

Johnson Takes Nation's Helm

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Last Tribute Set Monday For Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Fitzgerald Kennedy returned today in death to the White House, less than 15 hours after an assassin's bullet snuffed out his life in Dallas, Tex.

His sorrowing widow, still apparently numb from the tragedy, and other members of the family and close associates viewed the body first as the big bronze casket was opened in the famous East Room of the White House.

One hour was set aside for the family and intimates of the 35th President to file past the bier. Then high officials from Washington and around the country were being admitted. The public was barred from the White House.

The casket was draped with an American flag and lay on a catafalque, or platform, draped in black. It was reported that the same catafalque, a century ago, held the casket bearing the body of Abraham Lincoln, the first of four presidents to be murdered while in office.

Services Held Monday

The body will be taken to the Capitol Building Sunday, and thousands of persons are expected to file past the casket during a period of about 21 hours. Funeral services will be held late Monday morning at St. Matthews' Cathedral and the late President probably will be buried in the family plot in Brookline, Mass.

The burial date is not known. Reporters were permitted to view the casket in the East Room, where the body was "in repose," for 15 minutes before the family arrived this morning. The casket was not opened, however, until Mrs. Kennedy and the others arrived.

A gray Navy ambulance carried the body of the slain Chief Executive from Bethesda Naval Hospital through the streets of the nation's capital in the dark hours before dawn. Hundreds watched in silence as the ambulance entered the White House gate.

Behind closed curtains, with him in death as in life, was his young wife, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, heavily laden with the burden of her grief. She was still wearing the pink suit she wore in Dallas Friday.

Six Military Pallbearers

Accompanied by the President's brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, she walked behind the six military pallbearers who carried the flag-draped coffin into the East Room of the White House.

The casket was placed on a catafalque in the center of the room. A military honor guard took up its position and two priests knelt to pray the night through for Kennedy, the nation's first Roman Catholic President.

It will be in the ornate East Room, the scene of so many memorable events in the history of the United States and of Kennedy's presidency, that his family and the great of the nation assemble today to pay their last respects.

Will Lie In State

At 1 p.m. (EST) Sunday the President's body will be moved from the White House in a formal funeral cortege to the great Rotunda of the Capitol, more than a mile down Pennsylvania Avenue, there to lie in state until 10 a.m. EST Monday.

At 11 a.m. Monday, the President's body will be removed to St. Matthew's Cathedral for a pontifical requiem mass at noon. Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, will be the celebrant.

The President is expected to be buried near his infant son, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, in the family plot in Brookline, Mass., his birthplace.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Showers and partial clearing today through Saturday with little temperature change.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 48
Highest temp. any Nov. (55) 73
Lowest temp. any Nov. (55) 15
Precip. last 24 hours .28
Normal Nov. precip. 4.46
Precip. from Sept. 1 9.68
Precip. from Nov. 1 6.21
Sunset tonight, 4:43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:17 a.m.



PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, flanked by his wife Ladybird, left, and the widow of assassinated President John F. Kennedy, right, is sworn in as President of the United States by Federal District

Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas aboard the Presidential plane prior to returning to Washington. (UPI Telephoto)

Fog Of Tragedy Grips Roseburg

By Bill Sparks

News-Review Staff Writer

News of President Kennedy's death spread through Roseburg late Friday morning like a mysterious fog, moving down the streets swiftly and quietly — and leaving everyone it touched stunned and silent.

Some cried — and the moisture was visible in their eyes; others wept silently inside their hearts; many prayed, for the President and the nation. Others were simply too stunned to show any reaction. But the one emotion which prevailed in Roseburg — and the rest of the nation — was one of disbelief.

The first reaction was that it just couldn't have happened — not to the President of the United States. Then, when radios and television sets had been turned on, when the newspaper had been called, and it was known to be true, everyone "just knew" the President would live. But when the four words, "The President Is Dead," were sounded with an air of grief and finality, utter disbelief once again took over.

Game Buys Spirits

Friday had started out as a day filled with excitement — and the air was filled with a certain electricity — because it was the day of the big game, the Roseburg Indians and the Grant Generals was hashed and rehearsed at every coffee shop in the city during those early morning hours, and 8 o'clock at night seemed like too long to wait before the big game started.

Then, when the news of the assassination began to spread, the electricity which had filled the air was replaced with a hush which fell over the city. Up and down SE Jackson and SE Main Streets you could see people gathering together, two here, a group of three or four at the corner, a half dozen farther down the street.

There was no panic in Roseburg. Those who spread the news, and those who discussed it with others who had already heard — they all spoke softly, as if, perhaps, saying it softly would help make it untrue.

Every Family Hit

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