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Last Rites Held For Kennedy

'Eternal Flame,' Lighted By Grieving Widow, Ends Massive Funeral Tribute

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An "eternal flame" burned at the flower-blanketed grave of John F. Kennedy today in lasting memorial to the assassinated 35th President of the United States. A white picketed fence about two feet high surrounded an area of about five yards on each side of the grave in Arlington National Cemetery. Within the enclosure were piled scores of bouquets from other nations. The grave was filled in, the fence installed and the flowers placed several hours after Kennedy's burial Monday—a simple sequel to the massive funeral tributes witnessed by national and world leaders. Kennedy's courageous widow, who maintained a magnificent bearing during all her appearances since the tragedy made a poignant visit to the grave shortly before midnight—about eight hours after the final rites. She laid a sprig of flowers on the grave and spent several minutes, with Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy at her side, at the floral-covered site.



LIKE A LITTLE SOLDIER, John F. Kennedy Jr., who was three years old Monday, salutes as the casket containing the body of his father, the late President, is carried from St. Matthews Cathedral. (UPI Telephoto by UPI Photographers Stanley Stearns)

Mrs. Kennedy, Children Soon Leave White House

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was reported today to be planning to go to Cape Cod to spend a Thanksgiving holiday with the family of her slain husband. Mrs. Kennedy's plans for moving from the White House have not been announced, and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, she will not consider moving into the executive mansion until it suits Mrs. Kennedy's convenience. "I wish to heaven I could serve Mrs. Kennedy's happiness," the new President's wife said. "I can at least serve her convenience. It is only when the last chore she wishes to do is done that I will contemplate moving."

Grand Jury Charges Ruby With Murder

DALLAS (UPI)—Flashy Jack Ruby, the striptease nightclub owner who killed an accused presidential assassin before millions of witnesses, was indicted today on a charge of murder with malice by a county grand jury. It was one of the fastest indictments ever returned in Dallas. Ruby, 32, shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald when he was being transferred from City Jail to a maximum security cell Sunday. It was the first time in history that the nation's television viewers watched a murder being committed. Ruby said he did it for President Kennedy's wife and family. He said he believed Oswald was part of a Communist assassination plot.

Conviction Record

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, who has a 100 per cent conviction record in murder trials, said he would try to send Ruby to the electric chair. He asked that the former Chicago street brawler and small time gambler be held without bond. Tom Howard, Ruby's Dallas attorney, said he would ask for a writ of habeas corpus to free Ruby in bond. Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown set Dec. 9 as the date for the murder trial to begin. Howard objected to the speedy action by Dallas authorities and said he would try to get the trial postponed until mid-January at least. Judge Brown said he would consider a postponement.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS
Cloudy through Wednesday with occasional rain Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday night.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 65
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 38
Highest temp. any Nov. (55) 73
Lowest temp. any Nov. (55) 15
Precip. last 24 hours 0.0
Normal Nov. precip. 4.46
Precip. from Sept. 1 9.76
Precip. from Nov. 1 6.29
Sunset tonight, 4:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:21 a.m.



A MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late President John F. Kennedy was held Monday afternoon at Tri-City School with an estimated 425 persons attending. The service, conducted by the Tri-City Ministerial Alliance, gathered church members of several faiths from the communities of Canyonville, Myrtle Creek and Riddle in a last salute to the national leader who was assassinated last Friday. The Canyonville Bible Academy Choir (seen in photo) participated. (News-Review Photo)

Roseburg Pays Final Tribute To JFK In Memorial Service

By BILL SPARKS, News-Review Staff Writer
Nearly 1,000 Roseburg residents gathered at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Community Building to pay their final respects to the late President John F. Kennedy at a community memorial service Monday afternoon. The service, sponsored by the Roseburg Ministerial Association, was short, simple and collected a few quiet moments and the thoughts, hopes and prayers of the community, the nation and the entire free world. The service seemed dedicated to two ends: To acknowledge the President was gone and to pay homage to him and his family; and to undertake a personal re-dedication to the way of life for which he lived and died.

It was a religious service, and yet unlike a church service, in that there was no sermon, nor was there a division of church denomination. It was impossible to tell how many denominations were represented at that service, but the answer was unimportant. Unimportant because you knew by the very nature of the tragedy that had caused this service to be held that Catholics, Protestants, Jews—everyone, was feeling the same sorrow and the same re-dedication. There was only one common denominator—Americanism.

Answer Sought
And you could feel in the depth of what was being said—and being felt by those who listened—that perhaps there was an answer to be found for this tragedy. You could sense the feeling among those who had gathered here as they groped for that answer. They say that God will bring some good from even the deepest tragedy if those to whom that tragedy occurs will seek the answer. Perhaps the good to come from this tragedy will be the re-birth of Americanism which has swept through Roseburg and the rest of the nation since the assassin's bullets killed the President of the United States.

The feeling of indifference—of seeming reluctance to speak out strongly and stand up firmly for the purity and integrity of purpose upon which this nation was founded—it has been washed away. Up and down the streets of Roseburg, in the churches, the schools, the coffee shops, the homes, there has been a moral tightening, and the belt and stiffening of the backbone as people have told themselves and their friends that no one will ever take away that which John F. Kennedy stood for and represented.

And these are not things which have not been felt all along. They were, rather, somehow showed into the background—but now—now have been brought back where they belong—into the thoughts and conversations of the nation. All of these things were said in a few words, in the songs and music which were the memorial service for President Kennedy at the Douglas County fairgrounds Monday.

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