

# Johnson Leads Nation in Mourning Late Chief Executive

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## 'Rest in Peace' Mass Offered in Cathedral

The "Rest in Peace" Mass for America's first Roman Catholic President was offered in the presence of 1,200 persons who had come from near and far to make a final gesture of love or respect.

"Life is not taken away . . . life is but changed," intoned white-haired Cardinal Cushing, as he offered the ancient Catholic prayer for the departed:

"Be merciful, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whom Thou have just called out of this world . . . He put his hope and trust in You: Do not then let him undergo the pains of hell, but bring him to happiness without end."

By the side of the grief-stricken young widow was Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late President's brother and closest to him of all in the closely knit Kennedy family.

Many World Figures Among the mourners were such diverse world leaders as Prince Philip of Britain; Anastas I. Mikoyan, first deputy pre-

mier of Russia; President Charles de Gaulle of France; Chancellor Ludwig Erhard of West Germany; King Baudouin of Belgium; President Eamon De Valera of Ireland; and Sir Alec Douglas-Home, new prime minister of Britain.

Across America, millions of Kennedy's countrymen said their own prayers for the repose of his soul. President Johnson declared a national day of mourning and "earnestly recommended" that every American attend his place of worship "to pay homage to the memory of a great and good man."

St. Matthew's Cathedral, which was Kennedy's parish church, is a drab red brick building with a 200-foot high dome. Standing since 1898, and begripped by the soot of the downtown area it occupies, it is far from impressive in its external appearance.

Glittering Interior But its interior is a glittering example of Romanesque-Byzantine architecture, with pillars of magnificent red-and-white cararra marble and richly colored mosaics of Venetian glass. Its

showpiece is a magnificent high altar of white marble, carved in India and decorated with colored insets in the same manner as the famed Taj Mahal.

Kennedy's casket rested in front of this altar and just underneath the soaring dome of the cathedral.

In keeping with Catholic liturgical tradition, there were no flowers on the altar or around the casket. The usual white candles on the altar were replaced with candles of unbleached yellow wax, the sign of a funeral Mass. Cardinal Cushing wore black vestments instead of the brilliant scarlet robes of his office as a prince of the church.

Ave Maria Sung One of Kennedy's favorite hymns, the Ave Maria, was sung before the Mass by Luigi Vena, a Boston tenor who also sang at the late President's wedding.

The cathedral choir then sang the ancient funeral hymn "Libera Me" (which begins with the words, "Deliver me, oh Lord, from everlasting death . . .") in a new setting by the Italian composer Porselli.

The service conducted by Cardinal Cushing was what is known technically as a "low" Mass, which means that it was the simplest type of Mass, spoken rather than sung, with a single priest officiating rather than the three who would have been required had the family chosen a Solemn High Mass.

There was no eulogy. Insofar as the service itself went, the deceased son of the church before the altar might have been an unknown laborer rather than the President of the United States.

The emphasis of the service was strongly focused on the Christian conviction that death is not the end, but the beginning of a larger, eternal life.

## Cambodia Plans Appeal to France To Fill Aid Gap

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (UPI)—Cambodia plans to turn to France and not the Communist world to fill the gap left by its refusal of U.S. aid, informed sources said today.

Chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who asked for an end to the more than \$30 million in U.S. economic and military aid in a series of statements this month, had been feared to be turning toward Communist China.

But the sources said the prince has termed Communist aid "particularly dangerous" and declared that "France is the most capable power to represent the Western world in this part of Asia."

"The Americans have been erased from this country," he was reported to have said. "The Communist powers are erasing themselves."

Advocated Independence France gave Cambodia its independence 10 years ago after a 100-year protectorate. Sihanouk was one of the staunchest advocates of independence, but French cultural influence remains strong here.

Western officials were concerned that Communist China or the Soviet Union would step into the vacuum left when U.S. military advisers leave at the prince's request and when U.S. aid, which pays for 20 per cent of Cambodia's strategic imports and 40 per cent of army salaries, is terminated.

