

# Kennedy's Body Lies In Repose

WASHINGTON—John F. Kennedy, late President of the United States, lay in repose in the East Room of the White House Saturday as members of his family, justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, Cabinet members, congressional leaders and other high officials filed by his bier.

After 24 hours, the body of the Chief Executive will be moved to the Capitol where the coffin will be viewed by the public.

Only a few nights ago, the President and Mrs. Kennedy gave what proved to be their last party at the White House. It was the annual reception for the Supreme Court, an event which traditionally has marked the opening of the White House social season.

## CENTER OF ROOM

The flag-draped coffin containing the mortal remains of John F. Kennedy occupied the center of the beautiful, high-ceilinged room which Mrs. Kennedy had recently redecorated. The three huge chandeliers were draped in black. So were all three of the fireplaces in the room. A candle burned at each corner of the catafalque.

There was an honor guard consisting of enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Marines standing at rigid attention around the coffin and also a lieutenant, senior grade (the same rank the late President held) in his service during World War II.

A walnut cross was at the foot of the bier.

Two priests knelt in prayer at one side of the coffin which at its base had a simple wreath of white carnations and rhododendron leaves.

## Tragedy Stalks The Kennedys

Tragedy has long stalked the family of Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., the father of the late President.

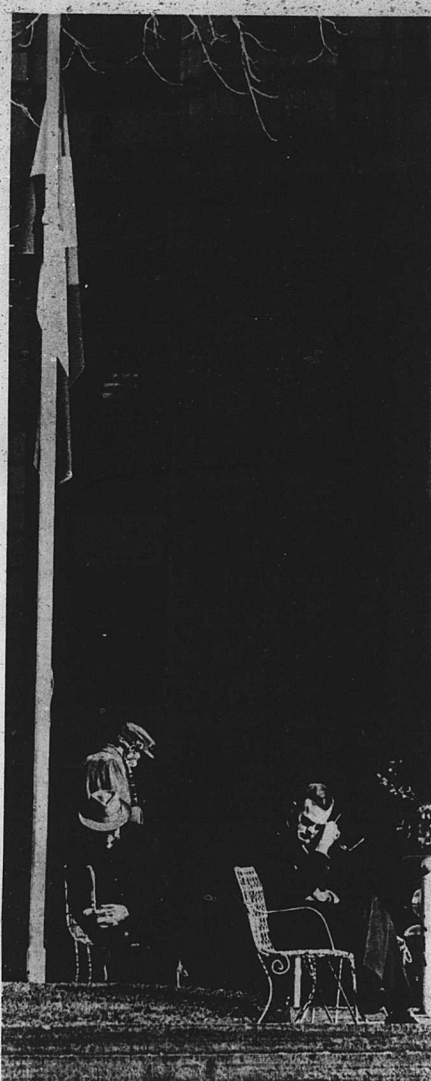
The senior Kennedy himself suffered a disabling stroke last year.

He lost, during World War II, his eldest son, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., who until his death had been the Kennedy expected to seek a political career.

One of his daughters, Rosemary, suffers mental retardation.

A grandchild—the third child of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy—died this year shortly after his birth.

And Friday, in Dallas, Tex., his son, the President of the United States, was assassinated.



STUNNED MOURNERS SIT QUIETLY ON BENCHES ON STATE CAPITOL LAWN. State Sen. Roy McVicker, right foreground, D-Wheat Ridge, dries tears from his eyes.

## WHITE HOUSE VIGIL

# Capital Feels Personal Loss

By BARNET NOVER

WASHINGTON — Within minutes after the tragic news became known here, people began to gather in Lafayette Square, which faces the White House across Pennsylvania Ave.

There was nothing for them to see except the occasional northwest entrance. That didn't matter. The people stayed entry or departure of members of the press through the on. Not until the early morning hours — long after the last light in the White House had been turned off—did all the people leave.

The same thing happened in April 1945 when a stunned Washington — and a stunned world — learned of the death at Warm Springs, Ga., of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There was a happy variance when, on V-J Day, which marked the end of World War II, thousands upon thousands arrived in the vicinity of 1800 Pennsylvania Ave. and cheered President Harry S. Truman.

And on Friday, Washingtonians — which means people who have come here from every corner of the nation and from the very ends of the earth — again assembled in Lafayette Square, this time to pay an unspoken but deeply felt tribute to the man who, until the bullet of an assassin in Dallas, cut short a life of immense promise, had been their chief executive.

