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# FUNERAL PLANE ON LAST LEG OF TRAGIC FLIGHT

## Silent Crowds Await Rogers and Post.

*A page of Associated Press Wire-photo pictures of the crash of Will Rogers and Wiley Post in Alaska will be found on the back page of this issue.*

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 19.—[Special.]—The flower covered bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post were being speeded tonight over the last miles of the long trip to California from the Alaskan outpost, where their deaths occurred Thursday. It was the last flight together of two great Americans who loved to fly.

The funeral plane, a Douglas transport liner piloted by William Winston, Texas flyer, was expected to arrive sometime tonight in Los Angeles, where a public funeral for Rogers will be held Thursday.

The bodies of the famous men were brought from Vancouver, B. C., to Seattle by Pilot Joe Crosson, famed arctic "mercy flyer" and friend of both victims. After a stop at Seattle of less than two hours, they were transferred to the newly arrived Douglas plane and it hopped off for Los Angeles at 2:53 p. m., Chicago time.

### Left 12 Days Ago.

It was just 12 days ago that Seattle crowds gathered to watch the renowned humorist and one of the world's greatest flyers leave the Washington city on their vacation flight to Alaska. Hundreds of persons were amused and excited by the event.

Sober, saddened crowds gathered again in Seattle today as Pilot Crosson dropped out of the skies with his tragic burden and came to a speedy landing at Boeing field. Many had waited through the night at the airport for the arrival of the plane.

Without stopping his engine after the plane had come to a halt, Crosson taxied it into a United Air Lines hangar at the side of the field. The hangar was completely surrounded by state patrolmen, city police, and marine corps reserves.

Among the group in the hangar awaiting the plane's arrival were 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.

### All Windows Covered.

The windows of both the funeral plane and those of the hangar were covered and efforts made to conduct necessary arrangements for the continued trip as secretly as possible.

However, an observer inside the building reported that Rogers' face was crushed. Post's face bore a gash over the left eye, and his limbs were broken, it was said.

Col. Young and Mr. Carter accompanied the bodies on the last lap of the trip aboard the Douglas plane. Crosson went aboard the plane and continued his journey with the bodies as a passenger.

"We will go through to Los Angeles today," said Col. Young, shortly before the plane left, "but obviously we cannot announce the airport at which we will land. We wish in every way to respect the wishes of the Rogers and Post families and to avoid crowds."

### Plan One Fuel Stop.

Pan-American officials said the plane would land at Alameda, Cal., at about 6 p. m., for fuel and would take off again without delay.

Pilot Crosson had little to say about his famous friends, even after he was relieved of his responsibility and the other plane had left. He was asked if he warned Post and Rogers against making the flight on which they crashed. At first he was silent but finally he said:

"I just bade them farewell."

The body of Rogers will lie in state here from 7 o'clock tomorrow morning until just before the funeral services at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The funeral services will be held a few yards away in a chapel, the Wee Kirk O' the Heather, which permits attendance of only 125. These private services, to be conducted by the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, long an intimate friend of the noted actor, will be attended only by the closest friends.

The public service, to be held before the private ceremonies, will be a huge affair and will be held at Holly-

wood bowl where a crowd of more than 20,000 persons is expected to gather.

Following the ceremonies Rogers' body will rest for a while in a receiv-

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ing vault at Forest Lawn, not far from two of his friends, Florence Zeigfeld and Marie Dressler. Some of the others placed there after they had tasted fame in life were Russ Columbo, Lon Chaney, Charles Mack, Jack Pickford, Ernest Torrence, and Wallace Reid.

Later Rogers will rejoin his old friend Post in graves in their native Oklahoma, where the humorist was born and where he always held legal residence.

Los Angeles will not see the body of Wiley Post, for it will be carried on to Oklahoma after the stop here. His widow decided yesterday that he would be buried in Memorial Park, near Oklahoma City.

This funeral also is expected to be held Thursday. The service will be at the First Baptist church at Oklahoma City, with the Rev. W. R. White, pastor, and the Rev. J. H. Gardner of Sentinel, Okla., in charge.

### SCREAMS ROUT RAPIST.

A man slugged and attempted to rape Miss Kathleen Ross, 22 years old, 3762 North Oleott avenue early yesterday in front of 3355 North Oleott avenue. Her screams frightened him away.