(Communist China warned the United States it would give Cambodia "all out support" if it is invaded in an action "instigated by the United States and its vassals.")

Makes Plot Charges Sihanouk, in renouncing U.S. aid, charged that the United States was aiding Cambodian rebels who were plotting to overthrow him. He said the rebels were headquartered in neighboring South Viet Nam.

The sources said the prince has not yet asked France directly for aid, but has made it clear Cambodia would be glad to accept it from France. He is reported to have said that France was the only Western nation not "practicing an imperialist or neo-colonialist policy in Asia."

The future of the French military advisers in Cambodia was not clear. In his original request for the end of U.S. aid, Sihanouk also called for their withdrawal.

His statements on French influence also were not being taken as his final word on the subject. The 41-year old prince is noted for changing his mind, and did so several times on the subject of U.S. aid this month.

## President Plans Reception for Foreign Leaders

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson led his fellow citizens and the mighty of the earth today in mourning a fallen comrade, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

The new Chief Executive of the United States, ramrod-straight, his face etched with sadness, joined with millions around the world in paying his last respects to the slain President.

But within hours after the last, sad rites for his former chief, Johnson must take upon himself the great burdens of the office so suddenly thrust upon him.

He planned a reception for the many foreign heads of state attending the funeral, the greatest number ever to gather in the United States for any reason. It was expected that some of the pressing international problems facing the new administration would be touched upon, if only briefly.

Setting Fast Pace Johnson, working at a breathtaking pace since his elevation to the presidency in Dallas Friday, also was expected to confer with aides and high officials throughout the day.

He goes before a joint session of Congress Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. EST to outline his concept of the presidency and to plead once again for national unity. Congressional leaders pledged him bipartisan cooperation Friday night.

Johnson already was receiving suggestions as to his conduct of foreign policy. Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R-Iowa, ranking Republican member, joined Sunday in urging him to arrange an informal "exploratory" meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The President's third day in office began at 10 a.m. Sunday at his home in the Spring Valley section of Washington. He received a briefing from Director John A. McCone of the Central Intelligence Agency and McGeorge Bundy, President Kennedy's special assistant for national security.

Attends Church An hour later he attended services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, joining members of the congregation for coffee afterward. Then at 12:40 p.m. he went to the White House to join the cortege escorting President Kennedy's body to the Capitol.

Back at his makeshift executive offices in the old State Department building near the White House, he conferred with Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and received a firsthand report on the situation in South Viet Nam. With him were Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, Undersecretary of State George W. Ball and Bundy.

He left his office at 7 p.m. The days and hours of Lyndon Baines Johnson had just begun.

## Green Bay Thumps SF

MILWAUKEE (UPI)—The Green Bay Packers, using the old one-two of Bart Starr and Jim Taylor, kept their National Football league title hopes alive Sunday by walloping the San Francisco Forty Niners, 28-10.

The Packers rolled up all 28 of their points in the first half on the pin-point passing of Starr, who had been sidelined with a broken hand for four weeks, and the power running of fullback Taylor.

Green Bay took the opening kickoff and marched into the Forty Niner end zone on 12 plays, with Starr hitting Boyd Dowler for the TD.

The two teams traded the ball twice to end the opening period, but on the first series of downs in the second, halfback Elijah Pitts fired a pass to Jerry Kramer who ploughed over a 21-yard play.

The Forty Niners made the scoreboard a few minutes later on a 32-yard field goal by Tommy Davis, but the Packers hit for two more touchdowns before the half ended on a 34-yard run by Taylor and a 14-yard jaunt by Pitts.

The Packers were held scoreless during the second half, and the Forty Niners got their only touchdown of the day on an 11-yard pass from quarterback Lamar McHan to Kay McFarland.

