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## KENNEDY'S BODY IS FLOWN HERE FOR FUNERAL RITES TOMORROW; JOHNSON ASKS STRONG GUN LAW



The New York Times (by Edward Hestner)

**BODY IS TAKEN INTO ST. PATRICK'S:** Among those carrying the coffin are Senator Kennedy's sons, Robert, Jr., 14, and Joseph, 15, their backs to the camera. Senator

Edward M. Kennedy is visible on the other side, between the youngsters' heads. From left: Mrs. Stephen Smith, in white; Mrs. Patricia Lawford and Kathleen Kennedy.

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## ARLINGTON BURIAL

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### Body Will Lie in State Today at St. Patrick's —Solemn Mass Set

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By J. ANTHONY LUKAS

The body of Senator Robert Francis Kennedy returned last night to the city he adopted five years ago. He was received with the sorrow and affection due a native son.

The silver and blue Presidential jet, which bore the Senator's body on its 4-hour-and-35-minute flight from Los Angeles, touched down at La Guardia Airport at 8:57 P.M.

On a smotheringly warm and muggy night, more than 1,000 perspiring people, headed by Governor Rockefeller, Senator Jacob K. Javits and Mayor Lindsay, stood in silence on the macadam runway.

### **More Line Route**

Tens of thousands more lined the nine-mile route into the city and jammed the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue around St. Patrick's Cathedral where a short-private ceremony was held by the Most Rev. Terence J. Cooke.

Senator Kennedy's body was scheduled to lie in state at the cathedral from 5:30 A.M. until 10 P.M. today. Tomorrow a solemn high requiem mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M., with admission restricted to persons invited by the Kennedy family.

After the mass the body will be taken to Washington by train for burial at Arlington National Cemetery near President Kennedy's grave.

At the Kennedy family's request, the welcome here was kept simple and low-keyed. But there was little need to stress the poignance of the homecoming of the second Kennedy felled by an assassin's bullet in five years.

### **The Night in 1963**

Many of those who lined the silent streets last night, or who watched on television, felt the striking similarity to a night in 1963 when President Kennedy's body was flown to Washington from Dallas.

The parallel with 1963 was so vivid in the mind of Mrs. John F. Kennedy that she was apprehensive about boarding the Presidential Boeing 707 in Los Angeles until she had been assured that it was not the same one that had borne her husband from Dallas to Washington. This was reported by Sander Vanocur, an N.B.C. newsman and family friend, who was on board the plane last night.

Hours later, Jacqueline Kennedy broke down beside the coffin of her brother-in-law as it rested before the altar in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

According to a spectator, the

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# President Prods Congress As House Votes Crime Bill

By MAX FRANKEL

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 6—President Johnson reacted to the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy today by imploring Congress and the 50 Governors not to settle for "halfway" measures of gun control.

By moving swiftly, in private and public, the President indicated that he would try to capitalize on the shock of the Kennedy shooting to bring the sale of rifles and shotguns under tight control, as he has vainly sought to do since the

*Text of Johnson proclamation and speech on guns, Page 23.*

assassination of President Kennedy put him in the White House.

Even as he made his plea on television this afternoon, the House passed, 368 to 17, and sent to him for approval an omnibus anticrime bill that limits only the sales of hand guns and larger military weapons.

Though he objects to what he called the "brutal loopholes" that remain, as well as some other major features of the bill, the President is expected to sign it. By Monday, however, he will also submit a series of amendments, most of which the Senate rejected a month ago.

The only other course open to the President would be to veto the measure with a demand that Congress begin all

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## SCHOOLS TO CLOSE IN TRIBUTE TODAY

### State Mourning for Kennedy Will Last Through Sunday —Longshoremen Quit

By RICHARD REEVES

New York City went into mourning for Senator Robert F. Kennedy yesterday with the 125 longshoremen of Pier 11, Brooklyn, leading the way.

The men were talking quietly about the assassination of Mr. Kennedy as they unloaded the freighter Newberry Victory when, at about 8:45 A.M., one of them said, "This day's for Bobby!" The others stuck their baling hooks in their belts and walked off the dock.

By noon, all of the 16,000 dockworkers in the Port of New York had stopped work and men in many different places were preparing signs: "Closed in Memory of Robert F. Kennedy."

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## WOMAN IS SOUGHT IN KENNEDY DEATH

### A Witness Says She Ran From Scene Exclaiming That 'We Shot Him!'

By GLADWIN HILL

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, June 6—The Los Angeles Police Department pressed a statewide search today for a possible accomplice in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, as the authorities prepared the prosecution of the man accused as his assailant.

A police bulletin transmitted to law-enforcement agencies said Los Angeles officers wanted to question a woman in her twenties. She had been reported to have said jubilantly at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy early yesterday, "We shot him!" The identity of the woman was not made public.

The police said she had been "observed with suspect" before the shooting.

In the wake of the Senator's death early this morning, the District Attorney's office prepared murder charges against the accused assailant, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Official apprehensions were voiced that an unprejudiced trial might be jeopardized by reckless dissemination of hear-

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in Memory of Robert F. Kennedy."

