

Mile Long Journey Carries Kennedy Body to Capitol

By the Associated Press

Washington, D. C. — To the doleful roll of muffled drums and through silent throngs of mourners, the body of President Kennedy was carried from the White House Sunday and borne to the capitol to lie in state.

Jacqueline Kennedy, perfectly composed but with deep circles under her eyes, emerged from the White House behind the casket holding the slain president. Her two children, daughter Caroline and son John, jr., were at her side—each clutching a hand.

John will be 3 Monday—the day of his father's funeral—and Caroline will be 6 on Wednesday.

The late president's family got into a single limousine with President and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Kennedy's brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Mile Long Journey

At a slow pace, the cortege with its black caisson and flag draped coffin set out on the mile long journey to the capitol where the fallen chief executive will lie in state until Monday morning.

Many thousands lined Pennsylvania av. and all other sections of the route between the executive mansion and the capitol. They were packed 10 to 12 deep along the sidewalks in 48 degree weather. It was sunny but there was a brisk northwest wind.

More thousands waited patiently at the capitol for an opportunity to enter the rotunda to pass in single file before the president's body.

By radio and by word of mouth the news spread swiftly through the crowd that Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing Mr. Kennedy, had been shot in Dallas. He died about the time Mr. Kennedy's body reached the capitol. Word of the shooting caused only a passing ripple as interest centered on the sad spectacle unfolding before the crowds watching the cortege.

Onlookers Weep

Many of the onlookers wept as the caisson rolled slowly past them.

Six gray horses in three pairs drew the flag draped caisson. A seventh horse led them.

To one side and just behind the caisson was an eighth horse

—a midnight brown animal with a white spot in the middle of the forehead. This horse bore an empty saddle and in the stirrups, reversed, were cavalry boots, symbolic of the absent rider.

A saber in silver scabbard swung from the saddle.

Mrs. Kennedy was dressed completely in black with a black lace mantilla on her head.

Caisson Receives Casket

She stood rigid and silent as she watched eight uniformed pallbearers—two each from the army, navy, air force and marine corps—place the casket on the caisson before the procession began.

Both Caroline and John, jr., wore light blue coats, short white stockings and red shoes. Caroline wore a black bandeau.

John, jr. obviously could not fully grasp the solemnity of the occasion and he gave an excited laugh as he entered the limousine. Full of buoyant spirits, he jumped onto the back seat to peer from the rear window at the scene outside.

After his mother and Caroline entered the car, the attor-

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ney general took a position on a jump seat, reached back and lifted young John onto his lap.

President Johnson then entered the car and took a seat to the right of Mrs. Kennedy.

The new first lady, Lady Bird Johnson, sat on a jump seat beside the attorney general.

Muffled Drums

Just as members of the family entered the last of three limousines in the procession, drummers began beating a slow march on their muffled drums.

The caisson moved first down the curving front drive of the White House. Flanking the roadway were troops standing in close order holding military flags with battle ribbons.

Behind the troopers stood members of the White House staff and their families.

Virtually all of the assassinated chief executive's close relatives came out from the White House with red rimmed eyes, evidence of much weeping.

Mrs. Kennedy was preceded out of the White House by three clergymen—a Roman Catholic priest, an Episcopal dean and a rabbi—who slowly walked abreast down the steps of the front portico and to their positions directly in front of the horse drawn caisson.

Troopers carried the flags of the three faiths behind them.

Following the caisson was a soldier in dress blues carrying the personal flag of the president.

The military pallbearers followed.

An honor guard of metropolitan police led the cortege, followed by the escort commander, Maj. Gen. Philip C. Wehle of the military district of Washington.

Special Honor Guard

The muffled drums were next in line, followed by a company of navy enlisted men and a special honor guard composed of the joint chiefs of staff and the commandants of the marine

corps and the coast guard.

American flags were carried by servicemen directly in front of the three members of the clergy who preceded the caisson.

Family members who rode in the procession included Ethel Kennedy, the wife of the attorney general; Sargent Shriver, a brother-in-law of the late president; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lawford.

Mrs. Smith is the former Jean Kennedy and Mrs. Lawford the former Patricia Kennedy—both sisters of the slain president.

In addition, children of the Robert Kennedys and the Sargent Shriver rode in the procession.

Drown Out Footsteps

The drums dominated all sound and drowned out footsteps of the marchers. The tall, white gloved sailors made an impressive sight. Their rifles, with bayonets attached, glis-

tened in the sun.

As the caisson passed down the street, military men in the crowd came to attention. Other men took off their hats and a few put their hands over their hearts.

After the last in the line of limousines had passed, the line of spectators quickly broke up. The crowd milled about, then started moving in many directions, many of them apparently