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## Caisson Carries Remains of Late President Down Pennsylvania Avenue

By BRUCE AGNEW WASHINGTON (UPI)—The body of slain President Kennedy began its last journey through the capital at 10:48 a.m., EST.

It was a sombre retracing of the route Kennedy had followed in triumph after his inauguration 34 months ago.

A crowd of 20,000 jammed the Capitol Plaza, bareheaded and silent, as the coffin of the 35th President of the United States was carried down the long Capitol steps by its uniformed bearers.

Waiting at the bottom were Kennedy's widow, Jacqueline, her face hidden by a black veil, and his two brothers, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

The band began to play, "Hail to the Chief." The young Chief. The dead Chief. The crowd stood silent in a hushed city.

Many of them had waited in line all night in hopes of passing through the Rotunda under the Capitol dome where the President lay in state only to be turned away when time ran out.

The casket was placed atop its caisson, a piece of military equipment older than Kennedy was. It was the same caisson

which carried the body of Franklin D. Roosevelt through the same saddened Washington streets 18 years before.

At the foot of the marble stairs, across from Kennedy's widow and brothers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the commandant of the Coast Guard stood at attention.

Last Procession Starts Then, with muffled drums throbbing, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was borne on his last procession through the capital of the nation he had led.

Behind the caisson, a walking soldier led the black, riderless horse with boots reversed in the stirrups which traditionally follows the body of a fallen leader. As it did Sunday, the black horse jerked its head against its bride, and drummed its hooves on the pavement in nervous distress.

The caisson left the Capitol grounds and, at 11:10 a.m., turned sharply onto Pennsylvania Avenue.

The crowds packed densely along the cortege route were dressed warmly against the chill weather. Many had shivered through the night, waiting.

The great government buildings along Pennsylvania Avenue cast long shadows, so that the caisson passed from light to dark, and then to light again, as it moved past the watchers.

In the sunshine, the wooden spokes of the wheels glistened as if wet.

Waiting at the White House were French President Charles de Gaulle, Britain's Prince Philip, and the other world leaders who would follow on foot as Mrs. Kennedy walked behind the coffin of her husband from his home to the cathedral.

Others gathered at the cathedral. Former President Harry S. Truman arrived at 11:30 a.m. His daughter Margaret had to help him up the steps.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt who had succeeded to the presidency when William McKinley was assassinated in 1901, entered the still incomplete cathedral, a 65-year-old church drab on the outside but a glittering jewel within.

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and his wife were there just a few minutes before former Vice President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

An Arab diplomat arrived in flowing desert robes — black and white, the colors of mourning.

There was a delegation of House members, also Alabama Gov. George Wallace, his bitter disputes with Kennedy forgotten.

West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt . . . AFL-CIO President George Meany . . . astronaut John Glenn . . . the Rev. Billy Graham, world leaders and diplomats, filling two by two into the church — physical evidence that a world mourned.

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## Foreign Briefs

AMERICAN PILOTS KILLED IN SOUTH VIET NAM ACTION SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—Two U.S. Air Force pilots and a Vietnamese observer apparently were killed Sunday when their propeller-driven B26 bomber was shot down by Communist guerrillas, military sources said today.

A U.S. helicopter was downed in the same action without fatalities, but four American soldiers were captured by the Communists in a separate raid.

A U.S. military spokesman said the plane's crew was being listed as missing in action for the present, but he added there were no signs of survivors at the scene of the crash.

ITALIAN SHIPYARD ACCIDENT KILLS ONE TARANTO, Italy (UPI)—One person was killed and 14 others reported injured seriously today when the 451-ton Ferris Pola tipped over during repair work at a local shipyard. The skipper of the ferry, Capt. Giuseppe Palumbo, died in a hospital of his injuries shortly after the accident.

FLAGS IN INDONESIA FLY AT HALF STAFF JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI)—Every flag in this capital city, except for that over the Communist Chinese embassy, was flown at half staff today as a gesture of sympathy for the American people on the death of President Kennedy.



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