



THRONGS PAY FINAL HOMAGE ALONG TRACK

Wait Hours To Sing Battle Hymn Chorus As Body Passes

BY ALVIN F. SANOFF

The body of Robert F. Kennedy passed through here yesterday on the way to its final resting place and thousands lined the platform at Penn Central Station to pay final tribute.

For hours, they stood and waited for the trouble-plagued funeral train.

And when it finally passed before them at 7:30 P.M., their eyes were filled with tears. But their voices sang out in a spontaneous tribute:

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,
L'viah.*

*His truth is marching on.
Chorus Acknowledged*

On the train, members of the Kennedy family acknowledged the outpouring of feeling with slow, solemn waves.

And then it was over. The train had passed. And the crowd of more than 5,000 filed slowly from the station.

An additional 2,000 people who stood and watched the train's passage from vantage points on the street above the station, also left the area.

And Penn Central station returned to its normal routine.

But for five hours yesterday between 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. the scene at the station was anything but normal.

More than an hour before the train's scheduled 3:40 P.M. arrival, people began to file into the station.

At first, they trickled in, but by 3 P.M. they were coming in waves.

Young and old, big and small, black and white, they stood on the platform waiting.

Then, only about 10 minutes before the funeral train's scheduled 3:30 P.M. arrival, a voice

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HOMAGE—Security agent atop Penn Central Station and crowds on platform, grassy bank and street watch the late arrival of train bearing Senator Robert F. Kennedy's body

COUNTY REDUCES DEBT OWED CITY

Balance Of Sewer Charge Now About \$300,000

By ROBERT A. IRLANDSON
Last month, Baltimore county paid off \$907,116 of its debt to Baltimore city for sewerage charges. Hyman A. Pressman, the city comptroller, said yesterday.

The comptroller said the balance due is still being computed but is expected to be less than \$500,000.

The account has been six years in arrears, Mr. Pressman said, and has been the subject of heated correspondence between city and county officials.

Amount Disputed
In October, 1964, the comptroller said, he asked county authorities to pay the \$2,462,630 which was due for the years from 1960 to 1964. The county paid \$1,625,000.

A year later, Mr. Pressman

SHELDON DENIES HE WAS INVITED

Refers To School Meeting Here With Negro Group

A group identifying itself as the African-Americans Concerned about Education called a press conference yesterday to announce that Thomas D. Sheldon, the new superintendent of schools, had agreed to meet here with the group next week. But Mr. Sheldon afterward said he had not been invited to such a meeting.

Reached in Hempstead, N.Y., where he remains superintendent of schools until he takes up the post here July 1, Mr. Sheldon said: "Nobody's approached me and I have not accepted any invitation to come down."

The organization helped shout (Continued, Page 16, Col. 8)

Traffic Mishaps, Drownings Claim Five Lives In State

Three persons died in Maryland traffic accidents yesterday, and an Arbutus boy and a South Baltimore man drowned in separate incidents.

The traffic victims were Leonard R. Stone, 58, of the 300 block Bird River Beach road, Chase, Md.; Mrs. Mary Lee Stuart, 28, of the 2000 block Codd avenue, Dundalk, and James D. Glenn, 21, of Rock Hall, Kent county.

The boy who drowned was James A. Chapman, 14, of the 500 block Yale avenue, and the man was Ernest J. Patterson, 32, of the 500 block South Sharp street.

Mr. Stone died after his car went out of control on Ebernezer road just north of Harwood road in Chase, ran off the road and struck two trees, police said.

His car overturned and he was

thrown out, police said. The accident occurred about 8:30 P.M.

Mrs. Stuart was dead on arrival just before 4 A.M. at St. Joseph Hospital following the accident at Harford road and Superior avenue in Parkville.

County police said she was riding in a car driven by Albert G. Matthews, 40, of the 1800 block North Charles street, who was charged with reckless driving and with driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to police reports, the car was traveling south on Harford road when it went out of control and hit a tree. Mrs. Gloria A. Gobrecht, 41, another rider, of the first block West Heath street, was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Glenn was struck on Route 213 about three miles (Continued, Page 25, Col. 5)

CROWDS SMALLER AT TYSON STREET

Proceeds To Aid Workshop At Center Stage

The funeral of Senator Robert F. Kennedy cast a pall yesterday over the annual Tyson Street Open House.

