

# SCORES ARRESTED IN JACKSON MARCH AFTER EVERS RITE

## Crowd Seeks to Push Into the Business Area—Slain Leader Is Eulogized

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JACKSON, Miss., June 15—

The police drove back a group of young Negroes today who sought to charge into the business district following a slain integration leader's funeral procession. Scores of chanting demonstrators were arrested by the police under Deputy Chief A. L. Ray, who drove them back into a Negro business section.

Some whites, at least one of whom was clubbed, also were hustled off to jail.

The demonstration began after thousands of mourning Negroes and some 50 sympathetic whites had marched a mile and a half through the city behind the body of Medgar W. Evers.

The 37-year-old state field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was shot in the back outside his home early Tuesday.

### Police Provides Escort

The police, often the opponents of Mr. Evers in life, provided an eight-man motorcycle escort for him in death. Some 200 other officers sealed off the line of march from the Masonic Temple, site of the funeral services, to the Collins Funeral Home.

Mr. Evers, a World War II Army veteran, will be buried next Wednesday at 11 A. M. in Arlington National Cemetery.

Another incident also marked this period of mourning. A 19-year-old white youth, Martin H. McGehee, was shot in the shoulder last night in a mixed neighborhood. He was reported in satisfactory condition at University Hospital with a wound from a small-bore bullet.

The mourners, many of whom were dressed in black, stepped off behind the funeral procession of a hearse and nine cars carrying friends and members of the family shortly after 12:45 P.M. (2:45 P.M., New York time).

The head of the procession reached the funeral home some 40 minutes later after crossing through the heart of the business district.

The intersection of West Capitol Street, the city's main thoroughfare, and of Parish Street was relatively deserted for a Saturday afternoon. Only 100 whites watched from the sidewalks for the most part in silence, while the thermometer on the Deposit Guaranty Bank Building registered 103 degrees.

Mayor Allen Thompson broke a policy of refusing parade permits to enable the funeral march to take place. Shriners and several other white groups have been refused permission for parades during this city's month-long racial crisis.

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SLAIN N.A.A.C.P. LEADER MOURNED: On hand for the funeral of Medgar W. Evers are, from left: Roy Wilkins, executive director of N.A.A.C.P.; Representative Charles C. Diggs Jr., Michigan Democrat; Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Under Secretary; Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of N.A.A.C.P., and A. D. Beittel, president of Tougaloo Southern Christian College. A procession through Jackson followed funeral.

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Evers with a high powered rifle last Wednesday morning, and said bitterly:

"The Southern political system put him behind that rifle, the lily white Southern govern- ment.

"In faraway Washington, the Southern system has its out- post in the Congress of the United States. They helped put the man behind the deadly rifle. The killer must have thought that he had, if not immunity, then certainly a protection for whatever he chose to do."

Mr. Wilkins eulogized Mr. Evers as "the symbol of our victory" and he continued, "the bullet that tore away his life four days ago tore away at the system and helped signal its end."

Mr. Wilkins said there was a question today as to "whether the white man is not commit- ting spiritual suicide."

"He is shocked at the eruptions on every hand" against the condition of the Negroes to- day, he said.

Other speakers called Evers a "moderate" and a "crusader." As they spoke, emotion began to build up in the audience.

From time to time, a low rumbling murmur of approval swept through the spectators. At first, it was hardly audible. Then it grew louder.

Flag on the Coffin

Mr. Evers' coffin, draped with the national flag, was opened as the mourners en- tered, almost to a man filling of grief to view Mr. Evers' body. Some stood for long moments gazing at the dead man's face. Some began to weep.

The rostrum was on the stage directly above the coffin. The apron was solidly backed with the lower yellow, red and pink hues of the American flag.

and a profusion of other blos- soms.

Mrs. Evers, her brother-in- law, Charles, and her children —Darrel Kenyatta, 9, and Rena Denise, 8, sat in the front row near the coffin. The coffin lid was closed a half hour before the family arrived. A younger son, James, 3, did not attend.

As the family sat down, Mrs. Evers looked calm. Her fea- tures were composed. But her children began to sob. A woman usher stood behind Mrs. Evers and her children fanning them with a large palm frond.

A few rows behind Mrs. Evers was the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Confer- ence. Before the services began he was asked to come to the state, but he remained on the floor. The comedian, Dick Gregory, also was present.

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