

# Life in City At Half Staff In Mourning

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Life itself seemed to be at half staff in Milwaukee Sunday.

A man walked his dog in the almost deserted mall of Capitol court.

Two sailors on liberty studied watches in a W. Wisconsin av. jeweler's window which displayed a photograph of the dead president, draped in black.

A chilled line of people stretched north along the sidewalk from the North Western road depot, waiting to see the historical display of "Main Street, USA."

Traffic was sparse and moved slowly on the city streets.

Most business firms, except food and drug stores and service stations, were closed.

Outside St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church, 1615 Wauwatosa av., Wauwatosa, white letters were being arranged on the bulletin board, spelling out the memorial

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service Monday for President Kennedy at 4 p.m.

A thin, frosty cloud layer kept the sun from the city at times.

The national tragedy intruded even into church services.

Robert Wesolowski, 42, an usher at St. Rita's Catholic church, heard the first news of the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald as he was directing parishioners to seats for the 11:30 a.m. mass.

N. Jack Russell, a captain in the naval reserve who also was a PT boat commander in World War II, said the navy hymn was played in Trinity Presbyterian church, 3302 N. Sherman blvd., and "that nearly made me come unglued."

Joseph Sitzwohl, 38, a Milwaukee School of Engineering teacher, brought his family out to see the "Main Street, USA" exhibit after the Oswald shooting was shown on TV. He wanted to get the children thinking about "something else," he said.