

In Funeral Procession

Mrs. Kennedy To Walk Behind Husband's Body

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the head of a perhaps unprecedented procession of national and foreign dignitaries, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy will walk behind her husband's body today from a spot near the White House to the funeral cathedral.

The cortege from the Capitol will halt near the White House for Mrs. Kennedy and other dignitaries to move from their automobiles to positions in the walking procession.

Beside her on the five-block route to St. Matthews Catholic Cathedral will be Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother and right-hand man of President Kennedy.

Cushing To Officiate

Behind them in the slowly-moving foot procession will come President Johnson and scores of American senators, governors, judges, cabinet members, and mayors plus royalty, presidents, prime ministers, and foreign ministers from dozens of foreign nations.

The funeral Mass is to be celebrated by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston and a longtime personal friend and spiritual guide of the Kennedy family.

The rites are set for 11 a.m. CST. They will be followed by burial in Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac river in Virginia.

Rotunda Stays Open

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger in announcing the arrangements Sunday said the procession will form at the north portico of the White House when the flag-draped caisson bears Mr. Kennedy's body back from the Capitol to the executive mansion this morning.

Salinger said the Capitol Rotunda would remain open Sunday night as long as there are people waiting to view the flag-

draped casket. The White House earlier had announced the doors would be closed at 8 p.m. CST.

"They will not close off the access at any time when there is anyone who wants to view the body," Salinger said.

The President's casket is closed,

however, and there are no plans to open it.

Seven-Horse Team

The viewing was to end at 9 a.m. CST today, the White House announced.

At 10 a.m. CST today, the caisson bearing Mr. Kennedy's body, drawn by a team of seven horses, will leave the Capitol for the journey to the White House.

The muffled drums and military honor guard that accompanied it there Sunday will escort it back to the executive mansion.

Salinger said the caisson will halt briefly while the procession, led by the widow and brother of the late President, gathers behind it. Mrs. Kennedy and the attorney general will ride in the procession from the Capitol to the White House, Salinger said.

Line of March

He said the funeral march will go from the White House down Pennsylvania ave. to 17th st., up 17th st. to Connecticut ave. and up Connecticut ave. to Rhode Island ave., where the cathedral is located.

Behind the widow and brother, the new President will walk, leading chiefs of state, heads of government, and chiefs of special delegations here for the funeral.

Then will come Chief Justice Earl Warren, followed by former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman, and justices of the Supreme Court.

Cabinet members will be next

in the funeral march, followed by about 16 congressional leaders.

Formal Invitations

Then will come the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 11 personal assistants to the slain President, and close friends of the Kennedy family.

Military honor guards will precede the caisson on the march to the cathedral. Salinger said the White House is sending formal invitations to those asked to attend the requiem Mass.

After the funeral, the procession will follow the caisson in automobiles, across the Potomac river to the cemetery.

Mrs. Kennedy and the family

will be in the first car, Mr. Johnson, the new First Lady, Gen. Eisenhower and Mr. Truman in the second.

Foreign Leaders Follow

Foreign government leaders will follow, then Warren, then the dean of the diplomatic corps, Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Ambassador of Nicaragua.

Supreme Court justices, the cabinet, Senate leaders, governors, House leaders, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. Kennedy's personal staff, and family friends will follow.

Salinger said the requiem Mass probably will end about noon. He said it will take the procession between an hour and an hour and a quarter to make its way to Arlington for the President's burial.