

JACKSON FUNERAL TO DRAW LEADERS

Rights Backers Will Mourn
Slain 17-Year-Old Today

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JACKSON, Miss., May 21—The funeral of a 17-year-old Negro delivery boy, shot down at Jackson State College by Mississippi highway patrolmen, was expected to bring together tomorrow the largest group of civil rights sympathizers since the funeral of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. two years ago in Atlanta.

The funeral will be for James Earl Green, who was a senior at Jackson High School.

At least eight United States Senators and four Representatives were expected to attend the funeral service in this tense city tomorrow with several thousand mourners, most of them students from Jackson State College.

The dead boy, a track star in high school, was killed along with Philip Gibbs, a 21-year-old Jackson State student, when highway patrolmen opened fire on a group standing outside a women's dormitory on the campus early last Friday morning. Seven more students were wounded in a 30-second barrage of gunfire.

Muskie Charters Jet

Mr. Gibbs was buried Sunday in Ripley, Miss.

A jet plane chartered by Senator Edmund S. Muskie, Democrat of Maine, was scheduled to fly to Jackson tomorrow carrying Congressmen and others who wanted to demonstrate opposition to the slaying of the students. Mr. Muskie's Washington office supplied the names of Congressmen who were among those expected to make the trip to Jackson.

The Senators are Philip A. Hart, Democrat of Michigan; Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii; Charles H. Percy, Republican of Illinois; Ralph W. Yarborough, Democrat of Texas; Harold E. Hughes, Democrat of Iowa; Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York; Thomas F. Eagleton, Democrat of Missouri, and Senator Muskie.

The Representatives are Adam

Clayton Powell, Democrat of Harlem; Charles C. Diggs Jr., Democrat of Michigan; John Conyers Jr., Democrat of Michigan, and James G. O'Hara, Democrat of Michigan.

Gov. John Bell Williams appeared on television tonight and denounced the Congressmen who planned to attend the funeral as publicity seekers.

Mrs. Coretta King, the widow of Dr. King, and the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, the successor to Dr. King as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were also expected to attend the funeral. Senator Muskie's office also said that others who were to make the trip included former Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and Whitney Young Jr., director of the Urban League.

Jackson city schools were closed today although many black youngsters have been boycotting school since the killings.

An economic boycott of white businesses by Negroes,

which has been under way this week, was apparently having an impact on the city's economy. The boycott had been scheduled to end this week, but black leaders have indicated it might be extended if the white community remained silent on the killings. So far, most whites in Jackson have expressed little concern over the shootings.

The chief exponent of white concern has been the moderate Mayor, Russell C. Davis. In a letter to the school board asking that the public schools be closed during the funeral of the Green boy, Mayor Davis said:

"Our people are aggrieved and upset and lament the tragic occurrence that has been visited upon our city. It would be our hope that the whole community of the city recognize this day as one of real meaning and evidence of our deep concern for what must be recognized as a time of sadness for every thinking person."

City officials said that 5,000 mourners were expected tomorrow. The Jackson police said that, in addition to city police, highway patrol units and about 1,400 National Guardsmen would be available to patrol the city.