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## Tension High At Burial Of Jackson

MT. VERNON, Ill., Aug. 29 (AP) — Soledad Brother George Jackson was buried today in a country graveyard in a ceremony that, for a moment, flared into violence.

There were clenched fists and denunciations from the 60 persons who watched the convict'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 a shootout at the Marin County, Calif., courthouse.

George Jackson, shot dead a week ago Saturday by San Quentin Prison guards in what was described as an escape attempt, was buried 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 berets and leather jackets.

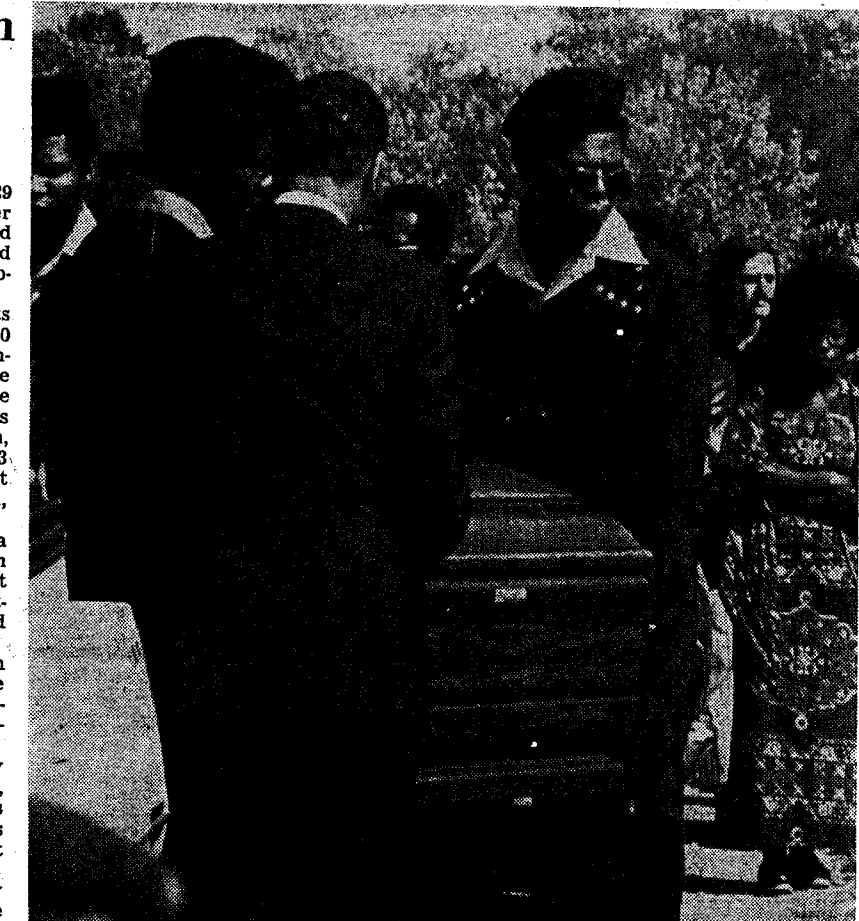
"The reason he's dead today is that the state of California, and, maybe, the United States of America, decided here was one black man who was not going to cry out," she said.

Mrs. Jackson was plainly distraught. Arriving with the funeral procession that left St. Louis at 7:30 this morning, 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 attempt with a gun smuggled to him by a visitor. Three prison guards and two inmate trustees also were killed.

Halfway through the cere-



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Black Panthers carry George Jackson's body to Mount Vernon, Ill., gravesite.

mony, Mrs. Jackson interrupted a eulogy delivered by Joe Swift of Washington, D.C., a representative of the national United Front, a black organization.

"Please stop," she said. "Stop preaching. My son didn't like preachers. I asked you to say a few words but I don't want any preaching."

A few moments later, two members of the Black Panther Party disengaged from the crowd and seized news photographer Bruno Torres. They demanded his film and when he refused, pounced on him, hurled him to the ground and

grabbed his cameras. One of the Panthers punched Torres in the face.

Torres, 36, an employee of United Press International in St. Louis, had been shooting pictures from behind a bush. He later said one of his cameras was slightly damaged and the Panthers exposed one roll of film.

Later, John Wielt, a photographer for the Mount Vernon Register-News, said he was struck by two Black Panthers when he returned to the cemetery after the ceremony to shoot a picture of the grave. Wielt said he was not seri-

ously injured by the Panthers, who he said had been standing behind a bush.

Jackson, 29, was imprisoned in 1960 for a \$70 robbery. The sentence was one year to life. In 1969, he was charged with murdering a guard at Soledad, Calif., State Prison and moved to San Quentin.

The term Soledad Brothers is used to describe Jackson and two other convicts, John W. Clutchette, 28, and Fleeta Drumgo, 24, all charged with the murder of a guard at Soledad State Prison in California's Salinas Valley.