

To Greet Kennedy

Crowd Is Biggest Ever on Frontier

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dent Kennedy arrived. When he crossed the field to the Municipal Airport's administration building, another 17,500 were on hand, according to the estimate of Sheriff James K. Murphy.

After a few words to the crowd, the Kennedy motorcade — three patrol cars, about 25 motorcycles, more than 20 autos and three buses—embarked for Buffalo.

Riding with the President were Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski (D- Buffalo) and Henry J. Osinski, president of the Central Council of Polish Organizations.

Included in the motorcade was a communications car which enabled the President to maintain continual contact with the White House.

Waiting along Niagara Falls Blvd. and in the streets of Niagara Falls and adjoining LaSalle was an unbroken multitude of about 30,000, standing three and four deep at some places along the route.

Scores of children broke from the curb, attempting to catch up with the President. About six youngsters on bicycles were luckier. They rode alongside the motorcycles flanking the President's car for about a mile.

"Go get 'em, Jack." "God bless you." "We're with you." and "You're going too fast," shouted onlookers.

One of the hundreds who trained cameras on the President turned to a companion, saying: "I hope it turns out." Her hands were trembling. A few women were seen weeping as he passed. Parents hoisted their infants to their shoulders to catch a glimpse of the motorcade.

Cruisers Honk in Salute
As the procession crossed the South Grand Island Bridge several cruisers in the Niagara River nearby honked their horns in salute.

Along the Thruway on Grand Island were more thousands in parked cars or standing at roadside. Several persons climbed trees to get a better look.

Seeing the turnout on Republican Grand Island, the President said to a companion: "We're taking them like Grant took Richmond."

There were more long lines of cars parked (illegally) on the Niagara Thruway in the Town of Tonawanda and Buffalo. These were in addition to the lines of cars on the ramps blocked by police as the motorcade passed.

A flotilla of 20 cabin cruisers off Riverside Park saluted the President. Other Kennedy fans climbed atop railroad cars, fences, rooftops, rockpiles to watch the procession, now moving about 30 miles an hour.

The motorcade left the Thruway at Smith St. That was where the tumult began in earnest, and it grew steadily until it reached its noisy peak at Broadway and Fillmore.

The only time the President Fair Weather To Continue
Warm temperatures, partly cloudy skies and generally delightful autumn weather greeted President Kennedy Sunday.

Buffalo's famed visitor is gone, but the weather is still with us. It'll continue generally fair and warm with some cloudy intervals today.

Home Is Burglarized
James A. Pattinson of Versailles Plank Rd., Angola, told police Sunday that burglars stole \$500 worth of items from his home.

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ordered his car stopped was to enable him to get out and greet a group of 30 Felician nuns standing near St. Stanislaus Church at Fillmore and Peckham.

A crowd estimated at 200,000 pressed in on the President's open convertible as it passed from the Smith St. exit, down Broadway to City Hall amid the acrid fumes of motorcycles, a torrent of confetti and hundreds of balloons and placards.

At several points the crowd was so heavy, it nearly stopped the motorcade and Secret Service men leaped from their cars to flank the President until his car was freed.

Enters From Rear
The President entered City Hall through the Elmwood Ave. entrance to avoid the legions of enthusiasts in Niagara Sq. He was met there by Robert M. Morgenthau.

C-E Lens Team Numbers Four

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thau, Democratic candidate for governor, Mayor John J. Burns of Binghamton, County Democratic Chairman Peter J. Crotty, Mayor Chester Kowal, and Councilman-at-large Albert Petrella.

He was escorted upstairs by Kowal and Secret Service men to the front entrance, where Kennedy paused before going outside to the platform. This was the only quiet moment of the day.

Kennedy stood alone inside the front entrance. He shuffled gently from foot to foot. He coughed. His face reddened briefly. As he leaped through his text, he became almost grim.

None of the 30 people near him spoke to him. No one spoke above a whisper. It was almost still. Then an aide said softly: "We're ready, Mr. President."

