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LAST RITES FOR GANDHI

India's 13 days of state mourning for Mahatma Gandhi have ended. Through the streets of Allahabad moves the nations last tribute to its leader. Along the route lined with a million followers, passes the flower bedecked trailer bearing his ashes in a copper urn. Dry eyed, immobile with grief the dense masses look on. The official mourning is over but the peoples loss cannot be measured in time. To them Gandhi was more than a leader he represented a spiritual force. At the shore where the Jumna and the Ganges, India's holy rivers meet, the urn with the Mahatma's remains is moved onto a amphibious vehicle. Slowly the amphibian moves into mid-stream to allow the waiting multitude wading into the river a last audience with the Mahatma. Gandhi's son consigns his fathers ashes to the holy waters and as the stream carries them away there passes all that is mortal of a man who lived and died for India.