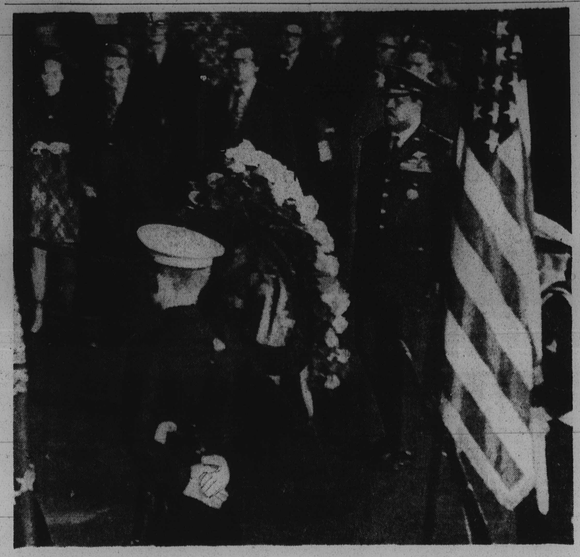

PAYING HIS RESPECTS to former President Johnson who also was his commander in chief during some of his combat pilot missions is Maj. Gen. Daniel (Chappie) James. (Cabell Photo)

President Johnson's 'people' brave cold, pay last respects

By RUTH JENKINS

WASHINGTON

"Lyndon Baines Johnson was a president for the people . . ."

This was the lead sentence of the tribute of Rep. J. J. Pickle, D.-Texas, during memorial services for Mr. Johnson at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, on Wednesday afternoon.

This tribute was reflected by the thousands of "the people" who braved the cold and lined up for hours to pass the bier as it lay in state following the memorial services.

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Perhaps a little less eloquently, but with equal fervor a number of them, when interviewed, expressed the same sentiment as Rep. Pickle when he said:

He (Pres. Johnson), devoted his life "to working toward the day when there would be no second-class citizenship in America, no second-quality opportunity, no second-hand justice at home, no second-place status in the world for our ideals and benefits."

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"As a young man, the former President experienced poverty and witnessed discrimination. He learned firsthand about drought and parched earth, about stomachs that weren't full and sores that weren't healed.

"As a congressman, he knew what it was like to be a poor farmer, a working man without a job, a black or a Mexican-American, and he set about changing life for the disadvantaged among his constituents.

As senator and vice-president, he saw that it was just as difficult to be poor or unemployed, or black or Mexican-American, in the big cities of the Northeast and the West Coast as it was in Central Texas.

His presidency changed America for the good and America will never be the same again.

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Guests in attendance at the Rotunda services included Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, D.C. Mayor and Mrs. Walter E. Washington, D.C. Delegate, D.-Mo., Walter E. Fauntroy, Rep. Parren Mitchell, D.-Md., and William L. Clay, D.-Mo., and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Attorney Clifford Alexander, U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke, Sterling Tucker and other members of the D. C. City Council, Mrs. Gladys Dunzan, Joseph P. Yerdell, Judge Henry Alexander and Judge William B. Thompson.

Also in attendance was Clarence Mitchell Jr., legislative chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and executive director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau.

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Mitchell had seen Mr. Johnson in Austin, Tex. in December at the symposium on civil rights at the LBJ Library, where both were speakers.

"The last time I saw him alive," Mitchell recalled. "But since then I had a very warm letter from him about plans for the future. He asked me to try to work with members of this Administration in the interest of civil rights and the poor.

"I let him know that I have started, and I shall try to honor his memory by continuing to find some way of reaching understandings which will be beneficial to those who need so much and have so little."

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Outside the Rotunda, thousands of Johnson admirers had watched the funeral procession from 16th St. and Constitution Avenue to the Capitol. And after the service, the Rotunda was opened to the public to pay its last respects.

When some were asked how they felt about Mr. Johnson, their responses were like that of Mrs. Lucy B. Gregory, a cab driver:

"I think he was a good President, who tried to carry out good orders for the poor, both black and white. No mistake about it, he really did try."

William Hardy, a resident of Garfield Terrace, and father of Kenneth Hardy, director of the D.C. correctional system said, "We thought very well of Mr. Johnson. He helped with civil rights and tried to carry out President Kennedy's ideas."

