

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID NAT KING COLE

Benny — 'Mona Lisa will smile'

(Special to the AFRO)

HOLLYWOOD — "Some day dew drops will glisten on the 'Rambling Rose' — 'The Ballerina' will dance again — and the 'Mona Lisa' will smile."

The face of comedian Jack Benny was unfamiliarly drawn and his voice solemn as he spoke of Nat King Cole and a few of the many songs that had made the Alabama-born entertainer's voice known to the young and old, throughout the world.

It was Benny who eulogized the singer Thursday at the private Episcopal funeral services held at St. James Church before a hushed and

Pearl in shock

HOLLYWOOD. (UPI) — Singer Pearl Bailey, hospitalized earlier this month for heart strain, was readmitted to Mt. Sinai Hospital Saturday for treatment of nervous shock caused by the attempted burglary of her home.

The 46-year-old performer was released to her home several days ago for additional rest from the strain of overwork. A spokesman said Miss Bailey was extremely upset by the burglary incident Friday night.

reverent audience of some 500 people who had gathered to pay their last respects to a man who had brought so much pleasure to others.

At 45, the height of his career, when everything he touched had the mark of success, Cole died Monday of lung cancer.

BENNY TOOK note of this with the simple declaration FULL PAGE OF PICTURES, MORE STORIES ON PAGES 11, 12.

that Nat King Cole was a "man who gave so much and who still had so much to give."

In 80-degree weather, outside the church, an estimated 2,500 persons stood patiently during the hour and 15-minute service.

Three women fainted because of the heat in the closely packed crowd, but there was no shoving, no pushing, as the silent mourners waited for the casket to leave the church.

AS COLE lived his life with quiet dignity, so was he buried, in quiet dignity. The people who filled the church and stood outside were mostly adults, many of whom had perhaps first heard of Cole during the war years when he recorded "Straighten Up and Fly Right" and had followed him through "Nature Boy" and all the other hits that span the years.

Seventy-five floral pieces overflowed the vestibule of the church in a brilliant memorial to the son of an Alabama sharecropper.

The casket — plain bronze — was covered with a purple robe bearing a green cross bracketed with white roses. A ribbon attached to the roses from his widow read, "Because I love you so."

THE REV. SAMUEL D'Amico, who officiated at the services, praised the sugar-voiced vocalist: "He has won forever the victory of life."

Jack Benny, a longtime friend of the Cole family, was almost in tears as he eulogized Nat.

"In the acceptance of the belief, 'Thy Will Be Done,' many times we are prompted to question the justice of such events as the one that brings us together today," Benny said.

"FOR HERE I stand — a man who has been granted the years of life that one can hope for... good health... a measure of contentment — delivering a eulogy for a man whose span of life was so short — Nat Cole — who gave so much and who still had much more to give."

The widow, Maria Cole, sat quietly with bowed head throughout the service. The singer's three brothers and a sister by her side.

Cole had been undergoing cobalt treatments for a cancerous tumor in his left lung and last month underwent an operation.

He was thought to be improving, but last week took a turn for the worse.

He is also survived by his five children — Carole, 20, Natalie, 14, Nat Kelly, 6, and twins, Timolin and Casey, 3.

Plan memorial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a motion terming Nat 'King' Cole as "an outstanding singer and humanitarian" has approved erecting a permanent memorial in his honor at the city's new music center.

Cole was to have been the featured performer at the center's dedication, but had to cancel when he entered the hospital Dec. 11 for treatment.



THE FAMILY of beloved singer is seen at Forest Lawn Memorial Park during interment services. His daughter, Carol is at left, with his

widow, Maria, and a family lawyer-friend, Leo Branton. Cole's six-year old adopted son, Nat Kelly, holds a flower to his face. (UPI Telephoto)



FINAL RITES — Casket containing body of singer Nat King Cole is carried past honorary pallbearers following funeral services at St. James Episcopal Church in Hollywood,

Thursday, for the 45-year-old entertainer. The singer's widow, Mrs. Maria Cole, follows the casket on its way to Forest Lawn Memorial Park for interment. (UPI Telephoto)

YMCA Jim Crow Target Of New Suit

Dr. Hawkins plaintiff in legal action

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ANGRY ALABAMANS VOW

'Beatings won't stop us now'

By FRANK HUNT
AFRO Staff Correspondent

SELMA, Ala. — Police action of the type that sent 10 bloody demonstrators to the hospital, one of them seriously shot in Marion Ala., will not deter the voter registration campaign in Alabama's black belt, a leader of the movement said this week.

Dixie GOP gets plea

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — Edward W. Brooke, attorney general of Massachusetts, said Saturday Southern Republican organizations should open their doors to colored voters and identify themselves with the drive for equal rights.

