

telephoned bomb threat.

# Bomb Threat Delays Little Rock Service Honoring Mrs. Liuzzo

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A memorial service attended by ministers and others of several faiths for Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, the Detroit housewife slain in Alabama, was delayed nearly 30 minutes Saturday morning at St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral by a bomb threat telephoned to a maid at the Cathedral priest's home.

Rev. Walter B. Clancy of St. John's Seminary, who preached the memorial sermon, went to the lectern and announced that the caller had threatened that "the building will be blown up in about 20 minutes."

He emphasized that he thought it was a crank call but said he felt it "the better part of prudence" that the congregation and visitors step outside through an exit near the front of the church to a parking area while the police searched the building.

The group, apparently sharing Father Clancy's skepticism, did as it was asked, and waited about 15 minutes while the police made a search of the building. No bomb was found. The priest then invited all to return and the service was begun about 10:25 a. m., and concluded without further incident.

"We are here today to memorialize the death and the act of love of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, and also to pray for and give praise for the Rev. James Reeb, Mr. James Lee Jackson and all those who have given their lives for their brothers in the struggle for justice and the recognition of the essential dignity of all men," Father Clancy began.

"These senseless acts of hatred and violence have no meaning whatsoever unless understood as the very antithesis of all that religion fosters and promotes. These acts cannot be explained as isolated examples of terror by thugs and hoodlums. They are too frequent and too often condoned by a community that professes to be religious. They are the logical consequence of inequality and injustice."

In a reserved area near the front of the Cathedral sat ministers of various faiths including Rt. Rev. Bishop Silas of New Orleans, the Greek Orthodox bishop of Amphipolis, an area that includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee,

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## Cross Is Found In Liuzzo Yard

### Other KKK Symbols Dropped in Detroit

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DETROIT — Burned crosses, the trademark of the Ku Klux Klan, appeared in pre-dawn darkness Saturday in the backyard of the home of slain civil rights worker Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo and in two other locations.

A fourth cross was found burning in a Negro's yard Saturday night.

Mrs. Liuzzo, 39, was shot to death near Selma, Ala., March 25 while participating in a civil rights project. Four Klan members were arrested in connection with her death.

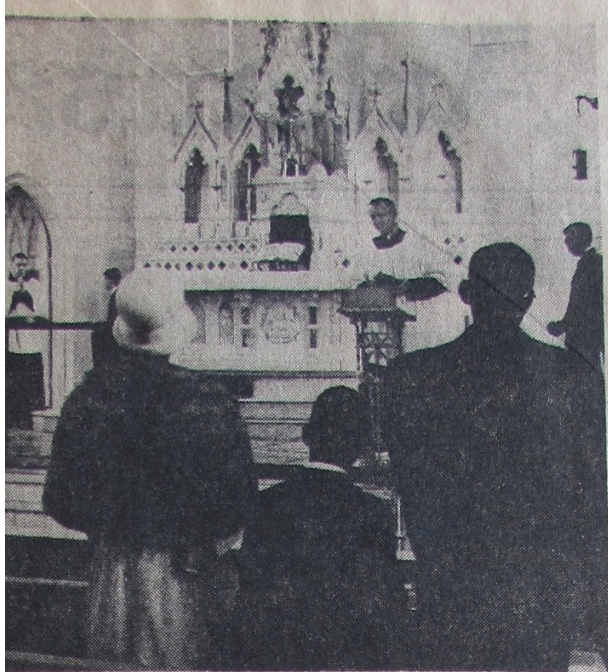
The first of the crudely made, heavily charred crosses was found in the backyard of the Liuzzo home on the city's Far West Side by a private policeman guarding the home. Anthony Liuzzo, 51, and his children were asleep at the time and Liuzzo later declined to comment on the incident.

The second cross was found on the sidewalk in front of the City-County Building in the downtown area. The building houses both city and Wayne County offices, including that of Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh.

