

# 4,000 Mourners Crowd Rites For Ashby Carter

More than 4,000 persons crowded into Quinn Chapel AME church 24th and Wabash ave. last Monday to witness the solemn and colorful last rites for Ashby B. Carter, nationally known labor and fraternal leader.

Eloquent tribute to a lifetime devoted to service for his race and fellow man was paid by high ranking clergy, fraternal heads, and civic leaders. The three-hour service was conducted by Rev. T. Deans Scott, pastor of Woodlawn AME church and for many years the spiritual advisor and close friend of Mr. and Mrs. Carter.

Brief eulogies were made by Bishop George W. Baber of the Fourth Episcopal district of the AME church; Acting Postmaster of Chicago, Carl W. Schroeder; O.O. Morris, executive secretary of the Washington Park YMCA; Rev. S. Marion Riley Jr.; Rev. Harvey E. Walden, pastor of Grant Memorial AME church; and Representative Corneal Davis. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Scott.

Rev. Joseph Evans, pastor of Metropolitan Community church, gave the opening prayer and the scripture lesson was read by Rev. Cortez D.L. Bradshaw, pastor of

Berean Baptist church. Soloists were Mary Crowley Delaware and Benjamin Gore.

Saturday evening, Arabic Temple No. 44 and the Shriners Consistory held rites at the Temple at 4220 Cottage Grove ave. where the body lay in state until the funeral.

Masonic rites at the church were conducted by Dr. E. C. Rogan, deputy Grand Master of the Prince Hall masons of Illinois who will succeed Carter as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Other lodges participating were the Order of Eastern Stars and Fort Dearborn Lodge No. 444 of the Order of Elks, Frederick Duke, Grand master.

Prominent among the mourners was a large delegation from the National Alliance of Postal Employees which Carter served as president for 16 years.

Following the services, a mile long cortege including four open cars stacked with the hundreds of floral tributes followed the remains to Lincoln cemetery for the internment.

Carter was buried in the Masonic plot in the cemetery which he dedicated a few years ago.