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Victims of bomb aftermath buried

Two young Negro gunshot victims, killed in incidents following a church bombing, were buried here Sunday.

The first funeral was held for 13-year-old Virgil Ware, who allegedly was shot by two white teenagers after a Negro church bombing which killed four girls Sept. 15.

Johnny Robinson, 16, was buried at a later service. Robinson was shot by a police officer in one of several rock-throwing incidents that broke out following the blast.

A Negro minister, the Rev. A. L. Woods, charged at the Robinson funeral that Birmingham has "a long, despicable record of police brutality.

"EVERY NEGRO mother's son is a potential Johnny Robinson," Woods told about 500 persons at the service. He said he hoped the boy's death would inspire someone "to do something about police brutality."

A grand jury investigation will be asked in the Robinson death, Coroner J. O. Butler has said. Butler said an investigation showed Robinson was struck by pellets from a policeman's shotgun. Police said the boy had been throwing rocks at their cruiser and they fired at the ground.

At the Ware boy's funeral, the Rev. J. R. Hicks said, "There should be no malice in anyone's heart toward anyone else. Virgil was a good boy. 'The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.'"

TWO WHITE BOYS are being held without bond on murder charges in Ware's death.

The Rev. Edward Gardner, first vice president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, led the procession at New Pilgrim Baptist Church, where last rites were held for Robinson.

Two white ministers took part in the service.

A quiet service was held for Ware on the outskirts of Birmingham.

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