The presence of the crowd in Lafayette Square reflected anew the mystical hold which the presidency has on the American people, for it is, in a very real sense, the incarnation of the American political system.

But their presence also was a profound personal tribute to John F. Kennedy, one of the most attractive individuals ever to achieve that summit of power, responsibility — and danger.

As a man who was basically a moderate liberal, Kennedy was constantly being assailed by people on both extremes — by the extreme integrationists, for instance, and the equally extreme segregationists; by the Marxists, on the one hand, and those on the other, who denounced every reform as "creeping socialism"; by the new-line isolationists who have been demanding a massive retreat by the United States from the responsibilities of world leadership and those who insist that the United States go to war at the drop of a hat.

Yet in his personal dealings, Kennedy managed to keep on good terms with a great variety of people of many shades of opinion.

For instance, Kennedy and Barry Goldwater had been good friends in the Senate. They even shared the same doctor.

There was as close a personal relationship between Kennedy and Everett Dirksen, the Senate minority leader, as their very active political rivalry permitted.

The universal outburst of grief over President Kennedy's martyrdom was far more than perfunctory. It represents a most profound feeling of loss of a great American and a great Free World leader.

The present Washington often has been accused of being cynical; this charge is not infrequently justified.

The point is that frequent contacts between members of the press and individuals in high places here tend to rub off the gold polish on the surface of reputations often created by press agency and thus to reveal the base metal beneath.

By no means all members of the Washington press corps have been enthusiasts for the programs and policies of the Kennedy administration or felt everything the President did was impeccably right.

Some of the policies of the administration and certain of its practices have irritated no small number of newspapermen.

But the President's great charm, his fine sense of humor, his manifest devotion to his country, impressed the reporters. They also were impressed by his basic reasonableness and the clear fact that he did his "homework" thoroughly. This was particularly evident at his press conferences.

Many reporters never have learned to get used to that overstuffed ban which is the State Department auditorium where the Kennedy press conferences were held. That meeting place lacks the intimacy that existed in the White House press conferences of Franklin D. Roosevelt's day or even the press conferences held during the Truman and Eisenhower administrations in the overgrown Indian Treaty Room in the old State Department.

But looking back on the Kennedy press conferences, there is no denying the fact that by and large they were masterly performances so far as the President was concerned.

Overwhelmingly, members of the Washington press corps have long been convinced that Kennedy was certain to be re-elected in 1964 for a second term. It was a belief which Kennedy shared. But he was realistic enough to assume, as he told Tom Gavin and this writer in a private conversation, in his White House office just a few weeks ago, that the 1964 campaign would be a tough one, with the winning margin quite narrow.

Nobody will now ever know whether John F. Kennedy was right in his assumption. His campaigning days are also, over forever.

As was said of another martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy now belongs to the ages. But brief as it was, the Kennedy administration will long be remembered for what it tried to do and what it accomplished and, above all, for the shining memory which John Fitzgerald Kennedy leaves behind him for a grief-stricken people and a sorrowing world.

## INCALCULABLE LOSS

# Gov. Love Declares Mourning

GOV. JOHN LOVE issued an executive order Friday afternoon directing official and private mourning in Colorado for the "incalculable loss to the nation and to the world" in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The governor acted before flying to Washington, D.C., to attend special services for the President. He and other governors were to view the body, lying in state in the East Room of the White House, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

But even before Love's proclamation, flags were lowered to half-mast throughout the state, and many churches had scheduled special memorial services.

The text of the governor's proclamation follows: "Whereas, John F. Kennedy, the courageous and dedicated President of the United States, has met an untimely and tragic death at the hand of an assassin; and

"Whereas, in the death of the President, the elected leader of all of the people of the United States, we have suffered an incalculable loss to the nation and to the world;

"Now, therefore, I, John A. Love, governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby order the following:

"1. That the flag of the United States, which the President so nobly served in peace and in war, and the flag of the State of Colorado be flown at half-mast throughout the State of Colorado for 30 days.

"2. That the offices of the State of Colorado be closed during the hours of the funeral services for the President.

"3. That Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 24, be observed by churches and synagogues in appropriate services.

"4. That the people of Colorado during this 30-day period remember through their prayers and thoughts Mrs. Kennedy, the President's family, his friends and a sorrowing nation."

