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FLY POST BODY ON TO HIS STATE

Los Angeles, Aug. 20 (AP).
—The shattered bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post, who left here as carefree aerial adventurers two weeks ago, lay in a Glendale mortuary today awaiting the final homage of saddened thousands.

Another air journey will begin later in the day for Post's remains as they are taken on to Oklahoma City for services and burial, but Rogers' last flight had ended.

Public and private rites will be held Thursday and the body sent later to Oklahoma for interment.

3,500-Mile Trip from Alaska Ends

The 3,500-mile journey from the northern Alaska wilds, where they crashed in Post's ship last Thursday ended just at dusk yesterday, when Pilot William Winston set down his big Pan-American Airways transport at Burbank airport.

The arrival was attended by the first disorders since the bodies of the celebrated dead were brought from Point Barrow. Police and the curious clashed at the airport after the officers had sought to halt the taking of photographs.

The incident delayed transfer of the bodies to the mortuary half an hour.

Joe Crosson, the Alaskan pilot who had brought out the bodies of his friends in less than two days, relinquished the controls for the flight from Seattle, which was broken by a brief fueling stop at Alameda.

Crosson refused to be interviewed on his trip, or on what his personal inspection of the remains of Post's

ship had indicated as the possible cause of the crash in the far north.

The body of the famous humorist-actor will lie in state five hours, beginning at 7 a. m. Thursday in a grove of pine and olive trees at Forest Lawn Memorial park, in Glendale.

Private services were set for 2 p. m. in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, and will be conducted by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger, an old friend.

Rogers Remains to Rest in Crypt

For the time being the remains will rest in a crypt at Forest Lawn, to be transferred by Mrs. Rogers at some later date to the family burial plot at Chelsea, Okla.

Mrs. Rogers, accompanied by her three children, Will Jr., Mary and James, and by relatives from Oklahoma, including Rogers' sister, Mrs. Tom McSpadden of Chelsea, were en route to Los Angeles by train from the east.

Crossin and Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher and close friend of both Rogers and Post, will accompany the body of the stocky Oklahoma globe-girdling pilot from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Post Waits at Maysville, Okla.

Their hour of departure was not fixed. Mrs. Post, waiting at Maysville, Okla., with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Post, said the funeral plans depend on when the aerial hearse arrives.

Relatives indicated the remains may rest a few hours in rural Maysville, about 60 miles south of Oklahoma City, as a gesture to home folk of the area where the country-bred experimenter in stratosphere flight was reared.

Services will be at the First Baptist church in Oklahoma City, with interment in Memorial park nearby.

U. S. Air Chief Seeks Story of Pilot Crosson

Washington, Aug. 20 (AP).—Eugene L. Vidal, director of the bureau of air commerce, announced that he will fly to Los Angeles today to represent the department at services for Will Rogers and Wiley Post.

Vidal also intends to get a first-hand statement from Joe Crosson, pilot who brought the bodies from Point Barrow to Seattle, in connection with the department's investigation of the accident.

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