Another senior citizen, Mrs. Theodosia Graves of the Fort Lincoln Homes said, "He made a very fine President having to come in like he did after the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. He did a wonderful job."

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Miss Joyce Black, a teacher at Eastern High School, said, "I think he was one of our finer Presidents . . . especially concerning civil rights. I don't know how long we will have to wait until we get another President like Mr. Johnson."

Mrs. H. Edelin, a teacher, said, "I think he was wonderful because of the many things he did to help improve the whole picture of the country."

Willis Scott, a post office clerk: "I thought he was a very nice President. Surely this nation has suffered a great loss."

Jim Sweeney, also a teacher at Eastern High School, said, "At least when he was President, there was money for the schools in the cities."

James Huntley, an architect, said: "He was just the last President, as far as I'm concerned. This present one ain't mine."

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Mrs. Mary Lacy, a public reference clerk with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said, "I thought he was a wonderful President.

"At first, I wasn't too excited about him, but after he got into office and he seemed to be carrying out Kennedy's program, then I jumped to the gun. I think he did many more beneficial things than we could realize until at the final end."

Miss Gussie Wade, 11th grade student at McKinley Tech, said, "From what we studied about him in history class, I gathered that he was a wonderful President."

The Rev. Jacob C. Oglesby, part-time instructor and candidate for a doctorate in theology at Howard University said:

"I think he was one of the finest Presidents we ever had, because of his civil rights contribution, and because of his concern for the poor, the underprivileged, and the oppressed people of this nation."

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Mrs. Earlie Muse, housewife, who was there with her husband, Henry, and their 5-year-old son, Anthony, said: "I'm here to pay my respects to Mr. Johnson because I thought he was a great President." Her husband remarked, "A wonderful President."

Miss Roberta McKay, labor economist with the Department of Labor, I thought he was a great President on domestic problems. He was the right man at the right time to solve these problems. I was correctional system said, "We thought very well of Mr. Johnson. He helped with civil rights and tried to carry out President Kennedy's ideas." throw a shadow on a lot of the good that he did."

Mrs. Gloria Green, economist at the Labor Department said:

"I think that he was a great President and he did more for the minority races than any President ever had, and ever will. I don't think he should be blamed too harshly for the Vietnam War because he didn't start it; he did his best to bring it to an end."

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James E. Peterson, nursing assistant at Glen Dale Hospital, Md., said, "President Johnson was the greatest President of our time. The Scripture says I like to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work," and that certainly applied to Mr. Johnson."

Miss Joia Jefferson, communications student at American University, said:

"Personally, I was really impressed except for the Vietnam situation. I think he was a very fine President for his contributions to black people. He's the best we've had in my lifetime (20 years)."

Mrs. Charlotte Gwyn, teacher at the John Tyler School, said, "I think he was a wonderful President. I rate him next to John Kennedy."

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Summarily, the tributes typified the sentiment expressed by the Texas Club of Washington in its sympathy telegram to Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson which said:

"We have known and have loved and have been devoted to President Johnson for so long until we cannot help but feel your anguish and despair. But be not faint of heart; he did his job; he left his mark. And history will mark his excellence . . ."

The wire was signed by Jonathan L. Eugene, president, and Mrs. More D. Tolbert, secretary of the club.

Also, Louis Martin, former vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Rev. and Mrs. Leon Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, and Roy Wilkins of the NAACP; Miss Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women, and the Rev. Maurice Dawkins.

Lt. Col. Hugh Robinson, now stationed at West Point Academy, who served as a military aide at the White House under Johnson; Delegate Troy Brailey of the Maryland Assembly; Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mrs. Barbara Watson of the State Department, Judge James Watson of New York, Attorney Patricia R. Harris, Robert Parker, a Senate employee; Carl Rowan and Judge Leon Higginbotham.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Fauntroy of Washington, Rep. Andrew Young of Georgia, Dr. James M. Nabrit, former president, Howard University; George E. C. Weaver, Bayard Rustin, and many others.

Five of the eight members of the casket team who were from the various service units were black.

