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'MARSHAL CINQUE' IS BURIED IN OHIO

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CLEVELAND, May 23—The chapel was filled beyond its capacity, and an even larger crowd waited on the street outside, but at his funeral here today Donald David DeFreeze remained a mysterious figure.

He was eulogized as "a revolutionary who tried to get something across to the people," and he was referred to as a man who made history by "sacrificing himself."

But mostly on this warm and sunny afternoon three miles across town from the neighbor-, hood where he grew up, it was an impersonal farewell for the 30-year-old escaped convict who in little more than six months became nationally known as the Symbionese Liberation Army spokesman who called himself General Field Marshal Cinque.

Even after the tan metal coffin bearing his body was lowered into its grave, small knots of onlookers stayed and watched and tried to figure out who the black militant was and what the so-called army that he was a part of was all about.

"Even his family didn't know him," one of the many black youths outside the funeral home remarked. "Hell, they hadn't heard from him in more than two years."

A Brother's Tribute

The only word from the family today came from Delano DeFreeze, a younger brother. In remarks at the brief funeral ceremony that were barely audible, he said that his brother had "lived for the people" and that he "fell for the people."

Members of the family refused to talk with newsmen here today, but they issued an appeal yesterday for revolutionaries from across the country to come here for the funeral. But none were visible at the services that were conducted at the House of Willis Funeral Home in a predominantly black neighborhood on Cleveland's lower east side.

Mostly, those who crowded the chapel inside the funeral home were black, but there were also small groups of whites, mostly young, and it appeared that they had come, as most others, out of curiosity.

Inside the funeral home there were some 500 people, and an estimated 1,500 stood outside. The only gesture those in the crowd made was when the coffin was carried out. Then perhaps as many as several hundred raised their arms in a clinched-fist salute.

It was not a revolutionary service that was conducted for Mr. DeFreeze, who died last Friday in Los Angeles in a burning house with five other members of the Symbionese terrorist group during a shootout with the police.

Islamic Service

Instead, it wag an rslamic service conducted by the Sunni' Orthodox Moslem sect. The group also served as pallbearers. When questioned about their participation, one member

said that he had no idea why they were chosen. Another said, "because the family asked us."

The only semblance of militancy during the service was provided by members of a, group known as the House of Unity, a local group that stood guard around the funeral home. They carried no weapons but provided a paramilitary atmosphere with their khaki uniforms and black berets.

At one point before the service began, there was an argument in the balcony of the chapel among a group debating the merits of the Symbionese. The argument erupted when one woman accused the group of "ripping off" the black community.

But at the funeral home and at the cemetery, little was said of Mr. DeFreeze, apparently because nobody knew him.

He was born in November, 1943, one of eight children. He dropped out of school after the ninth grade and ran away when he was 14. For most, he was not heard of again until last November when the Symbionese group emerged from the underground to boast that it had assassinated the black superintendent of Oakland's public schools.

Camilla Hall Services

CHICAGO, May 23 (UPI)—The Rev. George F. Hall attended memorial services at his own church last night for the last of his four children—Camilla Hall, 29 years old, who died in the shootout.

Seven of Mr. Hall's fellow Lutheran ministers conducted the services, which did not mention the slain woman by name. Mr. Hall sat quietly throughout at St. John's Lutheran Church in suburban Lincolnwood.

"Last Christmas eve at midnight, our family, with many others, communed," Mr. Hall said in a church bulletin to members, "Camilla was with us and you. As we remember Christ this night in His ascension, we thank you one and all for the power coming from communing together. We sense just as strongly the abiding love and relationship with Camilla, her brothers, Terry and Peter, and her sister, Nan."

The other Hall children died before Camilla was 16,