consider the \$257,800 for the Government's share. The Army spokesman said the work would be finished about a year after Congress provided the money for the walks.

I. M. Pei, the New York architect, designed the proposed new platform, with members of the Kennedy family consulted at all stages.

Among hundreds of other memorial activities around the country, Washington's D.C. Stadium will be officially renamed tomorrow as Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. It already has been given the name unofficially.

About 6,000 youngsters and 75 athletes will take part in the stadium ceremony.