Brooke told a news conference that the entire GOP needs to change its direction but that what was needed was "more a change in image than in policy."

Brooke, who refused to support Barry Goldwater, his party's presidential nominee last year, was in Washington to address the young Republican leadership school.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN that the party could not close its doors on any group, but must welcome the sons and grandsons of immigrants and the grandsons and great-grandsons of slaves.

He said the Goldwater campaign last year, with its appeal to the South, alienated

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"We have reached the point where we are no longer afraid of this treatment. A broken bone mends in about six weeks, but a broken spirit never heals," said the Rev. Andy Young, aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the same time the Rev. Young indicated that demonstrations scheduled this week will be held simultaneously in six or eight different places, thereby spreading forces of Col. Al Lingo's state troopers.

He appealed to the community leaders of both Selma and Marion to speak out and effect a settlement of the voter registration stalemate.

"There is a very fine element of potential leadership in both Selma and Marion," he maintained.

DEMONSTRATIONS in both Selma and Marion, were thwarted Friday as state troopers met the group at the door of the church with drawn billy clubs and ordered them back inside the church.

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'ALL MAY' WORSHIP

MEMPHIS—Second Presbyterian Church, which in the past turned away colored worshippers, last week voted to adopt a policy of "all may worship."

The General Assembly was moved earlier because of the previous exclusion policy.

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Charlotte, N.C. (UPI)

The NAACP filed a federal court suit here last week seeking to restrain the local YMCA from practicing discrimination against colored persons.

A spokesman for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund said the suit had "ramifications of wide scope" and added it was hoped the class action would lead to the lowering of racial barriers in YMCAs throughout the South.

THE NAACP suit was filed in U. S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. It was filed on behalf of Thomas Lassiter of Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins Sr., and his son, Reginald Jr., both of Charlotte.

The suit charged the non-profit organization with violating the new civil rights law by preventing colored persons from seeking "employment of the services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations" of the branch.

They also charged two YMCAs were operated in Charlotte — one for whites and the other for colored people.

Named in the suit were J. Caldwell McDonald, president of the YMCA's board of directors here, and George E. Simmons, general secretary. They operate both YMCA buildings here.

THE YMCA building the suit charges operated for whites was constructed several years ago and is a tall, modern structure with new

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Hospital order

COLUMBIA, S. C. — The Orangeburg Regional Hospital has been given 60 days by U.S. Judge Robert Henn- hill to file a plan for full integration of its facilities.

The suit was filed in 1962 by Mrs. Gloria Rackley, a teacher, now living in Virginia, after she had been removed from the hospital's 'white' waiting room.

THE COMMISSION heard testimony from more than 100 witnesses of both races during its session. It urged "voices of moderation" to speak out more forcefully.

Dr. John A. Hannah,

chairman, said in a closing statement the commission had found "some encouraging signs of change."

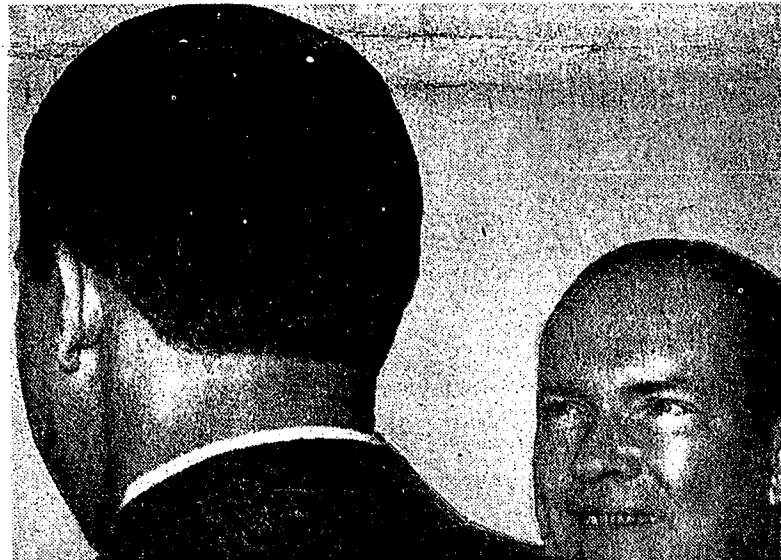
He said communities should insist on well-trained impartial law enforcement officers and cited the need

LAWYER TO WED PHILADELPHIA — James F. Dickson, 55-year-old blond lawyer of Asheville, N.C., has obtained a license to wed Dolores Johnson, 48-year-old salad girl here.

for free and open communications between both races. The statement also called for improved educational opportunities and steps necessary to guarantee voting rights.

