

KENNEDY

7 June 1968

As Robert Kennedy was ~~respected~~ <sup>RESPECTED</sup> in life -- so is he

~~revered~~ <sup>REVERED</sup> in death. ~~hundreds~~ <sup>SCORES</sup> of thousands of

persons -- flocking today to New York's St. Patrick's

Cathedral. Waiting in line ~~as much as 24~~ <sup>9 SIX</sup> hours <sup>AND MORE</sup> in

ninety-degree heat -- for the privilege of five seconds

~~in the presence of their fallen hero.~~ <sup>FILING BY THE LIP.</sup>

As evening descends on the city -- the procession swelling, ~~to perhaps a million~~. And still they come -- from near and far. The rich and poor -- young and old -- white and black -- a vast polyglot of humanity.

Rendering unto Robert Kennedy -- the greatest outpouring of grief in New York history.

Plans to close the Cathedral at ten o'clock tonight -- perforce, abandoned in deference to the mourners.

Authorities announcing the great cathedral -- will remain open all night. Permitting as many as possible to pay their last respects -- ~~to the man who embodied to many~~

~~our greatest hope for the future.~~

Still to come -- the funeral<sup>^</sup> -- at ten oclock tomorrow;  
and later -- a funeral procession through the streets of  
Washington; with final interment -- at Arlington National  
Cemetary.

A route known to the Kennedys -- ~~and~~<sup>g</sup> only too well.

## VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

~~Meanwhile~~, a growing suspicion that progress at ~~the~~  
Paris <sup>TALKS</sup> will depend largely on military developments  
in Vietnam. Most especially -- the current series of  
battles in and around Saigon. Including today -- the  
bloodiest rocket attack yet on the South Vietnamese capital.

Viet Cong terrorists firing sixteen missiles, in  
all -- into the very heart of the city. Killing at least  
twenty-five -- wounding scores more -- destroying twenty-  
seven buildings.

General Westmoreland later calling the attack -- an  
attempt to "grab headlines by portraying a facade of  
strength." Adding that it was not "particularly significant"  
-- from a military standpoint. However, the U.S. command  
forced to concede -- it is presently "virtually impossible"  
to halt such attacks.

FRANCE

After a week of comparative calm -- ~~Paris~~ <sup>PARIS</sup>  
~~seen~~ today <sup>(AGAIN SAW SOME)</sup> Violence. With an estimated five thousand strikers and students -- attempting to storm a state-run auto plant near Paris. Many of the strikers -- ousted from the plant only yesterday. In the end -- the rioters turned back with about a dozen injured.

Later, President DeGaulle taking part in a "fireside chat" -- on national television. Admitting he almost resigned -- at the height of recent tensions. Deciding to stay on -- said he -- only because of "threatening subversion which would have carried away the Republic."

NEW YORK

Negro civil rights leader Bayard Rustin -- has resigned as director of that planned Poor People's March in Washington week after next. Announcement today -- from New York. Rustin saying he had suspended his activities -- because of confusion over "aims, objectives and tactics" of the planned demonstration.

Back in Washington -- a report today that the entire Poor People's Campaign may be in deep trouble. Mainly because of defections -- coupled with a failure to attract new recruits. Indeed, the total population of "Resurrection City" --once set at some three thousand -- now estimated at perhaps only six hundred.

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NAPLES

At Naples, Italy -- a first step today toward the  
~~canonization~~ <sup>BEATIFICATION</sup> of Pope John the Twenty-Third. With a  
church court meeting to consider a presumed miracle --  
attributed to the late "peasant Pope."

The case -- that of Sister Caterina <sup>Capitani</sup> ~~Capitani~~ of  
the Sisters of Charity; in a coma -- near death --  
after removal of her spleen; when Pope Paul appeared  
to her in vision -- saying: "Don't despair, my child  
-- you will be healed."

By the next day -- according to attending doctors  
-- Sister Caterina Capitani was healed.

HOLLYWOOD

In Hollywood -- veteran film star Dan Duryea dead today after a lengthy illness. Dan Duryea beginning his career as a G-man in the stage version of "Dead End." Later gaining fame as a movie villain -- who specialized in abusing women. He was also television's one-time "China Smith" -- more recently starring in "Peyton Place." He was sixty-one.

CHICAGO

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As the ~~country~~ <sup>NATION</sup> pauses in tribute to Senator Robert Kennedy -- concerned Americans of every persuasion are asking themselves tonight: "What lessons can we learn from all this? What can we do now -- and in the future -- to prevent such a tragedy from ever occurring again?"

Perhaps the best answer -- in the words of the Prophet Isaiah; quoted by Adlai Stevenson the Third -- in a commencement address at Chicago Theological Seminary. Isaiah commanding that his followers:

- Cease to do evil,
- Learn to do good,
- Seek justice,
- Correct oppression,
- Defend the fatherless,
- Plead for the widow.

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As LT would say -- so long with Hank