MILESTONES

Died. Vince Lombardi, 57, one of professional football's greatest coaches (see SPORT).

Died. Abraham Zapruder, 65, Dallas dress manufacturer who took the only closeup motion pictures of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; of cancer; in Dallas. Carrying an 8-mm. movie camera loaded with color film, Zapruder posted himself near the Texas Book Depository and started filming as the presidential motorcade rolled past. In detail, the approximately 20-sec. sequence shows the bullets striking the President, and the panic of that moment. Portions of the film later appeared in LIFE, and became important evidence for the Warren Commission.

Died. General Pierre Koenig, 71, World War II French military hero; following surgery; near Paris. Koenig led the Free French troops against the Germans in Libya, later commanded all French forces in England and those in the Resistance at home. After the war, he served as a Gaullist Deputy and Minister of Defense, and devoted much energy to French-Israeli friendship and military cooperation, arguing that Israel was the only bar to Soviet domination of the Middle East.

Died. The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, 80, famed radio preacher who pronounced Christian verities to millions of Americans each Sunday from 1928 to 1962 over NBC's National Radio Pulpit; of cancer; in Manhattan. Sockman was minister of Manhattan's Christ Church, Methodist, and the author of numerous inspirational books (The Higher Happiness, How to Believe). But his largest audience was on the air waves, where, as he once put it, "I pitched my sermons on a level somewhere between Reinhold Niebuhr and Norman Vincent Peale."

Died. Agnes Ernst Meyer, 83, widow of Washington Post Board Chairman Eugene Meyer, mother of Katharine Meyer Graham, its present publisher, and for years a power on the paper; in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Mrs. Meyer cut her journalistic teeth in 1907 as the first woman reporter for the old New York Sun. In 1933, she convinced her financier husband that he should buy the faltering Post for $825,000, and together they set about curing its ills: while he and his associates strengthened circulation, advertising and news coverage, she crusaded for social causes (education, housing) through exposes and lectures. In 1944 she urged the Federal Government to set up a Cabinet-rank department to encompass the areas of health, education and welfare.

Died. François Mauriac, 84, giant of French letters (see THE WORLD).