The port shutdown will be followed today by the closing of the city's public and parochial schools, state and municipal courts and offices and many private offices. Tomorrow, the city's official day of mourning, most major department stores will be closed until 12:30 P.M. Sunday will be the national and state day of mourning.

Racetracks in the state will be closed today. The New York Yankees have canceled their game here tomorrow with California. However, the two major league baseball teams will play a double-header on Sunday.

Many movie theaters will not open on Sunday or will open late in the afternoon, but Broadway theaters will present regular Saturday matinee and evening performances.

Hundreds of dinners, concerts and other events have been cancelled, but banks and stock exchanges will not close.

Except for the flags drooping at half-staff, midtown streets looked as if yesterday

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## Suspect Is a Strong Nationalist Who Hoped to Return to Jordan

### Family Remains Silent

By ROBERT WINDELER

Special to The New York Times

PASADENA, Calif., June 6—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan always meant to go back to Jerusalem some day, Linda Massri said last night outside the cream-colored clapboard cottage here where the 24-year-old suspected slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy lived with his mother and two brothers.

"The whole family hoped to return to Jordan together and reclaim their lost land—that was their dream and that's why most of them didn't become American citizens," she said.

Miss Massri, a near neighbor and close friend of the Sirhan family, and herself an American of Syrlan extraction, then went inside the three-bedroom house to visit Sharif Sirhan, one of the suspect's elder brothers. She emerged an hour later

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### Early Life Termed Bitter

By TERENCE SMITH

Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM, June 6—In the class records of the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran School for 1951-52 there is an entry for a 6-year-old first grader named Sirhan Sirhan.

The grades are uniformly high. The boy ranked fifth in his class of 26 students, and in the margin of the report his teacher commented: "Diligent, attentive in class, industrious and good in character. He should be promoted."

The records for the next four years follow the same pattern, and the grades, except for the class in drawing, which he perennially failed, remain high. The composite picture is that of a well-balanced, secure boy with a promising academic future.

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# PLANE IS GREETED BY SILENT THRONG

Rockefeller, Lindsay, Javits  
in Crowd at Airport—  
Burial Is Tomorrow

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President's widow walked up the long center aisle of the cathedral and knelt beside the coffin, tears streaming down her face.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Robert Kennedy's younger brother, helped her to her feet and back to a pew. Mrs. Rose Kennedy, the mother of both Senators, put her arms around her daughter-in-law's shoulders and tried to comfort her.

Throughout the long night, Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy remained in taut control. Dressed in a navy blue coat and matching shoes, she moved through the solemn crowds with a rigid, almost dazed, look on her face, but she never exposed her sorrow to public view. She is pregnant with her 11th child.

After the four-engined plane, red lights flashing, swooped down over Flushing Bay, it landed at the Butler Marine Terminal in a remote section of La Guardia Airport.

It taxied past hundreds of newsmen, turned and then glided to a stop in front of the dignitaries assembled around a light gray Cadillac hearse.

A box-lift, open elevator, normally used to raise hot food and other in-flight supplies to airliners, was wheeled about 40 yards to the front door of the plane.

Inside the elevator were members of the Kennedy family and friends, including Sargent Shriver, United States Ambassador to France and Robert Kennedy's brother-in-law; Mrs. Eunice Shriver, the Senator's sister; William J. Van den Heuvel, one of the Senator's aides, and several children.

## Mrs. Kennedy Appears

Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy emerged from the plane, and leaned against the corrugated wall of the elevator, staring down blankly at her feet. A large black handbag dangled limply in her left hand.

She was joined a minute later by Mrs. John Kennedy, dressed in a chocolate-brown suit, who stood behind the Senator's widow and appeared to be trying to comfort her.

Also joining the cluster in the elevator were Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Robert Kennedy's younger brother, and 15-year-old Joseph Kennedy 3d, his eldest son.

Edward Kennedy joined other members of the party in lifting the mahogany coffin draped in a maroon velvet cloth to the elevator. The elevator was then lowered to the ground.

The coffin was surrounded by a large group of dignitaries, including Arthur Goldberg, the retiring United States representative at the United Nations; Robert S. McNamara, president of the World Bank and former Secretary of Defense; C. Douglas Dillon, former Secretary of the Treasury; Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., one of the Senator's advisers; Frank O'Connor, president of the City Council; Nassau County Executive Eugene H. Nickerson, and Percy Sutton, Manhattan Borough President.

#### 4 Who Shared Grief

In the group were four persons who had been bereaved by assassin's bullets: Ethel and Jacqueline Kennedy, Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. and Charles Evers, whose brother, Medgar, a civil rights leader, was slain in Mississippi in 1963.

At this point, Archbishop Cooke, dressed in simple black clerical garb, stepped to the far side of the coffin and delivered a two-minute prayer. The prayer could not be heard by newsmen standing 50 feet away.

The coffin was then placed in the rear of the hearse. Senator Edward Kennedy led his brother's widow to the front seat of the hearse, slid in first and was joined by Mrs. Kennedy, her face impassive. She sat next to him.

Another man, apparently a Secret Service agent, sat at the door.

