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# Prayer: 'Wipe Away World's Tears'

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The people trod on bits of shattered glass, past boarded up houses. From one of the houses rang the blows of the tools of demolition.

The people may not have noticed the broken glass. It had been there many Sunday mornings as they went to worship at Mount Zion Baptist church, 1007 W. Brown st., not far from the heart of the city.

But on this morning, two days after the assassination of President Kennedy, the pieces of glass and crumbling walls seemed to symbolize shattered dreams and splintered hopes.

The hundreds of Negroes

who filled Mount Zion church found solace in their house of faith, but they were also warned by their minister that "deep seated hatred" can warp the minds of men.

"We cannot blame just one man. We must lay this blame at the root of civilization," the Rev. W. J. Calvin said, "at the heart of every man and woman of every color."

He spoke of a civilization in which "men are not able to maintain their stability."

The opening prayer pleaded, "We ask Thee to wipe the tears away from this world."

There were many tears wiped away by members of the congregation as the pas-

tor spoke of grief over Mr. Kennedy's death and admonished that the death should "double the determination in every heart to treat others justly and love mercy."

The nation has a purpose, he prayed, to "lead the people to know that all men and women and boys and girls are the same, made in Thy likeness."

A man in a pew toward the front of the church, his head bowed, laid his hand on the head of his small son.

The pastor questioned of God how anyone believed "that one man's death will stop Thy purpose and Thy plan."

He asked that the "mantle

be placed on President Johnson that he too lives in the danger of being annihilated."

Mr. Calvin and his congregation did not know that at almost that moment another act of violence was taking place. The victim was not President Johnson but the accused killer of Mr. Kennedy.

It was appropriate that one of the service's hymns included the words:

*"Time is filled with swift transition,*

*Naught of earth unmoved can stand,*

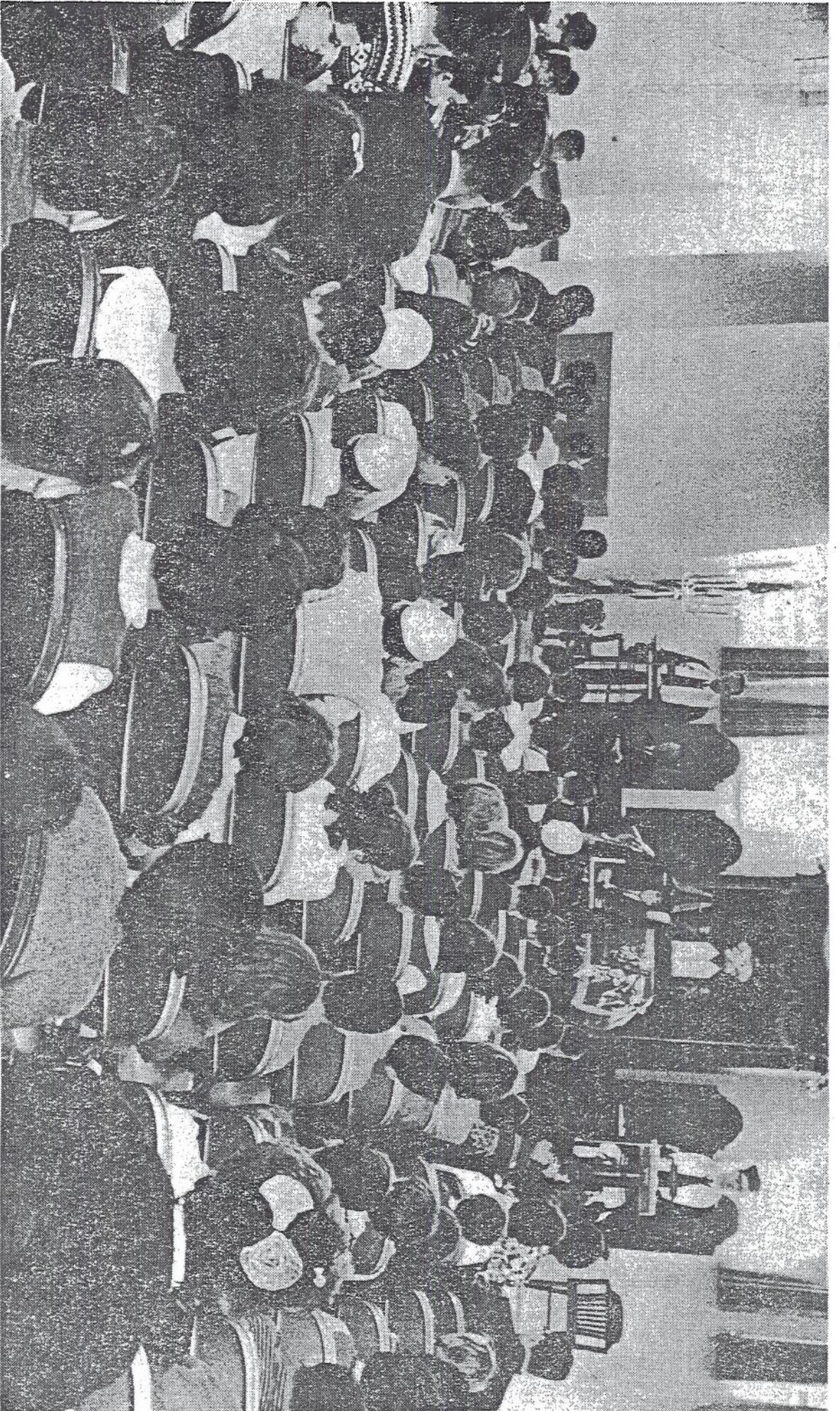
*Build your hopes on things eternal,*

*Hold to God's unchanging hand!"*



Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy held the hands of Caroline and John, jr., as they left the capitol Sunday following ceremonies for the late president. Behind them are

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy and two sisters, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mrs. Patricia Lawford (right). Little John carried a couple of flags. —UPI Telephoto



RABBI JOSEPH A. GORFINKEL (LEFT), TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, LED HIS CONGREGATION IN MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY.