

Mayor Acts; School Buses Roll in City

By Arnold Abrams and Edward G. Smith

New York—All buses that transport 92,000 city public and parochial school children are operating today after a four day slowdown, a one-day shutdown and a threat by the bus company officials to suspend service indefinitely. The board of education reported that three vehicles—two buses and a station wagon were out of service this morning but were repaired and were in operation this afternoon.

The surprise turnabout of the Children's Bus Service Inc. came at 3 AM today after a seven and one half hour city hall session ordered and conducted by Mayor Wagner. Wagner aides stepped from the meeting at that time, called a hurried press conference and announced that the buses would run today but that some delays had to be expected because of the last-minute decision. They

said the bus company had agreed to transport the children with as little breakdown in service as possible, but would not elaborate on the reasons for the sudden change of heart. They issued a "no comment" to the question of whether Wagner had threatened a takeover of the company if the shutdown continued.

The mayor called in representatives of the bus company, the city board of education and Local 1181 of the Amalgamated Transit Union at 6:30 PM yesterday. At 2 AM, spokesmen for the mayor said the discussion was continuing without interruption. One aide said: "It doesn't appear they are getting anywhere. They look like they are set to go all day." An hour later, the announcement was made. School board and bus company officials could not be reached at the time.

Of the company's 600 buses, 113 failed to make regular student pick-ups Wednesday, stranding 15,000 pupils on street corners. About 10,000 were stranded

Tuesday and 25,000 last Friday. The company claimed many of the buses had missing ignition keys, broken wires and broken windshield wipers. The union refused to permit its members to operate many of the buses, calling them unsafe. The final shutdown announcement came Wednesday night.

School Superintendent Calvin E. Gross reported yesterday that despite the shutdown, about 92 per cent of the 54,465 public school pupils ordinarily transported by the bus company made it to school anyway, either on foot, by other public conveyance or by private car.

Though exact figures were not available, officials said most absences from regularly scheduled classes were from the ranks of the city's 7,500 handicapped students whose need for the bus service was most essential. Even at that, school officials said hundreds of crippled children attended classes being wheeled into buildings and carried up steps by parents and teachers.

Who's at the Rally? Bobby, Naturally



Robert F. Kennedy Gets Big Garment Center Crowd During Yesterday's Rally

By Jim Hadjin

Brooklyn—Robert F. Kennedy hurried through a series of crowded Brooklyn street rallies last night to be on time for a meeting with a group of rabbis.

The Democratic senatorial candidate, winding up a day of seven appearances before an estimated 12,000 persons, cut short his stay at the last three rallies and sped to a synagogue at 770 Eastern Parkway to meet with Rabbi Manchem M. Schneerson, world leader of the Lubavitcher movement, and about 15 other leading Orthodox rabbis. The Lubavitcher, although it has only about 30,000 followers in New York City, is widely known and highly respected among Orthodox Jews. Kennedy is known to be concerned that his opponent, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, may have the upper hand in the fight to woo the state's 1,800,000 Jewish voters and appearances like last night's may help narrow the gap.

Joining Kennedy in the meeting, which lasted about 10 minutes, were Under Secretary of Commerce Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., who had accompanied him at the four Brooklyn street rallies, and former Gov. Averell Harriman, who joined him at the last corner rally. A spokesman for Kennedy said the group discussed primarily the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

Earlier in the day, Kennedy delivered a major address on medical care to a rally sponsored by the Senior Citizens Golden Ring Council for Medicare, attended a reception at Gracie Mansion sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Voter Registration and spoke at a political affairs rally of the Uniformed Sanitation Workers Local 831.

He told the senior citizens rally, which drew a noonday crowd of about 3,000 in the garment district, that he would fight for passage of medicare and would seek repeal of the Metcalf-McCloskey state law holding children of elderly parents liable for the medical bills of their parents. The law, cosponsored by Assemblyman Francis P. McCloskey (R-North Wantagh), was enacted to implement the federal Kerr-Mills act of medical assistance to needy older persons. Kerr-Mills left it up to the states to determine who was eligible for medical care.