Moving with slow cadence they bore the flag-draped body out of the church to the waiting hearse, with thousands of spectators ringing the roped-off circle around the edifice.

Walking behind the body was the Johnson Family, headed by Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, who gave a "Thank you" nod to the mourners on both sides of the aisles.

The casket team members were:

Army—Sp. 4 Michael E. Ketchens of McClellanville, S.C.; Sp. 4 Cornel B. Davis of Lewisburgh, N.C.; Marines—Pfc. Larry T. Caldwell of Carol Hill, N.C.; Lance Cpl. Morris P. Henderson of Washington, D.C.

Air Force—Sgt. David E. Hunnings of Wilmington, Del.;

Navy — Storekeeper 3rd Class Howard K. Reed of Owens Cross Roads, Ala.; and Seaman Thomas E. Belew of Rockwell, Texas.

Coast Guard—Seaman Danny R. Bell of Odessa, Texas.

The officer in charge was 2nd Lt. James C. Reynolds of the 3rd Infantry.

ARRIVING at National City Christian Church for funeral services of former President Lyndon B. Johnson are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Alexander, Washington, and Louis E. Martin, Chicago. Alexander was chairman of the Equal Opportunity Commission uder Johnson. Martin, a newspaper executive, worked closely with the former president as a ranking Democrat. (Cabell Photo)

Johnson remembered as both humanitarian and President

Former appointees of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, others who worked in some capacity official or otherwise, joined this week in paying tribute tot he 35th President of the United States.

All regarded him as a truly remarkable man, who proved himself a dedicated worker for all by the landmark legislation passed during his term in office.

Here are excerpts from some of the expressions:

Justice Marshall

"In his private and official acts, President Johnson will go down in history as the one President who did all in his power to promote true humanitarian — the equalitarian principle of the equality of law — the principle we all profess to adhere to, but which he not only talked about but used with all the authority of his office to compel.

"The difference between President Johnson and many others in high office is that he did not mouth the words but put them into action and did so with all of his personal vigor and the full authority of his office."

Hobart Taylor

"LBJ was my father's friend and mine for more than 30 years. He was always motivated by a strong desire to make life better for the disadvantaged, in America and around the world.

"He did not see these people as objects of charity, but as potential assets who could help the nation and humanity at large if they themselves had a chance to develop properly.

"When he became President, he finally had an opportunity to put his ideas to work, and he was responsible for the greatest amount of social legislation in the history of the nation.

"Medicare, the Higher Education Act, reforms in the immigration acts — all were a part of his work. But he always considered as his greatest achievement the passage of the Civil Rights and the Voting Rights Acts, which eliminated formal discrimination against colored people in employment, public accommodations, housing and voting for the first time in the nation's history.

"LBJ was a southerner and thoroughly familiar with segregation and discrimination. He was always ashamed that he had been in his life a participant in the maintenance of institutions which condoned and furthered such practices.

"He resolved to order matters so that other southerners would never have to degrade themselves by being forced to engage in discriminatory practices which they knew to be wrong.

"He had a special affinity for the black people; he knew and understood them as one from the same soil and background; he made equal opportunity the main goal of his Administration and the monument by which he would like to be remembered.

"He was without illusion — he knew what he was doing — and why.

"In his passing, all America loses stalwart champion. But, if we are wise, we also gain a deepened sense of unity and common purpose which will enable the Republic to prosper and to make reality of our ideals for generations to come."

Taylor was special counsel to the President, vice chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity and later director of the Export-Import Bank of the United States during the Johnson Administration.

Wilen A. Branton

"The death of former President Johnson will be reflected by unusual sadness by millions of black people who had come to admire his efforts which were aimed at removing the barriers of racial discrimination.

"In my capacity as executive secretary of the President's Council on Equal Opportunity which was created in 1965, I had an opportunity to work closely with President Johnson and I can attest to his sincerity in the fight for equal opportunity for all Americans.

"When he asked me to go to the Justice Department to help enforce the Voting Rights Act, he expressed his strong belief in the power of the ballot and correctly predicted the influence of black political power as a weapon for change."

(Branton is a former executive secretary of the President's Council on Equal Opportunity and former special assistant to the attorney general.)

