

Negro Given Funeral of Martyred Hero

King Leads Rites for Victim of Racial Action

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the fine.

Marion, Ala., March 3 [Special]—Hundreds of Negroes led by Dr. Martin Luther King today gave a martyred hero's funeral to Jimmie Lee Jackson, 26, who was fatally shot during a bloody racial demonstration here two weeks ago.

Talking into a battery of microphones, King delivered the eulogy for Jackson in the Zion Methodist church here after an earlier funeral service in nearby Selma. Then King led a four-mile march of mourners to the graveside in the rain.

A few city policemen were on hand, but there was no trouble as hundreds of Negroes massed in front of the filled church and sang "freedom songs."

2,000 at Service

Not since the funeral of Medgar Evers, a Mississippi civil rights leader killed by a sniper's bullet in 1963, had Negroes turned out in such numbers to pay tribute to a civil rights struggle victim. An estimated 2,000 attended the Selma service and about 1,000 turned out to hear King's oration here.

King called Jackson "the martyred hero in the holy crusade for human dignity." He said "he was the victim of a brutal assault on Negroes who were peacefully seeking their rights," but he said that "his death may mean that we will substitute an aristocracy of character for an aristocracy of color in the nation."

The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, a close associate of King, described Jackson as a fallen hero who would take his place beside men like Abraham Lincoln and President Kennedy.

The Rev. R. T. Johnson, in a prayer that turned into a chant, prayed for policemen and "all

officials who would rather see blood on the streets, who would rather see men shot down than to sit down and talk."

Jackson, who died last week in a Selma hospital, said he was shot by an unidentified state trooper. He denied he had hit a trooper with a bottle, as authorities claimed. Several troopers were injured in breaking up a night Negro march on the courthouse.

En route back to Selma from Marion, King and Hosea Williams, one of his aids, were arrested on speeding charges. Williams, the driver, was fined, \$25 and \$11 cost for traveling 85