Love was visibly shaken by the assassination. Love, through Lyle Lindesmith, an administrative aide, immediately released this statement:

"I'm sure I speak for all the people of Colorado in expressing our deepest sorrow and horror at the hideous act of violence which occurred a few minutes ago.

"Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of the President and Governor Connally.

"The death of President Kennedy is a tremendous tragedy which represents a disaster to the constituted fabric of our society. An unbelievable act of savage violence has taken from us our elected leader.

"The times do not call for words but for sorrow. I am taking appropriate action to properly evidence Colorado's mourning and deep sense of loss.

"All Coloradans join with me in prayers and sympathy." Love immediately canceled all of his remaining appointments for Friday including scheduled attendance at an afternoon state Republican State Central Committee meeting at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Word of the assassination was delivered to Love by Harrie Hart, the governor's confidential secretary.

Love was on the phone and immediately hung up when word was delivered.

The governor appeared only briefly before the press after his statement was read.

A number of Love's top aides, all visibly shaken, flocked to the governor's office.

Among them was Richard Eckles, state coordinator for natural resources, who alerted Hart to the shooting.

Louis Middendorf, state purchasing agent, and Jon Holm, an administrative aide, were also among people who gathered in the governor's office.

Meanwhile, a small knot of people, most of them state officials, gathered around a radio at a snack bar in the basement of the State Capitol. Some bystanders appeared angered as they listened to details of the attempt.

Many state employes stopped their work to discuss the report.

The Legislature's Joint Budget Committee was meeting on the second floor of the Capitol when word was received. But one committee member was seen walking through a hall shaking his head in disbelief.

## Special Church Rites Slated

Many Denver-area churches and church groups Friday scheduled special weekend services in memory of President John F. Kennedy.

Several special rites were held Friday night and Saturday.

Gov. John Love Friday afternoon issued a directive that such services be held in Colorado churches and synagogues.

Most of the rites already had been scheduled before Love's executive order was published and broadcast.

Following are locations and times of memorial services:

Sunday  
Trinity Methodist Church, 1820 Broadway, 3 p.m.  
The service will be led by Dr. Frank A. Court of Trinity

Church, 203 E. Arizona Ave., 7:45 a.m.  
Rep. Clarence Deek, D-Denver, 11:30 a.m.

Municipal Court Judge William Burnett and Verne S. Warriner, potanote of El Jebel Shrine.

Eastern Orthodox Church of Transfiguration, 349 E. 47th Ave., 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 33 W. 3rd Ave., 3:30 p.m., sponsored by the Denver Lutheran Council.

New Hope Baptist Church, 922 E. 22nd Ave., 9 p.m., sponsored by East Denver Ministerial Alliance.

Augustana Lutheran Church, 200 E. Alameda Ave., 4 p.m.  
Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 1580 Dahlia St., 5 p.m.  
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 203 E. Arizona Ave., 7:45 a.m.

Greek Orthodox Church of Assumption, 574 Pennsylvania St., 11:30 a.m.

Northglenn United Church of Christ, 10500 Grant Drive, 10:45 a.m.

A special prayer meeting was scheduled Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Garden Home Community Church, 745 S. Lowell Blvd.

Parade in Springs  
COLORADO SPRINGS—FL. Carson soldiers paraded Saturday morning in tribute to President John F. Kennedy.

Other memorial services were held at military installations in the Pikes Peak area.

The German Lieder Abend Canceled Tonight (Nov. 23)

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## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q. Couldn't funeral prices be reduced?

A. Not if we are to provide what our families indicate they want. A leading Denver firm of Certified Public Accountants prepared a report for us in 1959 covering the 10 years 1948-1958. It said "The percentage of net profit based on sales for the ten-year period under review was 5.9%. During the ten-year period the business was operated as a partnership, no salaries were paid to the partners." We published a reproduction of their letter in the Post and News.

Their report for the four years since then shows a substantial decline in profit. Now it is less than 5%. This is our contribution toward keeping prices down.

Approximately 20% of the families we served last year paid us less than \$500 for their funeral. Some paid only \$150 for a disposal service.



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- Mausoleum
- & Crematory
- Cemeteries

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Spaul Boulevard at Shavano  
Englewood, 2775 South Broadway  
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8500 W. 29th Avenue  
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Evergreen Memorial Gardens,  
north of Thornton  
Mount Lindo Memorial Park,  
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