Judge Haywood

"The death, sudden and without warning, of former President Johnson, comes as a great shock to me, personally and as a community worker.

"I had the privilege of meeting him in September, 1957 when he was preparing to announce my appointment along with others, to the City Council. At that time, became privvy to his personally expressed devotion to the city, his hopes for it and his belief in its future.

"He worked so diligently for so many years for his beloved country and his adopted city. I am very sorry that his years were of public left so little time to enjoy his personal life with his devoted family.

"They will, I hope, be that he left many grateful hearts among the common consoled in the knowledge people."

-LBJ great

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My Hand Precious Lord," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Miss Price, who wore black enhanced by a string of white pearls, provided the only solo music. The opening organ meditation and "Choral Call to Worship," the Congregation hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West," and the closing anthem, "Once To Every Man and Nation," were sung by the National City Christian Church's Sanctuary Choir.

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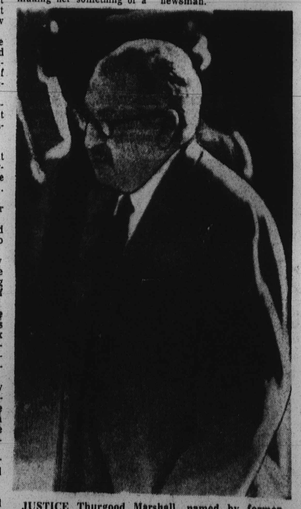
In addition to Mr. Watson's tribute, the Rev. Dr. George R. Davis, minister of the Church, lauded President Johnson as "a minister and a friend."



JUSTICE Thurgood Marshall, named by former President Johnson as the only member of his race ever to serve on the Supreme Court, was at funeral services to pay his respects. (Cabell Photo)

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top elected and appointed officials of this country. With hands clasped over their hearts, President Nixon stood to her right and Vice President Agnew to her left.

Hushed before her were tens of thousands who had come to witness the expected—the swearing in of President Nixon's to his second term of office.

What followed was something much more that just the usual recital of the anthem.

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"I wanted to bring it home," she said afterwards, about the way she sang, "O say can you see. . .

How did she prepare for the event?

"I just hummed around the house," she replied to the AFRO.

Each note and every word rocketed through the crisp January air finding their way into the hearts of listeners.

It is not surprising some people criticized Miss Ennis for her unorthodox presentation, since the singing of the anthem has become somewhat of a national issue.

But Miss Ennis not only shrugged off this controversy, she explained she sang the song in such a way as to make it more meaningful than ever to listeners.

President Nixon later said to Miss Ennis he liked her version.

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Miss Price, a personal friend of the Johnson who sang several times at White House affairs when he was President, sang a farewell a beautiful table filled with lucious goodies. Guests brought very appropriate gifts for Irene to use in the hot climate of West Africa.

Bishop and Mrs. Reid, will soon leave for Africa where he will take over a new post.

GUESTS

About that evening were M's Laverne Goldman, Lillian Holmes, Maxwell Courtney, Daniel Hodge, Cliff Ransome, Attorney Art Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Priest from Washington, D.C.; M's Phyllis Martin and Linda Pritchard and John Greene, Prince George's County.

Also, Dr. and Mrs. Earlie Francis, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Jerome Dorsey, Gordon Willis, Alvin Jackson, Jerry Reid; Calvin Corley James Griffin, Enlo Romtree, Wendell Sutton, Thomas Hasty, Theodore Jones, Samuel Billups, Roger Bowie, Milton Shelton, Raleigh Singletary, Alphonso Scarborough, Lewis Garrett, all of Baltimore.

And, Martha Burnett, Marie Price, Sylvia Grace, Elsie Myers, Dolores Cooper, Vivian Casfain, Carolyn Holmes, Frances Shaver, Diana Badgett, Edith Crawford, Ernestine Smith, Hortense Tupponce, Jerlyn Manuel, Julia Davidson, Messrs; Wendell Kent Sutton, Kurt Schmoke and Nathaniel Martin and M's Harriet Dandridge and Richard Nzeadibe from Columbia.

