

# 2 White Men Lead Crowd

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A singing, clapping crowd of 400 Negroes led by two white college professors surged into the downtown area Saturday following a "mourning march" for slain integration leader Medgar Evers.

They were confronted by a massive and hurriedly assembled array of blue-helmeted policemen, highway patrolmen, with riot guns, fire trucks and police dogs.

Police began loading the demonstrators into large trucks and hauling them to a stockade ringed by hog wire set up at the State Fairgrounds.

#### First Arrests

Among the first arrested were the Rev. Ralph King, chaplain at Tougaloo Christian College, and John Salter, a history teacher at the private, predominantly Negro school.

King and Salter, both white, led the march, apparently staged without the knowledge of Negro leaders who had pledged that the funeral procession for Evers would be orderly.

Patrolmen armed with riot guns and nightsticks, and backed up by fire hoses and police dogs, moved in and 27 were arrested.

#### Night Sticks Used

Police used only their night sticks on the crowd and at least 10 of the officers were injured in the process. Most suffered cuts, scratches and other minor injuries from the hurled rocks and bottles.

U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen. John Doar, who was present in the downtown area when the violence erupted, finally broke the back of the disorder by wading into the crowd and telling the Negroes:

"Break this up. It's getting dangerous."

#### Black Arm Bands

Many Negro leaders, some of them still wearing the black arm bands they had on at Evers' funeral, also circulated through the crowd helping Doar plead for peace.

The "mourning march" moved silently from the Masonic Temple where funeral services were conducted for Evers to a mortuary 20 blocks away.

There, most of the 5,000 who followed the hearse containing Evers' body dispersed quietly and returned to their homes.

But Salter, who was clubbed by a policeman earlier in the week during a

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