The mayor said: "I understand the crosses were crude, like the pranksters, bigots or

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—Staff Photo by Gene Prescott

## Liuzzo Memorial Service

tern, right) preached the memorial sermon Saturday at a requiem at St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral before an interfaith, interracial Rev. James F. Drane, at left, flanked by acolytes.

## Service

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Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, who is making an official visit to the Arkansas Parish and who occupied the place of honor in the congregation. He was accompanied by Rev. Steven J. Vlahos, pastor of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Also present were Rev. Kenneth L. Teegarden of the Arkansas Christian Churches; Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, rabbi emeritus of Congregation B'nai Israel, and the Congregation's present leader, Rabbi Elijah E. Palnick; Rev. Sam J. Allen of the Arkansas Council of Churches, and Rev. Rhodes Thompson Jr., pastor of Pulaske Heights Christian Church.

A group representing organized labor, headed by J. Bill Becker, also attended.

It was apparent that perhaps half of the audience was non-Catholic. An estimated 225 persons attended.

Rev. James F. Drane, who said the requiem mass, faced the audience across a portable altar in performing the ritual of the mass, a "first" at St. Andrews. Protestants also observed that the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," a Lutheran stalwart used by Methodist and other Protestant churches, was played as the recessional.

The Prayer of the Faithful, read by a seminarian with audience response, included prayer for all priests, clergy and ministers, including rabbis, for all Christians and Jews and for racial justice. This contrasted with the old Good Friday prayer of the Catholics for the "perfidious Jews," a phrase struck from the ceremony by the late Pope John XXIII.

Kenneth Oberste was commentator and Fred Craig, a Negro member of the Catholic Interracial Council, which sponsored the service, was the reader.

Father Clancy observed that many have said Mrs. Liuzzo and others would not have died had they not gone to Selma. "They miss the point," he said. "If the Prophets of old had remained silent, they would not have been killed. The very notion of Judeo-Christian witness is that in the face of the challenge of love we really come to know what we are."

"The latent hatred that spewed forth in this woman's death was not of her creation. She proved by giving her life that it was there all along."

Those who hide behind the cloak of religion, he said, "will find no comfort in the Scriptures for their inactivity, for their lack of concern. Those who would really follow Christ are forced to the conclusion that love and recognition of the equality of all men demands more than lip service. It demands a willingness to translate recognition into opportunity and opportunity into responsible action if justice is to be served. And if justice is not served, can our love be genuine?"

## Party

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the country; except there, I think, his image becomes that of a racist. It is a very anti-Negro image.

"I do not think Governor Wallace would consider himself to be a racist or in any way anti-Negro. He would consider himself to be a segregationist and a believer in the separation of races. But I suspect that like many people in the South he does not see the relationship between segregation and racism."

## Crosses

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punks who are tossing them around. When police catch up with the culprits, it will be interesting to see just what kind of strange people they are."

The third cross was found in front of an abandoned building on the Near West Side which once housed the headquarters of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Members of the Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau said they did not think the crosses were the work of the Klan, adding that the organization had not been active in the Detroit area since the early 1930s.

## Wallace

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vored voting by all qualified citizens of Alabama, white and Negro, but "I don't favor a national bill setting any standards because the Constitution gives the states the rights to establish the qualifications of their voters."

Wallace said the national news media had lied about the situation in Alabama. He criticized the National Press Club for what he said was its failure to give him a certificate of appreciation after he spoke to that group.

"They said they didn't like my tactics," Wallace said. "But Khrushchev and Castro spoke to the National Press Club and they gave them certificates, so I guess they like their tactics."

Wallace said, "I wouldn't want to imply that everyone who has a grievance or feels he has had his rights taken from him is a Communist." But he said there were some Communists among those in last month's civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

Asked what he foresaw as the ultimate end of the civil rights struggle, Wilkins said, "All I know is that we're going to win or else we won't have a country."

He said Wallace was not a racist. "He is a pleasant man, but he is part of a system—and it is that system we are battling," Wilkins said.

Wallace blamed much of the South's present plight on discrimination in freight rates, which he said penalized the South until 1949.