

The Eve Of An Anniversary

A long line of visitors moves toward and past the grave of John F. Kennedy. The eternal light glows in the ring of military caps.

Thousands Still Visiting JFK's Grave Each Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again the dry, brown oak leaves rustle across the slopes of Arlington National Cemetery as they did two years ago. The lonely sound of taps for a fallen soldier drifts through the trees.

The people have not forgotten the man for whom taps sounded two years ago.

They still come by the hundreds and often thousands each day to stand for a few moments at the grave of John F. Kennedy, who died two years ago Monday.

An estimated 11.6 million persons have walked across the slope to the low white picket fence surrounding the grave and the eternal flame since the burial.

Prayer For Today

Our Father in heaven, we pray for Thy kingdom in our lives. Make us grateful. We have received blessings beyond our deserts. We want to be worthy of Thy love and friends. Move of all, we want to be worthy of Thy faith in us. May we take this day as a gift from Thine hand to use it not selfishly, but as a blessing and a help to those with whom we meet or live. So may we glorify Thee. We pray in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

—F. Kenarsh Pope, Dallas, Tex. Mission, The Methodist Church

at there of the late president on Nov. 23, 1963.

Thousands walked up the path Sunday on a cold, gray day — many more than the usual Sunday visitors this time of year when tourists are fewer than in the spring and summer.

As far as could be learned no member of the Kennedy family visited the grave Sunday but some are expected Monday.

No official ceremonies are planned at the gravesite Monday.

Just below the site, construction has begun on the permanent memorial with its oval walkway, the marble base for the eternal flame and the presidential seal on the wall behind the grave. It's expected to be finished next fall.

Even the construction work is muted, and it will be suspended Monday in respect for the anniversary.

Kennedy's family has announced no plans for special visits — they often drop by there quietly to kneel and pray.

As far as is known publicly, the last time Jacqueline Kennedy, the young widow, visited the grave was May 23, 1964, when she took her two small children there on the anniversary of Kennedy's 47th birthday.

Last year, on the anniversary of his death, Mrs. Kennedy sent a small spray of wildflowers to the grave and stayed in loneliness with her children on Long Island, N.Y.

Dave Powers, a former White House aide and personal friend

of Kennedy; Evelyn Lincoln, long-time personal secretary of Kennedy; and possibly a group of Army Special Forces from Ft. Bragg, N.C., plan visits Monday. Kennedy took particular interest in the Special Forces.

There always are wreaths and flowers inside the picket fence. Britain's Princess Margaret brought white chrysanthemums during her stay in Washington this past week.

Dickie Bach, 8, poster child for the National Association for Retarded Children, climbed the long walkway Friday behind a wreath of white carnations for the grave.

His mother, Mrs. Alvin Bach of Minneapolis, Minn., brushed tears from her eyes and said to a reporter, "President Kennedy did so much for the mentally retarded."

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Romania Talks With U.S., Hanoi On Peace Chances

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Communist Romania has opened exploratory talks with the United States and North Viet Nam in an attempt to bring about negotiations to end the Vietnamese war, Austrian diplomats said Sunday.

They reported that Premier Ion Gheorghe Maurer had described the efforts to Austrian officials during talks in Vienna last week. Maurer is on an official visit to Austria.

The informants added that he expressed Romania's readiness to serve as mediator between

the United States and North Viet Nam "whenever there is a chance of bringing the war to an end."

The Romanians started their peace efforts last June after the North Vietnamese put out peace feelers through Bucharest, the diplomats said. The Romanians contacted Washington officials through the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest.

Romania has been acting more independently within the Communist bloc and has warmed up to the West particularly in the field of trade.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and four traveling Senate colleagues, including Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, put Romania on their list of stops in their fact-finding mission on Viet Nam. They left Bucharest on Sunday for Saigon after talks there with Romanian government officials on the Vietnamese war. They held similar talks in Paris, Warsaw and Moscow.

Before leaving Bucharest, Mansfield told newsmen he could not discuss his conversations with the Romanians before reporting to President Johnson

next month. Also with Mansfield on the mission are Sen. George Aiken, R-Vt.; J. Caleb Boggs, R-Ill.; and Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii.

The informants in Vienna gave this account of Romania's role in the peace efforts:

The Bucharest government acted on its own initiative in contacting U. S. Ambassador William Crawford after getting the peace feelers from Hanoi. The results of the Bucharest contacts were relayed to Washington and formed a basis for Continued on Page 18; 6th Col.

Greets 30,000 At San Antonio

President Cites Goals For Peace

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Thousands of Mexican-Americans who have supported him at the ballot box throughout his political career whooped it up Sunday for President Johnson.

Chief of Police George Richey estimated at 30,000 the crowd which turned out for a colorful fiesta to greet Johnson in the Latin area of San Antonio.

There were cheers, too, for two other heroes of the Latin Americans, Cantinflas, the famed Mexican comedian, and Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., as well as for Mrs. Johnson.

The big turnout celebrated Gonzalez' victory in a special election four years ago. Johnson, then vice president, and Cantinflas were among those who came here to campaign for Gonzalez.

In his speech, Johnson said, "I search also for a real and lasting peace." And, "We want to build a world where reason will replace rockets and reason will replace terror."

These goals are possible, Johnson said, "because we believe in them, and believing in them we can do them."

During his talk, Johnson disclosed that he will attend interfaith memorial services for John F. Kennedy on Monday at St. Mary's Catholic church in Fredericksburg, Tex. The said a Catholic priest, Protestant minister and Jewish rabbi will take part.

