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Bodies of Rogers and Post Will Arrive Today

By Associated Press

Seattle, Aug. 19.—The curtains of its passenger cabin closely drawn, Pilot Joe Crosson's plane bearing the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post south from their tragic air crash deaths in Alaska arrived here at 11:15 a. m., CST, from Vancouver, B. C.

The plane landed at Boeing field, the municipal airport, in the southern part of the city. Without stopping his motor after the plane had come to a halt, Pilot Crosson taxied it into a United Ail Lines hangar at the side of the field.

The hangar was completely surrounded by state patrolmen, city police and marine corps reservists.

A crowd of persons, some of whom had remained at the airport all night, were at the field.

Funeral Thursday.

Within the hangar, Col. Clarence Young, Pacific coast manager of Pan-American Airways, and Amon Carter, of Fort Worth, Tex., personal representative and close friend of the Rogers family, were among the group awaiting the plane's arrival.

Colonel Young had a ship flown here from San Francisco to receive the bodies on arrival.

After the transfer, Rogers' body will be taken to Los Angeles, where funeral services will be held Thursday in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather. But Young declined to say where in Los Angeles or vicinity the ship would land with its tragic burden.

Neither would he disclose plans for transportation of Post's body to Oklahoma City, where the stocky Oklahoma flier will be buried. Efforts likely will be made to avoid large towns and well known airports, to prevent the gathering of throngs.

Crosson Silent.

Whether Crosson, intimate friend of Post and strong admirer of Rogers, will continue his journey with the bodies was not known. He may return to Fairbanks, from which central Alaskan town he winged to Point Barrow a few hours after Post's ship fell crushing its celebrated pilot and passenger.

Here the Sand Point naval air station was ready to furnish an escort of planes to accompany the aerial hearse southward.

The apparent effort to achieve a quiet, unheralded last flight, however, left this official government mark of respect also undecided.

Crosson had little to say to interviewers at Vancouver. He said only that northern Alaska was grief stricken, and that he knew no more about the cause of the crash than had been told—this was that the motor had misfired as the plane was taking off from a small river and the ship fell 50 feet into the shallow water.

Crosson's route lay over more than 1,500 miles of rugged mountains and mountainous plateau. Pilots here said Crosson completed in 10 hours the equivalent of a transatlantic flight from Newfoundland to Ireland.

ARRANGE FOR RITES

By Associated Press

Hollywood, Aug. 19. — Arrangements for two, and possibly three ceremonies were being made today as the body of Will Rogers was brought back to California from the aerial voyage he said would end, for him, "just somewhere."

Private services, with only the family in attendance, will be held Thursday afternoon at Forest Lawn Memorial cemetery. At the same time, one and perhaps two other tributes, will be paid the memory of the actor-humorist who lost his life in an Alaskan air crash which also resulted in the death of Wiley Post, the noted pilot.

A public ceremony in the vast Hollywood bowl will be held. Here, it is believed, plans now being formulated for a living memorial to the homely philosopher will be disclosed. A committee composed of Mary Pickford, Mayor Edward Spence of Beverly Hills, and other Beverly Hills civic officials, has been conferring on the type of memorial to be arranged.

Will Lie in Crypt.

Rogers' Cherokee Indian blood, of which, friends said, he was very proud, led to plans for another ceremony. A delegation of Cherokees, headed by Clarence Davis, said today they will ask Mrs. Rogers' permission to perform their own tribal rites.

"We have always considered him one of our people," Davis said. "We like to think it was his Cherokee blood that made him great and unafraid."

After the private services the comedian's body will be interred in a crypt at Forest Lawn—not far from those of two of his closest friends of life, Marie Dressler and Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer. Later, it was understood, it will be removed to Rogers' home state, Oklahoma.

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