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Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy spent yesterday walking out his older brother's physical fitness program—and wearing out a couple of his aides in the process.

The process was a 60-mile hike to Camp David, Md., on which the Attorney General embarked unannounced in the wee hours of yesterday morning.

Located in the Catoctin Mountains near the Pennsylvania border, Camp David served White House occupants originally as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Shangri-La" and President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave it its present name after his grandson.

Although the personnel make-up of the Attorney General's original hiking party was not given, informed sources said that the wayside en route to Camp David was

liberally littered with those who fell beside it as the President's younger brother plodded on. At Camp David's gate, about 9 p. m. the Attorney General reportedly was alone.

Bidding him godspeed and dropping out along the way were James Symington, the Attorney General's executive assistant; David Hackett, executive director of the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, and Edwin Guthman, the Justice Department's director of press relations. Guthman reportedly was the last to desert, quitting after about 35 miles.

Presidential reference last week to the country's physical fitness plight is believed to have inspired his brother's trek, which reportedly began at the Great Falls of the Potomac about 4 a. m.

It turned out to be part of

a national hiking craze which yesterday was manifesting itself among groups as varied as Wisconsin Boy Scouts and Illinois physical education teachers. Lending it additional emphasis was the organization last week of a hike along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger. That's scheduled to step off Friday—if it can find walking room, and enough walkers who haven't in the interim signed up with some other parade group.

Among the hundreds of Marines who took up the old President Theodore Roosevelt prescription for Marine fitness of 50 miles to be walked in 20 hours, two officers from the eBaufort (S. C.) Marine Air Station negotiated the distance in 15 hours and 10 minutes. They were Capt. Paul Maginnis, 33, of Brookline, Mass., and Lt. John J. Daley, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla.

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The above is a Washington Post article appearing the next day 2/10/63. It claims that RFK walked 60 miles to Camp David. Other articles appearing later put the walk at 50 miles to Harpers Ferry. Did he originally intend to walk all the way to Camp David at least another 15 miles? He did manage to get a ride to Camp David later that night where a photographer captured him with wife, Ethel applying a foot massage.