

Church Leaders Backing Indicted Pastor Powell

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.), under indictment on charges of federal income tax evasion, has the support of leaders of his Harlem congregation.

Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church for 20 years, did not appear yesterday to deliver two scheduled sermons.

His followers jammed the Harlem church. At the end of the noon service the ministers, board of deacons, board of trustees, women's committee, men's committee and the staff of the church passed a resolution affirming their full support of the Negro minister.

Powell has shunned public appearances since a federal grand jury indicted him last Thursday

on three counts of income tax violations. If convicted on all counts he would face a possible maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and \$30,000 in fines.

The congressman's troubles have been compounded by Democratic party moves to refuse him renomination.

Powell reportedly is planning a full slate of candidates if Tammany Hall drops him.

An overflow crowd of more than 3,000 appeared for each service yesterday at his Negro church, which has one of the largest Protestant congregations in the country.

Among those attending were Powell's stepmother, Mrs. Inez

Powell, and his 11-year-old son, Adam Clayton (Skippy) Powell. Powell's wife, pianist Hazel Scott, is in Paris, where she has remained for most of the last three years.

Meanwhile, an investigation seems likely into why government counsel delayed 14 months in presenting material on Powell's tax affairs to the grand jury.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) said yesterday a public explanation of the delay is called for.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, has asked for a White House probe of reports that U.S. Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers ordered the Powell case dropped while he was a deputy attorney general.

The government last Friday launched a probe of possible outside influences in Powell's indictment.

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Comedian's Son Did Not Die In Vain; Publicity Of Fight May Aid Others

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Comedian Red Skelton and his wife, Georgia, today found some solace in the belief that the international publicity on their son's valiant but losing fight with leukemia may help future victims of the cancer-like disease of the blood.

"I want the thousands of people who have written us that they prayed for Richard during his illness to have faith that God will answer their prayers," said Skelton.

"I believe that good comes out of everything, even tragedy such as ours. Maybe the world will know now that this disease must be licked. I think it is the beginning of all cancer."

The 9-year-old boy died Saturday night after a 16-month fight with the disease. Only blood transfusions had kept the child alive in recent weeks.

A final brain hemorrhage sent the boy into a coma that lasted an hour, he awoke briefly and whispered:

"I can't see. Everything is fuzzy."

A doctor turned off the light in the UCLA Medical Center room five minutes later and told the parents that the boy had died.

It was a moment the Skeltons had dreaded for more than a year. When it came, they were too stunned to move, Mrs. Skelton

said she and Red sat quietly weeping beside the boy's frail body for a half-hour.

His father knew earlier in the day that Richard had little longer to live.

"He and I watched 'Mighty Mouse' on television in the morning and then leaped through the Sears-Roebuck catalogue," Red said. He wanted a tent and a camping outfit for his birthday (May 20). He picked a Mother's Day blanket for his mother, too.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at Forest Lawn's Church of the Resurrection at 2 p.m. Richard will be buried in the Forest Lawn Mausoleum's Sanctuary of Prayer. The rites will be Protestant, a family friend said.

Entombed with him will be a crucifix blessed only Saturday by Pope Pius XII. Last year the Skelton family had a private audience with the Pope.

"It was a highlight of the boy's life," Skelton told a reporter.

On Saturday the boy asked his father if he could get a crucifix blessed by the Pope. It arrived after the boy's death.

The Skeltons are not Catholics but both Richard and Valentina, 11, attended parochial school at St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic church. The boy was unusually religious. His room was filled with religious statues and pictures.

The funeral comes on the day Red's show is seen on the CBS-TV network. He told an associate to notify the network and the sponsors he did not want even a filmed show on the air that day.

"People understand how I feel," he said.

London Meatmen Begin Strike

LONDON (AP)—A strike by 6,500 meat handlers at Smithfield Market, London's meat wholesale center, began at midnight. Supplies, already short because of a trucker's strike, are expected to become acute if the walkout continues.

The handlers quit work in protest against the discharge of 600 of their number as the result of a previous walkout by meat truck drivers. The drivers' strike meant less work for handlers and employers let some men go.

Because of the trucking stoppage, meat is piling up at London docks. Incoming ships with meat from abroad, are being diverted to provincial ports.

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William L. Heisterman, fail to stop at red light, \$5 bail forfeited.

Harvey Heibel, fail to stop at red light, \$5 bail forfeited.

Richard Irvine Welch, no operator's license, \$5 bail forfeited.

Armand James Mayzel, violation speed ordinance, \$5 bail forfeited.

Byron Jay King, fail to stop at stop sign, \$5 bail forfeited.

Milton Hill, fail to stop at stop sign, \$5 bail forfeited.

Marietta Milligan, fail to stop at red light, \$5 bail forfeited.

Calvin Lee Gilmore, fail to stop at red light, \$5 bail forfeited.

Don Leroy Beck, meter ticket warrant, \$10 bail forfeited.

Carl G. Hauser, following too close, \$5 fine.

Arvid Spruce, Erickson, fail to stop at red light, \$5 bail forfeited.

Svend Toftmark, no visible registration, \$3 bail forfeited.

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