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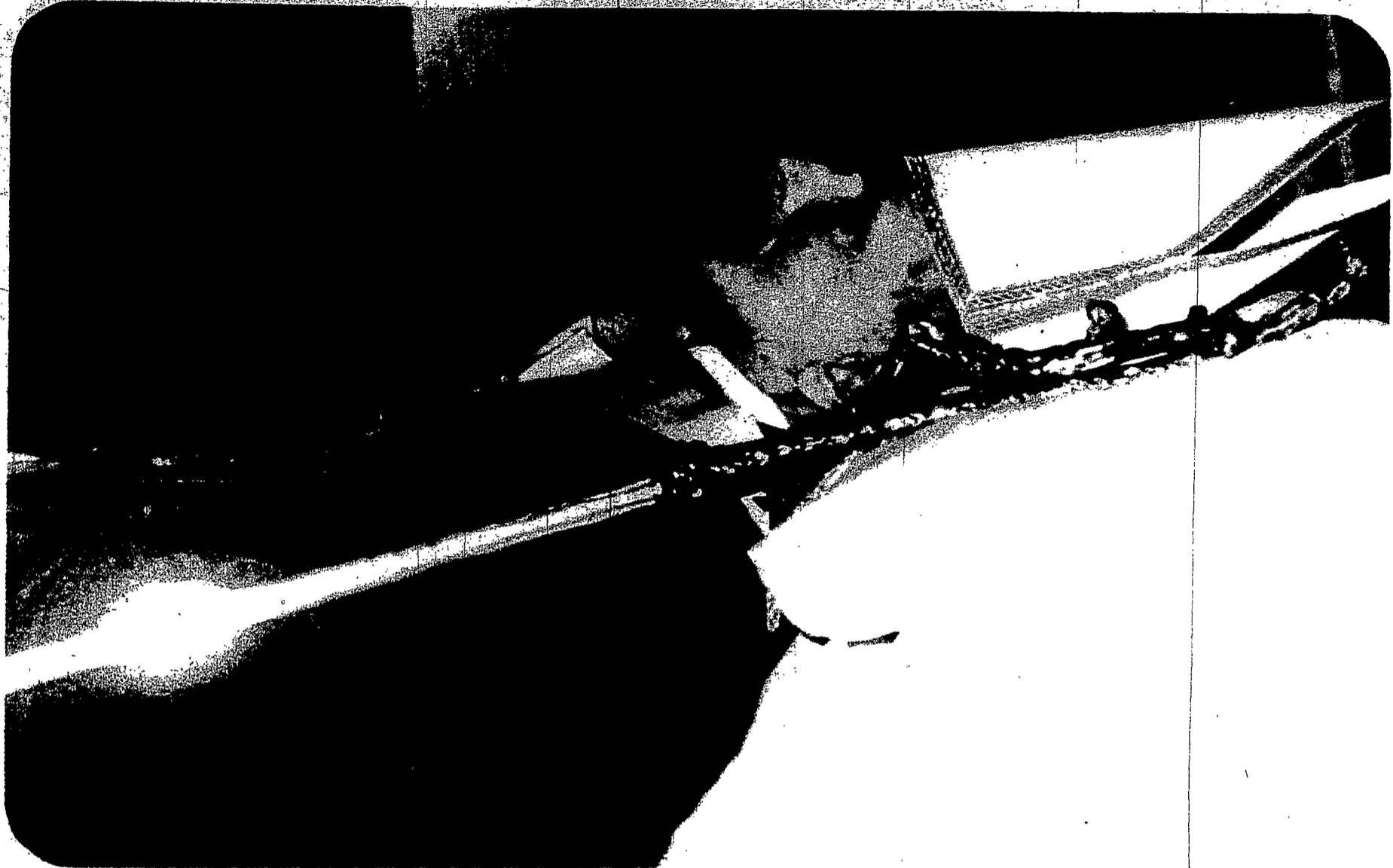
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It is now over. The obsequies that are paid are now personal, private, shorn of the pagentry and pomp. Pilgrims by the thousands file slowly past the place they have laid him to rest. These travelers pray silently for the soul of a good man. May he rest in peace.

Goodbye

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Vatican City — Played across the stage of a beautiful Roman sunset, the funeral of Pope Paul VI reached an emotional climax last Saturday.

As the Mass ended, the men who had carried him on his portable chair during his life now shouldered his remains from the makeshift altar just before St. Peter's Basilica up the long steps to the crowd, estimated at some 400,000, broke into four distinct waves of applause and shouts of farewell. Most poignant was the sight of the steelworkers he had befriended waving their red hardhats in good-bye.

Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri was the principal celebrant and also delivered the homily in which he described the Holy Father as "a great spirit . . . tender with young children; the young in whom he placed such fervent trust, a voice speaking out in defense of truth and justice; condemning violence in every

form, upholding the rights of peace; indeed a true prince of peace . . ."

His words fell on the ears of the great and the small gathered in the piazza where the man to whom they were paying homage had conducted his hundreds of audiences over the 15 years of his pontificate. Mrs. Jimmy Carter was there as were U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Sen. Ted Kennedy, Gov. Hugh Carey, film producer Franco Zeffirelli, the former archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey, the Pope's brother Lodovico.

Signaling the start of the Mass, 97 cardinals came through the great door of the basilica into the sunlight led by two of their number, one a black African, perhaps a symbol of the modern Church

which Pope Paul had done so much to make catholic as well as Catholic.

Dignitaries and the diplomatic corps sat to the right of the altar, bishops and archbishops and representatives of other religions to the left. Behind the altar in a long single line sat the 96 cardinals who concelebrated with Cardinal Confalonieri.

The Mass ended the six-day observance of the pope's death. The casket was then taken out of public view into the basilica where it was laid to rest in the grottoes beneath.

Though the people could be described as emotional at the end of the Mass, by the time they were leaving, they seemed almost light-hearted, perhaps relieved that the vigil was finally over.



'Let Us Not Mourn'

Mrs. Rosalyn Carter addresses newsmen at Campiano Airport on her arrival as the official delegate of her husband the president to the funeral of Pope Paul VI. "Let us not then mourn his death so much as celebrate his life — a life dedicated unselfishly to the service of his Church and to all men everywhere," she said. With her is Gov. Hugh Carey.

Two Special Reports

In words and pictures, the Courier-Journal's own reporters describe the funeral of Pope Paul VI. Their news packet from Rome includes the official translation issued by the Vatican of the Pope's will, with a photostat of notes in his own hand. Veteran observers of the Roman scene provide insights into the nature of Paul, and his effect on the Church in the United States, and prominent figures here and elsewhere comment on his accomplishments.

Meanwhile, as the season changes, schools prepare to reopen. The second section of the paper gives a roundup of plans, expectations and hopes for diocesan schools and Catholic high schools.