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DAD'S DAY

Today is Father's Day and two stories inside give him special attention. . . see pages 6A and 1F.

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Funeral March Finishes In White-Led Agitation

\$5,000 REWARD OFFER MADE AS YOUTH SHOT

The mayor and commissioners of Jackson Saturday offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a sniper who early Saturday morning shot a white youth who was in a car on Lynch street. The sum matched that offered for the sniper who shot Medgar Evers Wednesday. Mayor Thompson issued the following statement:

"The Commissioners and I are distressed at the wanton shooting in the back of young Martin Magee early this morning.

"Every effort is being made to apprehend the guilty, and such person or persons will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

"We know that all Jackson citizens are relieved to know that young McGee's condition is not critical and that he has been released from the hospital.

"The fact that Martin McGee was not murdered does not minimize the seriousness of this criminal act. All citizens, white or colored, have the right to travel in any section of our city without fear of harm or apprehension of murderous assault.

"We will continue to use every effort to prevent any violence in our city and to this end we urge the cooperation of every person in our effort to preserve the peace and protect our homes and our citizens.

"The City of Jackson is offering a reward of \$5000.00 to any person giving us information leading to the arrest and conviction of this attempted murderer."

Minority Of Mourners At Evers Rites Jailed

Funeral

An estimated 4,000 Negroes sprinkled with two dozen or so whites, marched in 100-degree heat behind the hearse Saturday afternoon bearing the body of Medgar Evers, NAACP leader slain last Wednesday. A Negro leader estimated they were three-fourths Jackson residents.

The line of march went 17 blocks from the Masonic center auditorium on Lynch street, down the Pascagoula cut-off to Farish, and north to Collins Funeral Home, where the body was prepared for shipment to Washington.

The funeral services for the Mississippi-born Negro lasted 30 minutes, with Roy Wilkins, the New York secretary for the national NAACP, the principal speaker among a number of others. The hot hall was jam-packed for the funeral, with Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory among those in the audience.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Negro career diplomat now assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, Clarence Mitchell, another NAACP leader from Washington, Cong. Charles Diggs of Michigan, Dr. E.R.M. Howard, of Chicago, formerly of Mound Bayou, Rev. C. G. Hunte, pastor of the deceased at New Hope Baptist church on Whitfield Mills Road, Rev. R.L.T. Smith, pastor of St.

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Agitation

Violating an understanding that the Medgar Evers funeral march would be an orderly procession of mourners, a small minority of the marchers led by white Tougaloo staff members, turned on police with brickbats Saturday afternoon in a sudden, brisk melee near Collins Funeral Home on North Farish, where the Evers body had been taken after the Lynch Street services.

Police had issued a permit for the funeral procession, had preceded and followed the nine-block entourage with mounted officers, had guarded all intersections to insure no traffic would interrupt the marchers.

And then after the crowd had reached the Collins place on North Farish and almost all of them had quietly dispersed, the violent group erupted in a flurry, attacking the police officers at the rear of the procession.

Dogs, fire trucks and armed men were called but were on display only, and not used. Dogs on leash patrolled the crowds as they dispersed. Soft, drink bottles had been hurled at police from the roofs of Farish street stores.

MOSTLY YOUTHS

Jackson police, sheriff's deputies and highway patrolmen formed a human barricade across Farish Street about a half block from the mob of unruly Negroes, most

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MOURNERS MARCH — Shown above is a long stream of Negroes in procession here following the funeral of NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers Saturday. Evers was murdered by a sniper early Wednesday morning. — Photo by Perry Nations.

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FUNERAL

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John's Baptist Church, Rev. G.R. Houghton, pastor of Pearl Street Methodist Church, Rev. Ralph Abernathy of Birmingham, were on the list of speakers or prominent in the services.

Another minister in attendance was Rev. John Morris of Atlanta, head of the Episcopal church's Society for Cultural and Racial Unity.

The Evers family group present included the widow, a brother, Charles Evers, and two of the three children.

Trumpeters sounded notes of mourning as the metal casket was taken from the Masonic auditorium and placed in the hearse for the trip to the funeral home.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Six ministers represented the National Council of Churches at the funeral. Spokesman for the group was Rev. T. M. Taylor, secretary of the general council of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

The statement of the National Council said it has taken "unprecedented action to engage all its resources in this cause." It said "we represent church people in every part of our nation who are ready to show their solidarity in affirming that God calls his people to work for the full dignity of all men."

EMOTIONAL EVENT

The service was an intensely emotional affair with the speakers eulogizing Evers. Wilkins spoke of the deceased Mississippi NAACP official as "a martyr in the crusade for human liberty" and declared, "for a little while he loaned us and his people the great strength of his body and the elixir of his spirit."

"If he could live in Mississippi and not hate, so shall we, though we shall ever stoutly contend for the kind of life his children and all others must enjoy in this rich land."

He said Evers' salary will continue to be paid, and that a scholarship fund is being set up for the Evers' three children, with \$2,000 already sent in by the National Council of Churches and \$1,000 by the United Automobile Workers union.

Wilkins told the listeners that the service was a funeral and applause was inappropriate.

President Kennedy sent a letter to the widow of the slain man, mailed Thursday, the day after his death. It offered "sincerest condolences" and said the cause for which he strove "will enable his children and the generations to follow to share fully and equally in the benefits and advantages which our nation has to offer."

As is the privilege of every honorably discharged veteran, Evers will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. The Army's flag for all veterans was draped over his casket at the funeral.

Evers was a corporal in World War II, serving with bakery, port and general quartermaster companies. He was in the Normandy invasion and the Northern France campaigns, with two service stars. He received the Good Conduct medal.