Kennedy straightened, folded his text in his left hand, smiled, then strode out to the platform. The square exploded in cheers, a band played "Hail to the Chief," and the program began.

After the speeches, Kennedy left as he came, through the rear door. He rode back to the Falls with Morgenthau and Burns through more crowds, which were now reduced by half. At the airport, he bid goodbye to his hosts, and personally thanked each policeman who escorted him.

Herman Grannis, general manager of the track, said William (Bud) Gilmour of Hamburg, one of the nation's top harness drivers, was the heaviest loser.

Gilmour lost 17 horses in the fire, including Howard Rosecroft, owned by Gilmour and Sheridan Revington of Lucan, Ont. The 9-year-old pacer had won an estimated \$120,000 in his lifetime.

Gilmour drove Howard Rosecroft to victory in the 8th race here Saturday night. He covered the mile in 2:04 1/2 for a return of \$11.10 on a \$2 pari-mutuel bet.

Demon Damsel, a valuable trotter, also perished along with another well-known trotter, Bold Colby.

Other horses either owned, trained or driven by Gilmour which were lost were Symbolen, Jet Averill, Sallorette, Fane, and Chief Pence.

Grannis said five horses belonging to Clint Galbraith were lost, along with four owned by John Wehle, president of the Genesee Brewing Co. of Rochester, and son of the former state conservation commissioner, Louis A. Wehle.

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President Kennedy Inches Way Along Broadway Parade Route

Groom, 28 Horses Die In Batavia Downs Fire

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Cause of the fire was not immediately determined. About 50 horses were led to safety, but others bolted from their stalls and it took three hours to round them up.

Track spokesmen said there were 600 horses at the track for the 86-night meeting which ends Nov. 3.

Volunteer fire companies from six Genesee County communities were at the scene, including the City and Town of Batavia, Oakfield, Stafford, Alexander and Pembroke.

Raceway Fire Recalled
The last big race track fire in the area was last New Year's Eve when flames whipped by a strong wind roared through a barn at Buffalo Raceway, Town of Hamburg, destroying 18 harness race horses.

On June 7, 1951, 33 horses died as 12 others were burned in a \$550,000 fire at Buffalo Raceway. That blaze was caused by a carelessly discarded cigarette.

A spokesman at Batavia Downs said an east wind Sunday morning prevented the flames from reaching five other 40-stall barns.

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2 City Cops Serve J.F.K. For 3d Time

The two Buffalo policemen who acted as President John F. Kennedy's personal bodyguards Sunday had guarded him twice before during his visits to Buffalo as a senator.

Det. Sgt. William J. McLean and Det. Alfred F. McDonald, both of the Special Frauds Division, guarded Kennedy when he addressed a Grover Cleveland dinner here in March of 1959 and during a panel of five women at the October of 1960.

"It was much more difficult this time," Det. McLean said. "Before he was just a popular guy, but now that he's President, a 'kook's' want to get at him. And because he's President it's much more important that he be safe."

Panel of Five To Discuss 'Citizenship'

"Christian Approach to First Class Citizenship" will be discussed by a panel of five women at 5 next Sunday afternoon in Michigan Ave. YMCA, 585 Michigan near Sycamore.

Miss Mary Louise Nice of the State Commission Against Discrimination will be one of the five in this Women's Day event sponsored by the Memorial United Church of Christ.

Dr. Anna Arnold Hedgeman of New York, United Church consultant on higher education, will moderate the panel.

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Candidates Grateful

J.F.K. Visit Lifts Democratic Hopes

Although President Kennedy's Pulaski Day visit to the Niagara Frontier was nonpolitical in its format, his 3 1/2-hour trip through Niagara and Erie Counties was the party's candidate for lieutenant governor.

All told, upwards of 400,000 area residents saw J.F.K. at one time or another and a goodly number of these spectators saw the smiling President in the company of grateful Niagara Frontier and state Democratic candidates.

During the Buffalo phase of his visit, the President traveled up Broadway in Polish-American East Buffalo-Democratic Party stronghold. An estimated 200,000 residents, many of them East Siders, poured out into the street as the President's open convertible slowly made its way to Niagara Sq.

