

U. S. DENOUNCED AT FINAL RITES FOR ATOM SPIES

Executions Assailed as Murder by Lawyer

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New York, June 21 (AP)—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed atom spies, were buried today after their sympathizers had culogized them as heroes and denounced the government.

President Eisenhower and the justice department were attacked at funeral services for the couple who died Friday in Sing Sing prison's electric chair for conspiring to give America's atom secrets to Russia.

Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg, 71, mother of Rosenberg, sought to throw herself across the caskets at the graveside.

She was restrained. She later fainted and was revived.

Calls Executions Murder

Atty. Emanuel Bloch, who led the defense of the Rosenbergs, was a main speaker at the semi-orthodox Jewish funeral services held for the Rosenbergs in a Brooklyn chapel. A crowd estimated by police at 10,000 stood outside the chapel in 93 degree heat.

Bloch said he placed "the murder of the Rosenbergs at the door of President Eisenhower, Atty. Gen. Brownell and J. Edgar Hoover."

He said these officials "directed the executions, if they did not pull the switch of the electric chair themselves."

Bloch described the executions of the Rosenbergs as "the face of nazism," and said:

"We must dedicate ourselves in this country to resist nazism."

Rosenbergs Sweet, He Says

He described the Rosenbergs as "sweet, tender, intelligent, cultured people," and said the course they took was one of "courage and heroism."

Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, who presided over the service, drew low hisses and murmurs of "no" from the audience when he said:

"Let us give them [the prosecutors] credit for this; that they did what they thought was right."

Rabbi Cronbach, who is professor emeritus of the Hebrew Union college of Cincinnati, O., said it is a Jewish maxim that when a person has paid the penalty for violating a law he is no longer in violation.

"According to that," he said, the Rosenbergs are now "innocent even from the harshest possible view."

Many of those in attendance

were prominent in the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, an organization that included among its sponsors many persons from organizations cited as subversive by the attorney general. After the services, the oaken caskets were loaded into black hearses. These were followed by more than 300 automobiles on the 35 mile drive to Wellwood cemetery where the Rosenbergs were interred.

Spectators were jammed for four blocks along the barricaded Brooklyn streets to watch the procession start.

A number of spectators heckled the gathering occasionally, and some denounced the use of the American flag by a guard posted over the caskets by the committee.

A woman who gave her name as Mrs. Rose Schwartz jeered: "Our boys are dying under the American flag in Korea. They ought to have the Russian flag in there."



[Associated Press Wirephoto]

Air view showing mourners winding around block yesterday in funeral procession for executed atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

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