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Close Door on Hate, Sniper's Pastor Asks

The 23-year-old man identified as the sniper in last week's Downtown Howard Johnson Motor Hotel shootout in which seven persons died has been buried in his Kansas hometown.

Mark "Jimmy" Essex was buried in a snow-covered Emporia, Kan., cemetery Saturday. He has been identified as the sniper in the Jan. 7-8 incident that left six white persons — three of them policemen — and the black Essex dead.

Funeral services for Essex were held in Emporia's St. James Baptist Church. About 250 mourners heard the Rev. W. A. Chambers, pastor, deliver a special message to the youths in attendance:

"Don't listen to them who

seek to persuade you the world's ills can be cured with their philosophy," he said. "It just can't be done, particularly when these men try to teach you violence and hatred. The God I know teaches love."

AS ESSEX was buried, New Orleans police quietly continued their investigation into the incident. In weekend developments:

—A 17-year-old New Orleans grocery store cashier said Essex shot her boss less than an hour before the sniping shootout began on the morning of Jan. 7.

—Stokely Carmichael praised Essex in Newark, N.J., and urged blacks to learn from the New Orleans shootings.

—Two organizations announced fund-raising drives for the families of the policemen killed in the shootout.

THE UNIDENTIFIED cashier said a man wearing green military fatigues and a black quilted jacket opened the grocery door, looked at the owner and told him, "You come here."

The girl said that before the owner could do anything, the man shot him and fled.

The girl identified Essex from his descriptions and photographs. "I'm positive that it was him," she said.

Carmichael, former chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, told a primarily black audience, "We should study and learn from the actions of Brother Mark Essex."

"We should understand that Brother Essex carried our struggle to its next quantitative level, the level of science," he said.

THE FUNDS FOR the slain policemen's families were formed by The Patrolman's Association of New Orleans and by a group of Concerned Citizens.

Donations to the PANO fund should be sent to PANO Relief Fund, National American Bank, or to PANO offices at 226 Carondelet.

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