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the LBJ Ranch near Johnson's city where the comedian was overnight guest. He flew here with the President by helicopter.

If his speech here, Johnson described Cantinflas as "one of the greatest and best-loved comedians of all time," adding: "We know him as a man whose heart goes out to his fellow man. We know him as a man of humor, Johnson and Cantinflas got together Saturday night at

more to further good relations between the United States and Mexico than many professional statesmen."

Johnson said he and Cantinflas came to San Antonio four years ago to campaign for Gonzalez because "we wanted you like people of this district to prosper with the rest of the nation. We wanted better jobs and better homes for you and your families. We wanted better education for your children.

"Henry Gonzalez is a man of the people. I can pay him no higher tribute."

American greatness, Johnson said, is "Guaranteeing every child all the education he or she can take."

Bringing the miracle of modern medicine to every citizen of the land. — Equality of race, respect of religion, and billions of color. (Continued on Page 18; 6th Col.)

Yanks Foil Cong Ambush

SAIGON (UPI) — Communist troops ambushed a force of nearly 1,000 U.S. 1st Infantry Division soldiers 40 miles northwest of Saigon but were routed by the Americans in a fierce fight, U.S. spokesmen reported Sunday. At least 40 Viet Cong were reported killed. American air cavalrymen conditioned their platoon movement against Viet Cong forces in the central highlands after they hit the area.

battalion-sized force from the American "Big Red One" Division Saturday night. Some 219 miles north of Saigon, the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division fought a new clash with Communist forces in the area.

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Big B52 bombers from Guam gave powerful support to the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division with massive new raids that hit two separate enemy areas southeast of Chu Pong mountain.

In the action near Saigon, U.S. 1st Infantry troops were returning to their base by convoy after a search and destroy operation when the Viet Cong struck with mortar and automatic weapons fire.

The Americans spilled out of their trucks and hit the ground. Officers fought from armored personnel carriers.

The infantry officers called in air strikes and with the help of the warplanes the Communist were routed after a fight that lasted 3 1/2 hours.

Spokesmen said the Viet Cong left at least 40 bodies behind when they fled. American casualties were described as light.

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Local Doctor Purchases 111-Year-Old Church

A 111-year-old Portland landmark, the English Gothic church formerly owned by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Longfellow Square, is being saved.

An agreement of sale has been signed to deed the structure over to Dr. K. Alexander Laughlin, local obstetrician. The sale would be by the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society and the Dalton Trustees.

Work already has begun on the raising of the structure, once called by Matthew Arnold, famed English writer, this city's best example of church architecture.

DR. LAUGHLIN said Sunday he doesn't know what use will be made of the land left vacant by the church razing. "That will be up to the Portland Planning Board. It will be whatever use the planning board thinks is best for downtown Portland," he declared.

Fewer the Lillian drank and several other objects from within the church have been shipped to St. Hugh's of Lincoln, a missionary Episcopal church in England. (Continued on Page 18; 2nd Col.)

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Two Local Men Critically Injured In Congress Street Accident



House Battered In Crash...

Two Portland men were critically injured early Sunday when their car slammed into a utility pole on Congress Street, careened across the street and crashed into an apartment house.

The left arm of Frederick Yerra, 22, of 12 Forest St. was severed in the accident. It was not until he was in the emergency division at Maine Medical Center that the loss of Yerra's arm was discovered. Yerra also suffered other severe injuries, including a compound fracture of the left leg, broken jaw and cuts on the head and face.

Allen D. Marsh, 22, of 159 Clark St., suffered head and chest injuries.

Both men were thrown from the vehicle, police said. Marsh was found halfway through the cellar window of the house with his head rammed against a fire door.

Doctors at Maine Medical Center considered trying to sew Yerra's arm back on, but found it impossible, a doctor said. The names of both men were on the danger list at Maine

Medical Center Sunday night. Police said the car was traveling easterly on Congress Street in the West End when the accident occurred, at 3:25 a.m. It was snowing at the time, they added. The crash occurred at a curve where numerous other accidents have happened.

The vehicle came to rest facing west after smashing into Weymouth Apartments, 143 Congress St., near the Kilworth Street intersection. The impact damaged the building extensively.

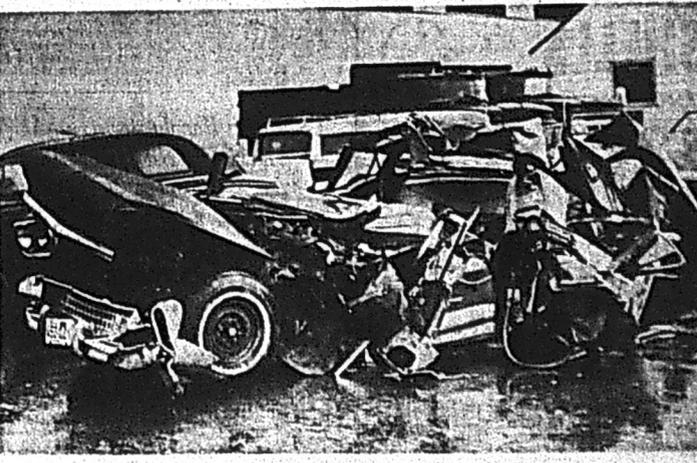
Harold W. Taylor, janitor, who occupies the first floor, continued on Page 18; 8th Col.

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Mack Trucks, Inc. 1079 Forest Ave. Portland

will be closed Monday, Nov. 22nd from 12 Noon



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