IT WOULD seem that the possibilities for improved communications between the races are better now than at any time in the past 10 years," he said. "Hopefully the voices of moderation"

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UNDERCOVER MAN — Sgt. Ray Woods, left, (face not shown to protect his effectiveness on future assignments) of New York City's Special Undercover Police Unit, talks with New York City Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy. Woods is

credited with uncovering plot of three men and a woman, who hoped to dynamite the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell and the Washington Monument. Murphy said Woods infiltrated the group three months ago. (UPI Telephoto)

What They're Saying

POPE PAUL VI: "It is not true that some human beings are by nature superior and others inferior. All men are equal in their natural dignity."

JAMES BALDWIN, the author: "Something terrible has happened when a man can put an electric cattle prod against a woman's breast."

MRS. MOLLIE STRONG, 69, of Montgomery, Ala.: "I remember Nat (Nat King Cole) as a little bitty boy. When he was a very small boy he played the piano."

See Editorial on page 4 SHERIFF JIM CLARK of Selma, explaining why he struck the Rev. C. T. Vivian with his fist: "He said I was an evil man. He said I was like Hitler. He said people followed me like Hitler and they would regret it."

SEN. JACOB JAVITS (R., N.Y.) on voting denials in Alabama: "I think a very large majority of the Senate would favor passage of legislation which would permit the federal government to step in and end the subterfuge and the dilatory tactics of being employed in some states."

LESTER MADDOX, the Atlanta chicken shack owner who closed rather than serve

everybody: "Only in death will our efforts be halted."

HON. EARL WARREN, Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court: "If we really want peace on earth, if we believe that order is achieved through law, then we should make peace through law our pre-occupation."

REV. FR. JAMES HIGGINS, principal, Indianapolis Chatard High School, explaining why athletes were compelled to cut their hair: "We want the boys to look as though they are going to play basketball, not electric guitars."

BERNARD DELOUGH-ARY, quitting as a San Francisco police inspector: "They let the hoods out faster than we can lock them up. I'm sick of the 'Oh, that poor boy' attitude judges and juries have toward defendants."

DR. AARON HENRY,

president, Mississippi State NAACP, testifying before the U.S. Civil Rights Commission: "President Johnson on the right track, trying our best to solve our racial problems."

MRS. LILLIAN UPSHUR, Harlem Democratic leader, announcing plans to raise \$46,500 to pay off Cong. Powell's libel judgment: "The people of Harlem are so aroused, especially women. We want him to be able to come and go and we're able to pay for it. He inspires the people. I don't"

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Eyewitness describes murder

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Patricia Murphy Russell, a psychiatric social worker of New Rochelle, was an eyewitness to the assassination. Here is her story.)

By PATRICIA M. RUSSELL NEW YORK — When we drove past the Audubon Ballroom, 169th and Broadway, there were two police cars and eight policemen — two in front and six standing across the street at various corners.

We had to look for a parking space and did not get back to the ballroom for 10 minutes. The area in front of the ballroom was clear of policemen. There was not one officer in sight.

There were none inside the building. About 500 persons

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Malcolm slain in N.Y. ballroom

NEW YORK — Malcolm X, the 39-year-old Black Nationalist leader, was assassinated here Sunday afternoon while addressing 500 of his followers at a Manhattan ballroom.

Malcolm, leader of the Organization of the Afro-American Unity, died a few minutes after he was cut down by a volley of bullets, three of which struck him in the face, police reported.

Two other men — including one suspect — were also

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Dinah, Sam, Nat deaths seen proof tragedies come in 3's

By LEE BLACKWELL CHICAGO (NPI) — Great tragedies come in "threes" — so goes a popular belief. The claim is debatable but, nevertheless, tragic death has claimed three of the brightest stars in the entertainment world in the past 14 months.

Hushed are the voices of Dinah Washington, Sam Cooke and now, Nat (King) Cole. All three died in the prime of their lives and at the peak of their careers.

The combined sales of their records will, without doubt, reach the 100 million mark.

SIGNIFICANTLY, the amazing careers of all three artists started in Chicago.

WILL SERVE ALL ATLANTA — The new Gateway Cafeteria, formerly operated by segregationist Lester Maddox, will serve everybody, the new managers announced Friday.

The tragic triangle began on December 4, 1963, with the sudden death in Detroit of Dinah, undisputed "Queen of the Blues."

The voice of Dinah Washington (Ruth Jones), which had its roots in the joys and sorrows of Chicago life, became one of the world's best known and loved.

Her bright and fleeting star fell from the heavens before she reached her 40th birthday — but not before her records became a

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