

HOLD FUNERAL OF ROSENBERGS AT 1 P. M. TODAY

Report Spies Could Have Saved Selves

New York, June 20 (AP)—The bodies of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg lay in a Brooklyn funeral home tonight while sympathizers planned for their funeral services at 1 p. m. tomorrow.

United States Marshal William A. Carroll was quoted by the New York Daily News as saying today that up until the moment of execution the Rosenbergs could have saved themselves by cooperating with the government. Carroll was in charge of the executions.

"There was a direct wire open to Washington from the prison," the News quoted the marshal as saying. "I had instructions to halt the executions at any time the Rosenbergs indicated they were ready to cooperate with the government. . . . but neither one did."

Crowd Stands Vigil

A growing crowd stood vigil outside the chapel after the bodies of the executed atom spies were taken to Brooklyn in a black station wagon from Sing Sing prison.

Upon arrival at the funeral home, the bodies were taken out of their black prison bags, dressed in traditional funeral garb and laid on biers before an altar in the chapel, which was opened at 8 p. m. [Chicago time] to approximately 500 persons who had lined up on the streets to view the corpses.

Attendants said the chapel would remain open thruout the night and until funeral services. Attendance at the funeral will be by invitation only.

Policemen Patrol Scene

A force of 25 policemen patrolled the chapel area tonight as the crowd continued to grow.

By 10 p. m. police estimated 1,800 persons had filed past the bier. Many men and women wore sport clothing, and some women wore jeans.

Black paper skull caps were issued to men as they started up the stairs to the chapel.

Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs thruout the more than two years of court litigation that preceded their death, reached the chapel at 8:35 p. m. On leaving the chapel, he said the Rosenbergs' two sons would not attend the funeral.

Plan to Publish Letters

He said the letters written by the Rosenbergs in Sing Sing's death house are being edited in book form. Proceeds from sale of the books will go to the children, he said.

Rabbi Abraham Cronback, professor emeritus of Hebrew Union college, Cincinnati, will preside over the final rites tomorrow. Maurice Erstling, former president of the Cantors association of New York, will sing. Several speakers are listed.

The funeral procession will wind over a 35 mile route to Wellwood cemetery, near Farmingdale on Long Island, for burial ceremonies at 2 p. m.

It was learned today that both Rosenberg and his wife drew up wills in the death house shortly before their executions.

Prison officials declined to make the wills public. Nor would they describe the nature of the bequests nor the beneficiaries.

They said the Rosenbergs did not use legal forms such as wills usually are written on, but wrote them out themselves.

801 Days in Death House

The officials said Mrs. Rosenberg spent 801 days in the death house—the longest of any woman ever in Sing Sing. Her husband spent 767 days in the death house.

Mrs. Rosenberg's execution ended the jobs of four women—Mrs. Helen Evans, Mrs. Mary Creighton, Mrs. Natalie Jackson, and Mrs. Hanna Collard—who had served as death house matrons on her account.

Her incarceration was much more expensive than that of her husband because of the necessity of hiring the matrons.

Maintenance Costs \$30,918

Prison authorities said her maintenance cost \$38.60 a day, figuring out to \$30,918.60.

The cost of maintaining Rosenberg there was \$4.43 a day, increased 30 days ago to \$4.50, or \$3,399.91.

At a rate of \$150 each, the executioner was paid \$300, for an overall cost of \$34,618.51.