

Presidential Inauguration Called Democracy's Biggest Extravaganza

Washington—The inauguration of a new U.S. President is democracy's biggest extravaganza.

It combines in one wildly colorful package the pomp and ceremony of a British coronation, the exuberance of a World Series crowd, the dazzling display of a Rose Bowl parade and the social whirl of a dozen debutante seasons.

All signs indicate that the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy Jan. 20 will be the biggest and splashiest this capital has seen since Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933 and told a depression-panicked nation that

"the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

The Inaugural Committee began by ordering construction of stands for 15,000 spectators along the 8-mile route of the inaugural parade. That figure was based on the demand for seats at Dwight D. Eisenhower's second-term inaugural in 1957. But the demand for tickets has been so great, from all parts of the country, that officials raised the seating order to 35,000 and then to 60,000.

In addition to the 60,000 persons who pay from \$3 to \$25 for the privilege of sitting on a hard wooden plank during the inaugural parade, upwards of 1 million others

are expected to view the parade from office and hotel windows, rooftops, trees and standing room on the sidewalks.

Officials cannot even estimate how many out-of-town visitors will pour into Washington for the three-day inaugural festivities, which got underway Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Expect Town-Full

But they are expecting, in the words of one harassed official, "a town-full—and then some."

Hotels are already heavily booked and are requiring full cash payment in advance for four days—Jan. 17 through Jan. 20—from anyone who seeks to reserve a room at anytime during the inaugural period. The Inaugural Housing Bureau also is lining up thousands of rooms in motels and rooming houses.

Railroads scheduled special trains, and airlines have put on dozens of extra flights to accommodate the mass movement of loyal Democrats to Washington.

Disregarding the thousands of private parties which will be thrown into hotels, restaurants, homes and clubs, the first official event on the inaugural program was a "Reception for Distinguished Women," Jan. 18.

Guests of honor will be Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson; President Kennedy's mother and sisters; Mrs. Kennedy's mother; wives of cabinet officers; Democratic women members of Congress, and three former first ladies—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Harry Truman.

Three major events are scheduled for today. During the afternoon there will be a Governors' Reception.

In the evening, the inaugural crowd will have a choice. Those who like long-hair music at modest prices can attend the Inaugural Concert in Constitution Hall, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra with pianist Earl Wilde and violinist Mischa Elman as soloists.

Those who prefer Hollywood-style entertainment—and are willing to pay \$100 per seat—will go to the vast National Guard Armory to see the Inaugural Gala, produced by Frank Sinatra, and featuring a large cast of stars.

including Joey Bishop, Harry Belafonte, Milton Berle, Nat Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Henry Fonda, Gene Kelly, Shirley MacLaine, Dean Martin and Red Skelton.

The official swearing-in ceremony will take place at noon Jan. 20 in the great plaza of the U.S. Capitol building. This is the ceremony at which Kennedy takes his oath of office and delivers his inaugural address.

Relatively few of the inaugural visitors will be able to watch this historic event in person. The Secret Service doesn't like a crowd of standees at an outdoor ceremony at which the President will be exposed for more than an hour. So admission to the ceremony is by ticket only, and there is room in the plaza for stands seating only about 8,000 persons.

Tickets to the ceremony are at a premium ("harder to get than 50-yard line seats at the Army-Navy game," according to one harassed congressman) and are being ra-

tioned on the basis of 12 for each senator, 8 for each House member.

But disappointed applicants will be able to watch the ceremony, along with millions of other Americans, on television.

The parade will begin immediately after the ceremony at the Capitol.

It's supposed to run for 2 hours and 25 minutes, but veterans of many inaugural parades laugh wearily at this optimistic time-table. They remember too many occasions on which the parade ran two or three hours overtime.

Main Attractions

The main attractions, of course, will be President Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and their wives. It has not been announced whether Dwight D. Eisenhower will ride in the parade with his young successor. But two other ex-presidents—Harry S. Truman and Herbert Hoover—have accepted invitations to share in the cheers of the crowd along historic Pennsylvania Ave.

Kennedy, Johnson and theirand other new weapons from all the services.

Each of the 50 states will have a section in the parade, led by its governor riding in a new convertible, and including "one band of not more than 100 members, one float, and one marching unit of not more than 200 persons," according to the official regulations.

Passing Word

Officials are passing the word that parade units must keep up with the line of march and maintain good discipline. Parade Chairman F. Joseph Donohue explained that these precautions grew out of a review of films taken during previous inaugural parades.

"We saw such horrors as the cowboy who lassoed the President in 1953, the governors who stopped their cars in front of the reviewing stand to make presentations of local products, and the marching units which held up the parade while they went through complicated maneuvers," said Donohue.

The word this year is: Please, boys, don't ham it up for the TV audience.

After the parade ends (and it will seem endless to the officials trapped in the reviewing stand) President and Mrs. Kennedy will have a few hours rest before setting forth for the inaugural ball. The ball is being held in three sections in order to accommodate an invited crowd of about 19,000 persons. The Kennedys will appear at all sections.

Sometime long after midnight, the new President will make his weary way to bed, the inaugural ordeal behind him, and nothing to worry about except running the country for the next four years.



MRS. KENNEDY LEAVES—Jacqueline Kennedy, right, waves to a small crowd at the West Palm Beach, Fla., airport as she leaves to join the President-elect in Washington to take part in inauguration ceremonies Friday. With Mrs. Kennedy is her press secretary, Pam Turnure. (UPI Telephoto)

Four-Week Seminar Set For Journalism Teachers

Eugene—A four-week seminar for high school journalism teachers will be inaugurated at the University of Oregon school of journalism this summer under the sponsorship of the Newspaper Fund Inc., a foundation supported by the Wall Street Journal. The seminar will run from July 19-July 25, 1961, coinciding with the first half of the university's regular summer session.

The special seminar will not affect the established program of newspaper Fund fellowships under which many teachers have engaged in the summer study of journalism over the past three years. Interested persons may apply for either the seminar or the regular fellowship.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Newspaper Fund, Inc., 48 Wall St., New York 5, N.Y.

The summer program will consist of four weeks of con-

centrated work in a wide range of journalistic subjects. The objective is to increase the teachers' knowledge and understanding of the field itself as well as to provide information and guidance for the high school publications advisor. All expenses, including room and board, for those enrolled in the seminar will be covered by the Newspaper Fund, Inc.

Through this foundation, the Wall Street Journal has launched a nation-wide effort to improve the level of journalism teaching and publications advising in the high schools by assisting teachers to take summer courses in journalism. Approximately 20 teacher advisors have studied at the University of Oregon school of journalism under such grants in the past three summers.

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