

Black youths heckle Helen Suzman at funeral

By The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Scores of black youths shouted down Helen Suzman, a white anti-apartheid legislator, at a memorial service Tuesday for a black activist couple killed by masked gunmen last week.

She was trying to address about 1,000 mourners at a service at St. Raphael's Roman Catholic Church in Mamelodi, a black township near Pretoria where Dr. Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, were shot Dec. 1.

The youths chanted "Down with the PFP!" -- a reference to Mrs. Suzman's opposition Progressive Federal Party, which many black militants view as ineffectual in its campaign for

racial reforms.

The Mamelodi Civic Association, a leading anti-apartheid group in the township, later issued a statement expressing understanding for the youths' action and calling on the Progressive Federal Party to quit Parliament to protest the government's racial segregation policies.

Mrs. Suzman, 69, said she had been heckled many times in her political career but rarely by blacks.

Heavy security forces were deployed around the church and at roads in Mamelodi. Some journalists were turned back, while others got to the service through back roads.

The service was first set for Sunday, but the government ban-

ned weekend funerals in Mamelodi. Restrictions in effect for Tuesday's service included a prohibition on displaying political banners or posters.

Many black civic leaders say they believe the Ribeiros were killed because of their opposition to apartheid. Neighbors say the killers were two black men who drove away from the scene, then exchanged cars with two white men.

Apartheid by law and custom establishes a racially segregated society in which the 24 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate districts, schools and health services.

Meanwhile, the predominantly

black Chemical Workers Industrial Union said thousands of its members stopped work Tuesday to protest the possible deportation of Chris Bonner, a British woman who works for the union.

Companies, including Mobil Oil Corp. and Swiss-based Ciba Geigy, reported sit-ins and stoppages ranging from two to four hours at factories and depots.

The union said in a statement that its members also were protesting detention of a union organizer, Vusi Mavuso.

Mrs. Bonner's husband, Philip, a Briton who taught history at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, was served with a deportation order Monday and taken into custody pending his expulsion from South Africa next Monday.

Jesse Jackson speaks at SCLC's state convention

By The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson said the prospect of a Southern presidential primary in 1988 will require candidates to focus on the region, where they "will find the richest soil and the poorest people."

Jackson, who formed the Rainbow Coalition in 1984 to run for president, has not said whether he will run again in 1988. But some 500 people attending the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's state convention last Friday night cheered when state President John Nettles said Jackson "may be the next president of the United States."

Looking to the election year, Jackson said that when presidential candidates visit the South, "they will not find Wallace standing in the school doors."

"When they come South in '88, they'll not find dogs biting

children in Birmingham. When they come South in '88, they'll not find blacks going in the back of movies.

"They'll find in their place farmers, black and white, who fed the nation and fed the world and who now can't even feed themselves ... who now have their backs to the wall with no one to help.

"Don't say we can't restructure their debts, because we restructured the debts of Europe and Japan," he said.

Jackson said the problems in the U.S. steel industry can be traced to the apartheid regime in South Africa.

"When they come South in '88, they'll find coal miners in Bessemer, Alabama, unemployed because coal miners in South Africa have taken their jobs. Slave labor in South Africa has undercut organized labor in

Bessemer, Alabama," Jackson said.

"When they come South in '88, they'll find steel mills closed ... by corporations that made a profit while they went out of business."

Jackson said the South needs to "move beyond the race agenda." He said sexual equality is vital to improving the region's economic outlook, and women must be paid fairly for their work.

Poverty is also an issue that transcends race, Jackson said. Of the nation's 41 million poor, 29 million are white, he said.

"The poor are mostly white, and female, and young," he said. "White, black or brown, hunger hurts."

"Most poor people are not on welfare. Most poor people work every day. They'll clean these tables when we leave."

Jackson, a vocal critic of Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan, took a jab at the administration and the Iran-Contra scandal.

"He told all those lies while Carter was the president," Jackson said, referring to Reagan's criticism of the previous administration during the Iran hostage crisis. "Now he's shipping arms to Iran. That same Iran. That same ayatollah."

Black med school applications up, say officials

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE -- The number of blacks seeking spots at Wisconsin's two medical schools has increased overall, but school officials say they still need to boost minority enrollment.

"I've only been here a year, and we have a long way to go," said Robert H. Brown, academic services specialist at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. "We have just started to get real-ly out there."

He said 34 blacks had applied

to the school, and five had enrolled this year. Last year, 48 had applied and four had enrolled.

At the Medical College of Wisconsin, 196 blacks had applied this year, compared with 165 last year. Three enrolled this year, compared with two last year.

Brown said he tried to help students even if the UW Medical School did not accept them. If the school can't offer a spot to a black prospect, he says he tries to "send them someplace where

they will be happy."

Jose B. Torres, the director of minority affairs at the Medical College, said the outlook for minorities in medical schools is bleak.

"There is the national trend in the drop of blacks and most minorities in general (in medical school applications)," Torres said. "The big issue is still going to be cost."

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