REV. HYMAN HONORED

The Rev. John H. Hyman was honored on his 73rd. birthday Sunday at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. James T. Jefferson. The honoree greeted over a hundred guests. Many of whom were longtime friends since childhood. Also attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Hyman Sr. Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Hyman Sr. his only living brother, and his son John H. Hyman Jr.; the Rev. Miss Eva M. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Lenzie Johnson.

Rev. Mr. Hyman formerly of Baltimore and founder of the Power Wheel Union of Gospel Workers, which he founded in 1937. He retired eight years ago and moved to his new, built home in Lancaster, Va., with his wife, the Rev. Mrs. Florence E. Hyman presently reside.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

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Unforgetable was a recent Sunday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. C. Mead Palmer, Jr., longtime residents of Baltimore returned from their Warsaw, Va. home to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Mr. Palmer, a retired 22-year civilian employee of Edgewood Arsenal was greeted by scores of his former co-workers, friends, children, grandchildren, great-grands and other relatives.

Heart-warming moments of reflection came as the Rev. Millard Cox offered blessings upon the couple. Guests dressed at the height of fashion wined and dined amidst the golden decor as gifts poured in throughout the evening.

GUESTS

From out of town came Mesdames Alice Smith, Gladys Lunch, Lucille Wisdom from Philadelphia; Joseph Driver, Sr., Kenneth Square, Pa.; Robert Driver, Del.; Joseph Driver Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Scott, also from Philly; Mrs. Beulah Green, Camden, N.J., and Miss Claudia Bennett, Pa.

A SURPRISE

Mark Kevin Tutman, age 6, was in nett, Pa.

for a surprise last weekend. He was given a birthday party by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Tutdallstown home. Present were Mark's man (Carolyn), at their new Rantwo brothers, Howard III, 12, and and John Logan, Lisa and Melanie Jason, 23 months. Also, Louis, Robert and John Logan, Lisa and Melanie Byrd, Darolyn Milburn, Jacqueline and Phyllis Brown, Angela and Anthony Johnson, Norman R. Ross, Sharisse Smith; April Ryan, Roderick and Michele Hart.

KAPPA WIVES

The fashionable Silhouttes (Kappa Wives) recently hosted their annual affair with good food and good music provided by Lewis Hamlin and the Hamptones at the Forest Manor.

The hostesses were elegant in colorful long skirts with contrasting blouses. Among them were: Mesdames Betty Mello, Mary Patterson, Bernice Brown, Patricia Speights, Margaret Smith, Elva Edwards, Gloria King, Mannette Mitchell, Carolyn Cole and Linda Johnson.

Also, Carolyn Boston, Geraldine Sampson, Sharon Hatcher, Delores Douglass, Ruth Ross, Carolyn Tutman, Daisy Matthews, Amelia Chase, Virginia Watkins, Beverly Pickett and Hazel Waltson.

And, Mesdames Blanche Johnson, Bernice Bradshaw, Lorraine Dorsey, Berine Bundara, Margaret Smith and Sandra Dingle.

GUESTS

Husbands and friends who joined the ladies were: Messrs. and Mesdames Charles Woodson, John Conquest Addison, Vernon Williams, Marsden Rawlings, Orlando Bennett, Franklin Fitzgerald, Jessie Tanner, John Pinkney, Charles Brightful, Teddy Pinkney, Lloyd Fleshman and Ronald Dorkins.

Messrs. and Mesdames Joseph Day, Goodrich Brame, Daniel Swain, Charles Logan, Joe Gordon, Jasper Johnson, Charles Anthony, Lawrence Matthews Stewart, Robert H. Rooks, Bruce Johnson, Milton Allen, Joseph Nixon, Milton Rogers Alonzo Jeter, Joseph Buckson, Ossie Henry, and

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MORE HAPPY FACES—Also seen at the Saturday night Couples Club party were from left: Mrs. Iris Mapp and Dr. Robert Lloyd, Mrs. Margaret Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Elaine) Nickens Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Luther (Collie) Johnson. (Photos by Moss). More about the Club in R.S.V.P. with Marie.

R.S.V.P.

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MRS. THELMA T. DALEY to speak at Founders' Day luncheon, Jan. 27

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