

Attendance At Funeral May Reach 100,000

ATLANTA (UPI)—An endless line of mourners shuffled past the casket of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday in a growing, final tribute joined by Mrs. John F. Kennedy and other dignitaries around the world.

By Monday afternoon, it was estimated that more than 60,000 persons had filed by the bier of the slain civil rights leader, laid out in an African mahogany coffin in Sisters Chapel at predominantly-Negro Spelman College in Atlanta. Later in the day the body was to be moved to Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King's father is pastor.

As many as 100,000 persons are expected to attend his funeral Tuesday.

Mrs. Kennedy, whose own husband, President John F. Kennedy, was slain by a sniper's bullet, as was King, announced from New York she would be on hand for the funeral. It will be one of her few appearances at an occasion of national magnitude since 1963.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey also is expected to attend, as are the ambassadors of Morocco, Guinea, and Ethiopia.

The world of show business, which often rallied to King's side, is represented by Harry Belafonte, who has been at the side of Mrs. King helping with funeral arrangements and other matters, Eartha Kitt, Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Marlon Brando and others.

Republican presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon visited with Mrs. King for an hour Sunday, and another presidential hopeful, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who charted a plane for Mrs. King so she could fly to Memphis and pick up the body of her husband, has announced he will attend the services. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, and a host of senators and congressmen also will be on hand.

Despite her grief, Mrs. King left the city Monday and flew to Memphis where she led a march in support of sanitation workers who are striking for higher wages and an end to the alleged discrimination that is directed against them.

It was this march that cost King his life. King had led a protest march in Memphis a week before his death, but it erupted in violence. This, he felt, cast doubt on his ability to lead a peaceful protest, so he returned to the city to lead another march—the one his wife finally finished for him Monday.

Private funeral services for close friends and the immediate family will be held

at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, and then the body will be transported along a 30 block route of march to Morehouse College, where a public funeral service will be held.

Burial will be in South View Cemetery, founded in 1886 by Negroes protesting the fact that they had to use a back entrance to the city's main cemetery.

Allied Troops Push Fortress Recapture

SAIGON (UPI)—Brig. Gen. Oscar Davis of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division said Monday North Vietnamese troops trying to escape an allied juggernaut in the Khe Sanh area were "pretty well doomed."

The U.S. command said 60 Communists had been killed in a week of fighting and that the toll was rising.

As Davis spoke from his headquarters inside Khe Sanh, about 1,000 South Vietnamese troops moving out of the fortress under heavy U.S. artillery cover pushed toward Lang Vei to recapture the "Green Beret" outpost overrun by North Vietnamese tanks and infantry three months ago.

The South Vietnamese columns moving toward Lang Vei three miles southwest of Khe Sanh reported killing 80 North Vietnamese, finding the bodies

of 71 more and taking five prisoners.

The fall of Lang Vei in early January opened a giant hole in allied defenses along the Laotian border, and permitted Communist commanders to pour thousands of troops and tons of war material into South Vietnam for the siege of Khe Sanh. The siege began Jan. 21, and the allies finally lifted it Saturday with Operation Pegasus.

Through midnight Sunday, U.S. losses in Operation Pegasus were placed at 59 killed and 427 wounded. This included 31 Army men killed and 28 Marines killed, and 162 Army men wounded and 265 Marines wounded.

The push against the Communist survivors of Pegasus coincided with an intensification.

'Focus Sharpening' For King Assassin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—(UPI)—Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Monday authorities believe they may have the name of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and are stalking him through the nation.

"We have a name, but whether it is the right name remains to be seen," Clark

said during an appearance on NBC's "Today" Show.

"We hope he'll be under arrest quite soon. The focus is sharpening and we are quite close, we think, but that depends on how some of the leads we have develop," Clark explained.

Piecing together the crime, police theorize that the assassin stood in a slimy bathtub in a flophouse across the street from King's hotel and rested the murder weapon in the window sill.

The woman who runs the flophouse described the suspect as a neatly-dressed young man—an unlikely candidate for the \$8.50-a-week room he rented.

side facing the Lorraine cannot be seen from the street, the view being blocked by a high wall and a growth of peach trees.

On the other hand, there are several other old hotels easily in sight of the Lorraine, but further away.

Authorities believe the killer parked his car, possibly a white Mustang, directly in front of the rooming house and walked quickly to it, only to find that someone had parked too close to him and that he couldn't squeeze through the bumpers.

Instead, police theorize, he had to walk around the second car, and in so doing, spotted one of the many police cars that were speeding to the scene.

He ducked into the doorway of an amusements company, police said, and was seen by the operator of the store, Guy Canipe, who quickly moved to the rear of the building.

"I saw him drop the rifle, but I didn't go out," said Canipe. "If you had seen a man drop a rifle in your doorway, what would you have done?"

Hanoi Peace Offer To Be 'Discussion'

TOKYO (UPI)—North Vietnam repeated its warning Monday that proposed Washington-Hanoi peace contacts must involve "no bargaining" but only discussion on a total halt to U.S. bombing and "all other acts of war."

Radio Hanoi said a North Vietnam delegate on the ambassadorial level was willing to meet with U.S. representatives at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, or "any other mutually agreeable city."

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia promptly announced Hanoi had "chosen" his neutral capital as the site. He did not clarify whether he was referred to the broadcast or if he had had a direct request

from Hanoi.

Radio Hanoi said an unconditional halt to the air attacks was a prerequisite to any formal full scale peace conference.

The broadcast, involving interviews of North Vietnamese leaders by Charles Collingwood, correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System, was monitored in Tokyo amid Communist claims of total victory.

Diplomats in London said Peking was putting heavy pressure on the North Vietnamese regime to continue the battle "to the bitter end." Peking insisted military victory was near for the Communists, the diplomats said.

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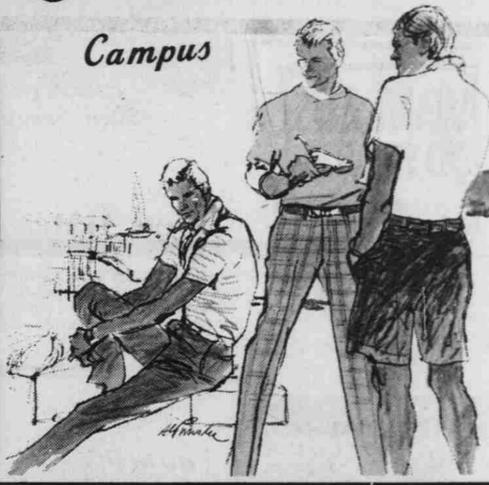
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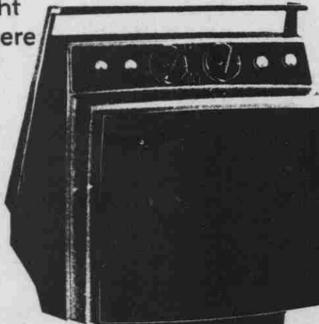
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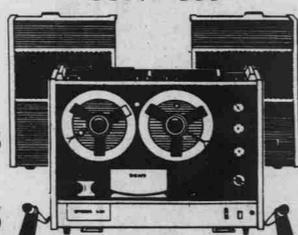


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