

President Kennedy Is Mourned Throughout World



President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a rain-spattered car, leaves his home Saturday for his office in the Executive Office building. The successor to the slain Pres. John F. Kennedy wears the anxieties of the tragic hours that have elapsed since the assassination Friday. (UPI)

By United Press International
President Kennedy was mourned around the world today on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Heads of state acclaimed him. Persons on the streets of London, Tokyo, Paris, and Berlin grieved, as did many in Communist capitals.

Newspapers eulogized him, and some compared his death with that of Abraham Lincoln. In Berlin 80,000 persons, many of them weeping, marched in a torch light parade after midnight in demonstration of their mourning for the man who only five months ago saw the Communist wall and said: "Ich bin ein Berliner (I am a Berliner)."

The first reaction was unbelieving shock. A London woman, hearing the news, cried out: "Who said that? I'll kill him!" Then came sorrow.

"Full of Life"
"He was so young," sobbed Mary Ryan, an Irish third cousin of the President, "so full of life, so nice."

Sorrow gave way to anger. "A madman did this!" snapped Swedish cabdriver Joern Nolerud.

Finally came the tributes. "Kennedy was another Lincoln," a Russian student said softly as he stood outside the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

"Rest in peace, John Kennedy," said the London Daily Herald. "You helped us much."

Behind it all day a sense of loss and the fear of an unknown future.

"You mean Kennedy is dead? President Kennedy?" asked Anni Krauth, a German woman. "I'm scared!"

Europeans, including such notables as British Science Minister Quintin Hogg (formerly Lord Hailsham) and leftwing Italian Socialist leader Pietro Nenni, wept at the news.

In the Vatican, Bishop Herman Westermann of Sambalpur, India, compared Kennedy's death to the "loss of (Mohandas) Gandhi," Hindu leader assassinated by a fanatic in 1948.

Bishop Joseph Bowers of Ghana feared the assassination

"will arouse again the uncertainty and fears of the developing nations in Africa."

Queen Elizabeth II said she was "shocked and horrified," and ordered her court to go into mourning for a week.

Pope Paul VI, who met Kennedy twice, was offering a special Mass for the slain President's soul. He called the assassination a "wicked crime" and prayed that the "sacrifice" might help the cause of peace and freedom.

Britain: The tenor bell of Westminster Abbey rang out a requiem usually reserved for royalty.

Russia: Premier Nikita Khrushchev cabled President Johnson that the assassination is "a heavy blow to all people who hold dear the cause of peace and Soviet-American cooperation."

Algeria: President Ahmed Ben Bella said "this has moved us profoundly."

Germany: Chancellor Ludwig Erhard said Kennedy "embodied the Western ideals of freedom and the dignity of man," and ex-Chancellor Konrad Adenauer called him a "martyr of freedom and peace."

Yugoslavia: President Tito ordered the cancellation of all plays, movies and sports events for a day of national mourning. In a message to President Johnson, Tito said Kennedy's "tragic death has deeply moved and embittered us."

Ireland: The land of Kennedy's ancestors was stunned. Irishmen knelt on the sidewalks and wept when they heard the news.

Egypt: President Gamal Nasser cabled Mrs. Kennedy that he was "shocked by this horrible crime which took the life of your late husband in the prime of his youth."

France: President Charles de Gaulle, who often differed with Kennedy during his life, said he "died as a soldier under fire, for his duty and in the service of his country."

Italy: Flags flew at half-staff. President Antonio Segni called the assassination "a grave loss for all humanity."



Former Vice President Richard Nixon looks serious after arrival at Idlewild Airport. He had been on a business trip to Dallas where the President was slain. (UPI)



Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. Ambassador to South Viet Nam, expresses his shock at death of President John F. Kennedy. He said "I cannot express the sorrow I feel." (UPI)



Many students of St. Mary's Cathedral school in Portland, Ore., spent their lunch hour in prayer for President John F. Kennedy. Three girls are shown here making the stations of the cross. (UPI)



As word of President Kennedy's death reaches the United Press International office in Seattle, Wash., employees of the Seattle Post Intelligencer receive it in quiet awe. (UPI)



A London Bobbie reads of President Kennedy's assassination in special edition of the London Daily Sketch. (UPI)



Prime Minister Lester Pearson is seen here leaving the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Ont., after conveying his sympathies to the ambassador on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. (UPI)



Pope Paul VI (center, front) kneels and prays in St. Peter's Basilica during a funeral service to honor Cardinals who died during the year. The Pope and attending prelates also prayed for the late President John F. Kennedy at the service. Earlier, in his private chapel, Pope Paul offered a special Mass for the late President. (UPI)



Appearing solemn, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, left, visits U.S. Ambassador Foy Kohler in Moscow Saturday morning to sign a book of condolences for the late President John F. Kennedy. (UPI)