Dr. William Holden, president of the Tyson Street Association, said the crowd was smaller than in previous years.

Mrs. Henry L. Gutman, co-chairman of the eighteenth annual open house, said a decision was made to go ahead as planned because too many preparations had been taken when last week's national tragedy occurred.

For Center Stage
This year, the open house is to benefit the Maryland Young Players' Workshop at Center Stage.

During the hot afternoon groups of casually dressed Baltimoreans moved in and out of the courtyard, many were

U.M. CLASS TOLD BY RESTON TO ACT

Urged To Seek Alternative To Humphrey-Nixon Race

By STEPHEN A. BENNETT
Star Staff Correspondent
College Park, Md., June 8
James Reston said today that it would be "highly ironical" if the murder of Senator Robert F. Kennedy "helps assure the nomination of the two men he was most determined to defeat."

He also told about 5,700 applauding graduates of the University of Maryland: "There is nothing in the Constitution that says the American people have to sit around doing nothing until they have to choose between Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon."

"The American presidency is too serious to be left to a few hundred convention delegates at Miami Beach and Chicago," Mr. Reston, columnist and newly ap-

Resident Battles City Over Trash

Throng Sings Battle Hymn As Funeral Train Passes

By ALVIN P. SANOFF

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on the station loudspeaker, told the crowd:

"The train is just now arriving in Trenton, N.J. It is expected to arrive in Baltimore about 6 P.M."

Most Stayed On

A murmur ran through the crowd. "Six o'clock, Oh my goodness," one woman said.

The announcement caused some to leave. But most stayed on.

And as the day wore on they were joined by others.

Some listened to rock and roll music from the ever-present transistor radios. Others listened to the results of the day's horse races. But most stood and talked.

They talked about why they had come and what the Senator meant to them.

"Because I Loved Him"

A young Baltimore woman, Miss Phyllis Clarke, said: "I came because I loved him. There will never be anybody like him again."

Patrick Ashley, a 9-year-old Cub Scout from Edgcombe Circle Elementary School, said he "wanted to have my last feeling for Mr. Kennedy."

These sentiments were shared by many in the crowd. But there were some who seemed to have come for other reasons.

George P. Mahoney, a candidate for the United States Senate, wandered around shaking hands and talking politics.

Mahoney With Officials

At first he mingled with the crowd, but he spent most of his time in the area reserved for local government officials.

On one occasion, he engaged in conversation with one of the leaders of the Maryland Students for Kennedy organization.

And when the young man said to Mahoney that he did not know what the young Kennedy supporters would do now that their hero had fallen, Mr. Mahoney suggested that they consider joining his campaign. The suggestion was greeted with stony silence.

City councilman Dominic DiPietro (D., 1st) was also active.

For The Photographers

At one point, when all the politicians grouped on the platform to have their pictures taken, Mr. DiPietro shouted to a reporter:

"Come here I'll give you all the names of all the delegates here." And he proceeded to shout out some of the names.

Shortly afterwards, about a half hour before the train arrived, Mayor D'Alesandro led the crowd in a memorial service, at which Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, the archbishop of Baltimore, eulogized the late Senator.

Cardinal Shehan called the Senator "a man of deep, simple, religious faith, which is so needed in our present day world . . . He was an intrepid champion of the cause of civil liberties for all men."

In Silent Prayer

The clergyman said that he "hoped that out of the Senator's death" a better United States will be born, "free of hatred, division and violence."

Then the crowd stood in silent prayer waiting for the train to arrive.

The silence was punctuated by the spontaneous mass singing of "The Battle Hymn of The Republic." A few minutes before the train arrived, the crowd switched to the song of the civil rights movement, "We Shall Overcome."

But then, as the 21-car train came into view, their voices rose again in the battle hymn.



The Elderly . . .



The Young . . .



The Onlookers . . .



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