Kennedy's garment-district speech drew only moderate applause, but the crush around him was so great as he headed for his car that a woman fainted and another was knocked down. His reception at the other appearances was enthusiastic. More than 1,000 persons attended a \$10-a-ticket buffet-reception at Gracie Mansion and the crowds at the street corner rallies in Flatbush averaged about 2,000 persons, a good percentage of them teenagers. At the first stop, Kings Highway and East 16th Street, the crowd broke two wooden police barricades in trying to reach Kennedy, who climbed on top of a car to wave to them.

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has been based: (1) that the main issue in the campaign should be his record but that Kennedy has failed to attack his record; (2) that Kennedy is a carpet-bagger who is running for the Senate in New York, although he has not lived in the state long enough to vote and; (3) that Kennedy is the candidate of Democratic Party bosses.

With Assembly Speaker Joseph F. Carlino (R-Long Beach) by his side during most of the day, Keating visited with Republicans at an early morning breakfast in Rockville Centre and at a rally in Cedarhurst. He talked with businessmen at the Sky Club about defense contracts and visited 200 people at the home of Robert Meyer, 82 Walnut Rd., Glen Cove.

After a visit with Hofstra students, Keating went to the Mid-Island shopping plaza in Hicksville to greet shoppers. An estimated 50 Nassau police were on hand and GOP sources said they had asked for the policemen fearing incidents with anti-Keating factions. None developed. Keating later visited with Democrats in Long Beach who had opened a Democrats-for-Keating headquarters and at the home of Leonard C. Lane, 8 Waterview Rd., Kings Point. The 200 guests at the Lane home included a large number of Democrats.

The Burns dinner included a talk by Sen. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) who appealed for support for Keating and made a strong pro-Goldwater speech. Goldwater, he declared, "is your best bet for peace."

Hood Wanted in Court

Brooklyn—Long Island bookmaking czar John (Sonny) Franzese, sought by a district attorney's squad since Sept. 21 when he failed to appear before a Kings County grand jury investigating gambling, was ordered yesterday to show cause why he should not be held for criminal contempt.

Supreme Court Justice Miles F. McDonald signed the order, which could bring Franzese 30 days in jail and a \$250 fine. The order is returnable Oct. 8, provided Franzese can be found by then. Franzese had been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury on links between gamblers, police and the telephone company in the current gambling investigation. Reputed to be in the upper ranks of the Cosa Nostra and to have a controlling interest in Brooklyn gambling and loan shark rackets, Franzese,

of 47 Shrub Hollow Rd., Herricks, is a protege of the late crime magnate Joseph Magliocco.

Assistant Brooklyn District Attorney Irving P. Seidman said Franzese has been sought for a grand jury session since early in August. At that time, police Insp. Anthony Obremski was demoted to captain on charges that he permitted gambling on a street corner in the Williamsburg-Greenpoint section. Franzese reportedly runs the gambling operation in that area.

Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Aaron Koota said that a three-hour grand jury session yesterday called 26 witnesses described as "the elite of the underworld" in an attempt to uncover a police leak to the underworld on gambling raids. Koota said a bookmaking operation was raided Sept. 24 but the bookies, apparently tipped off, disappeared just before the district attorney's squad arrived. The raid took place in an apartment at 9720 Kings Hwy., Brooklyn, at 2 PM. Betting slips were found, phones were ringing with prospective bettors, but the bookies were gone. Koota said that Internal Revenue agents had visited the apartment the day before but had not made any arrests. He would not give details.

Koota said the apartment was rented by a Michael Hardy. A subpoena has been issued for his appearance at a future session of the grand jury. Hardy's mother, Mrs. Shirley Fried, testified at yesterday's session. She is awaiting trial on federal gambling charges and has previously testified before the grand jury. She will return Monday.

Mobsters appearing at yesterday's session included Nicholas (Jiggs) Forlano, reputed to be one of the leading shylocks in New York; David August, alias Johnny Bananas, called a top bookie, Anthony Laponzina, an associate of Forlano's, and James Napoli, an alleged associate of Franzese's.

Register to Vote

You must be registered to vote in the Nov. 3 elections. Register today, 10 AM-10 PM, or tomorrow, 7 AM-10 PM, if you did not vote from your present address in the past two years. To find where to register, call the Board of Elections. In Nassau, the number is Pioneer 2-3000; in Suffolk, Yaphank 4-3466.

