

Soledad Brother Jackson Buried In Angry, Violent Ceremony

MT. VERNON, Ill. (AP) — Slain Soledad Brother George Lester Jackson was buried Sunday in a quiet country graveyard in an angry ceremony that, for a moment, flared into violence.

There were clenched fists and denunciations but no visible tears from the 60 persons who watched Jackson's coffin lowered into the family plot. Nearby was the still-unmarked grave of his younger brother, Jonathan, who was fatally shot 13 months ago in an armed raid on the Marin County, Calif., Courthouse.

George Jackson, shot dead last Saturday by San Quentin prison guards in what was described as an escape attempt, was buried exactly a year and 13 days after his brother.

Georgia Jackson, the slain man's mother, dominated the ceremony, flanked by a contingent of Black Panthers in ber-

ets and leather jackets.

"The reason he's dead today is that the state of California, and, maybe, the United States of America, decided he was a black man who was not going to cry out," she said.

Mrs. Jackson was plainly distraught. Arriving with the funeral procession that left St. Louis at 7:30 a.m., she forged into a cluster of newsmen.

"These leeches don't belong here," she said. "I certainly don't want the people who helped murder my son here." This isn't a service. No pictures."

Immediately after her son was killed, Mrs. Jackson had claimed that he was murdered in his cell by guards and then carried into the prison yard to make it look like an escape attempt. Prison officials vigorously denied this. They said Jackson began the escape at-

tempt with a gun smuggled to him by a visitor. Three prison guards and two prisoners also were killed.

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SOLEDAD BROTHER BURIED — The grave of George Jackson, one of the so-called Soledad brothers, is covered over by members of black militant groups at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Sunday. Jackson was killed August 21 in an escape attempt from San Quentin prison. Jackson's mother stopped a militant speaker at the funeral. "I don't want a sermon, I just want a few words." — (AP Wirephoto)