Several men and women, apparently close friends of the family, leaned through the open window and spoke briefly with Mrs. Kennedy. One of the women kissed her softly on the cheek.

Then the hearse began to move and the 26 cars in the cavalcade, most of them long, black limousines, swept out the terminal entrance past knots of spectators, some of whom waved and cheered.

The cavalcade, led by four police motorcycles and a squad car, moved at about 30 miles an hour past one-story brick houses and stores on Ditmars Boulevard in Astoria, Queens, to 82d Street, onto the Grand Central Parkway service road to 76th Street, and from there to Grand Central Parkway and to the Triborough Bridge.

The cortege, crossing the bridge, went past the housing projects of Spanish Harlem, down the East River Drive to 63d Street, then onto York Avenue with its tall luxury apart-

ments buildings, went on 57th Street to Fifth Avenue and south to St. Patrick's Cathedral, between 51st and 52d Streets.

Spectators, in small family groups and larger clusters, lined the route, watching silently and almost rigidly.

At the Skyline Diner, about a mile from the airport, a short-order cook, dressed in a stained white apron, stood on the roof to watch the cars go by.

Large crowds thronged overpasses along the parkway. They were held back from the rails by city policemen. Several hundred young people stood on the walkway of the Triborough Bridge and thousands looked down from the BMT Astoria Line station at the bridge, all of them silent.

However, the silence was broken a minute later as the cars took the turn south on the East River Drive through Spanish Harlem.

There, hundreds of Puerto Ricans swarmed onto the drive, shouting "Viva!" and gesticulating wildly.

Fathers held children on their shoulders to try for a glimpse of the coffin bearing the body of the man they admired.

As the cavalcade passed 96th Street and swept south into the staid reaches of central Manhattan the crowds along the route became silent again.

When the cavalcade reached the cathedral, more than 7,000 people, many of whom had been waiting for more than five hours, crushed against the gray police barricades.

Among them was Zenobia Reyes of 305 East 153d Street, who works in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Reyes, who stood proudly in the front row of the huge throng, did by a long way

avenue from the cathedral's great bronze doors, said:

"I came directly from work. I'm going to stay all night until I go to work at 10 A.M. tomorrow. He's my loved one and I can't leave him alone now."

The hearse pulled up to the front steps of the Cathedral at 9:48 P.M. Ethel Kennedy got out and walked around to the

rear to watch as the coffin was lifted slowly out and carried halfway up the grey stone steps.

There the coffin was met by Archbishop Cooke, who had changed into violet robes and a tall white and gold mitre. Shaking holy water onto the gleaming mahogany coffin,



**ANNOUNCES KENNEDY'S DEATH:** Frank Mankiewicz, the Senator's press aide, at the hospital early yesterday.



from which the purple cloth had been removed, the prelate said a short prayer:

"Come to his aid, O saints of God; hasten to meet him, Angels of the Lord; Taking up his soul, Presenting it in the sight of the Most High."

The cathedral's bronze doors swung shut, and for the next seven minutes newsmen and spectators on the sidewalk could see or hear nothing of what went on inside.

However, those who attended the brief private service said that relatives and friends had sat in pews on the right-hand side of the middle aisle.

A spray of white daisies, white carnations and white lilacs in a field of huckleberry foliage rested on the casket. Three candles burned on each side.

At 10:05 P.M., the doors swung open again, and the family and friends filed out in small groups. Ethel Kennedy walked slowly, holding tight to her brother-in-law Edward Kennedy on one side and to one of her sons on the other.

Mrs. John Kennedy, staring with vacant eyes, walked to the curb and stood for a few seconds by herself. Governor Rockefeller and his wife went up to her and shook hands.

Within a few minutes, most of the dignitaries were whisked off in their limousines. At 10:10 P.M. the great doors swung closed again.

However, Edward Kennedy returned to the cathedral and gripping rosary beads, paced back and forth in front of the casket. Several times he sat briefly in a rear pew, but got up and renewed his pacing.

An honor guard of Robert Kennedy's close friends and associates started on all-night vigil by the casket shortly after

10 P.M. In six-man shifts they took up positions around the coffin, three on each side.

The first shift was composed of Maurice J. O'Rourke, the city elections commissioner; Jerry Bruno, a longtime Kennedy advance man; Carmine Bellino, another campaign aide; Fred Dutton, one of the Senator's top advisers and an official in President Kennedy's Administration; Peter Smith and Fernando Parra.

Throughout the night, other friends from the Justice Department and colleagues who had fought many campaign battles with him took up positions beside the casket.

Outside the cathedral, the crowds on Fifth Avenue dispersed slowly and reluctantly under police urgings. Two young girls stood stubbornly on the sidewalk holding Kennedy campaign posters displaying the Senator's boyish grin and tousled hair.

Another stubborn crowd stood on one corner gazing back at the cathedral until a policeman shouted through a bullhorn "There is no point in standing here any longer. The cathedral is closed. Please go home."

But at midnight, two hundred persons still remained on the sidewalk.

One woman in an orange and yellow print dress, with a young child holding each hand, said "He'd tried so hard to help us. We have to see him one more time. My husband and his brother."

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