During an impassioned Niagara Square address, the President reminded the Polish-American oriented assemblage of 100,000 that his administration will never be content with a Communist-dominated Poland.

The net effect of the presidential visit, according to political observers, could insure a big East Buffalo Democratic turnout for the Nov. 6 general elections.

Democrats in Spotlight
If such an outpouring of voters should come to pass, the Democrats would benefit in such key races as the city comptroller's contest.

There were many high-ranking Democrats, including candidates, who shared the spotlight with J.F.K. Sunday on the Niagara Square days for instance, there were gubernatorial candidate Robert M. Morgenthau and his wife; County Democratic Chairman Peter J. Crotty; Buffaloian

Welcoming Signs Take Many Forms

Signs Sunday afternoon took on all shapes and sizes. In front of City Hall, a very professional white banner hung between two poles announced to President Kennedy in red and blue lettering, "We Are With You, Jack."

After the President was introduced, a black-lettered message on cardboard was hoisted in the air for the Chief Executive to see its simple message, "YEA."

Perhaps the most heartfelt of all were two home-made signs which the President probably never got to see. They were cravon on paper by and attached to the circling bicycles of Norman Tortorice, 12, of 228 7th St., and Fred Gilley, also 12, of 299 Trenton Ave.

They carefully spelled out, "Welcome, Mr. Kennedy. JFK is our man."

2,000 Attend Dedication Of High School

More than 2,000 persons attended dedication services for the new \$3.8-million North Tonawanda Senior High School, 405 Meadow Dr., Sunday afternoon.

In brief ceremonies, U.S. Sen. Kenneth B. Keating of Rochester noted the opportunities and challenges ahead for the young of the nation, and said "Good tools, such as schools of this type, will equip them for the years to come."

The school was accepted by Robert Saxon, Board of Education president, Earl F. Foner, high school principal, and Gary Atkins, president of the student council.

State Sen. Earl F. Brydges (R-Wilson) added that 60 per cent of the cost of the school would be paid by the state under a recently-adopted policy. Rep. William E. Miller (R-Olcott) also spoke, as did North Tonawanda Mayor Henry P. Smith III.

Others participating in the program were Roswell Pfohl, architect of the building; the Rev. Charles A. Schoy, principal of Bishop Gibbons High School, and the Rev. Charles W. Hobbs, pastor of Community Christian Church, Wurlitzer Park.

Selections by the high school's band and mixed chorus were interspersed among the talks.

Following the ceremony, the platform toured the three-story brick building. It contains 38 classrooms, shops, and two gymnasiums. It has a capacity of 1,800 pupils but present enrollment is 1,500.

'Reds' Signal J.F.K. Attack

Democrats declined to attribute any significance Sunday afternoon to one of life's little ironies of juxtaposition.

As President Kennedy spoke in stentorian tones of warning against the Red menace from the steps of City Hall, the double red traffic signal facing the building blinked away persistently. It does so when the light is switched from regular operation.



President Kennedy Mayor Kowal Chief executives of nation and city meet at City Hall

Kowal Presents Key to City

Mayor Chester Kowal, Republican, Sunday gave President Kennedy the traditional key to the city "symbolizing our city administration's loyalty and affection for you."

The Mayor presented the key during Pulaski Day observances in Niagara Square. "I feel deeply honored," Mayor Kowal said, "to present this key to an illustrious gentleman who honors our city on this occasion."

"Buffalo will long remember your historic visit. May the Good Lord shower on you His choicest blessings."

Robert M. Morgenthau, Democratic candidate for governor, also addressed the throng of 100,000, paying tribute to the Polish people's love of freedom. Rep. Thaddeus Dulski (D-Buf-

falo) thanked President Kennedy for promising to name a nuclear submarine for Gen. Casimir Pulaski, hero of the Revolutionary War.

Henry J. Osinski, president of the Central Council of Polish Organizations, which invited President Kennedy to Buffalo, had the shortest speech of the day. He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States."