

# Mother Leaves for Washington

## JFK's Father Unable To Make Funeral Trip

(Compiled by Wire Services)

HYANNIS, Mass. — Slain President Kennedy's mother and other members of his family left by plane Sunday from Hyannis airport for Washington.

The presidential plane Caroline took off at 4:26 p.m. (CST).

Mrs. Rose Kennedy, mother of



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the assassinated Chief Executive, was first to board the plane. She was followed by Mrs. Eunice Shriver, wife of Sargent Shriver, Peace Corps director, and a sister of the late President. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was third aboard the plane,

but he came back off the plane to speak briefly to newsmen and a crowd of some 300 persons.

### Everyone Thanked

He thanked everyone for a "tremendous outpouring of prayers and sympathy."

The messages of condolence were "a tremendous consolation to my parents," he said.

The late President's father, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, 75, did not accompany his wife, son, and daughter.

He stayed at his Hyannis Port home, where he is a semi-cripple from a stroke suffered in December, 1961.

Before the family departed aboard the Caroline, the former ambassador was taken for a ride in the country by his Senator son.

### Bearing Up Well

It was the ambassador's first public appearance since his youngest son broke the news of the assassination to him Saturday about 21 hours after the tragic event.

Sen. Kennedy told newsmen outside the church earlier in the day that his father was "bearing up very well."

For the second day in a row,

Mrs. Rose Kennedy attended two Masses in St. Francis Xavier Church.

A seat was empty in the white clapboard Catholic Church.

### Facing Grief

At the 11 a.m. Mass, the priest, Msgr. Leonard J. Daley, noted the emptiness perhaps symbolical of the heartfelt emptiness of a mourning nation.

The seat in a side chapel of the church was the one occupied by President Kennedy when he attended church while home from Washington.

Mrs. Kennedy, gallantly facing up to her grief, sat in the vestry. She emerged only to receive communion with the other parishioners. Sen. Kennedy and Mrs. Shriver sat in a pew.