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POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: April 7, 1968

FROM : SA DONALD L. SIEFERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. BARBARA GALLEGOS Box 66, Olathe, Colorado phone number 323-5210 telephonically contacted SA Donald L. Siefers on 4/7/68 and furnished the following information:

She flew from Denver, Colorado to Pueblo, Colorado on 4/5/68 via Frontier Flight 583 which left Denver at 6:35pm. Prior to flight and while waiting at airport Denver she had a conversation with a white male who gave his name as Richard Kents. She advised

Kents indicated he had been flying all day and that he had started from Nashville, Tenn. traveled to St Louis and then got a flight from St Louis to Denver, Colorado, and was now going to Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was to meet a buddy and then they were going skiing. KENTS indicated they were going skiing at Monte Vista and then said was going skiing at Vale, Colorado.

Mrs. Gallegos advised since the man said he had come from Tenn. she mentioned the killing of Rev Dr. King and what a terrible thing it was. This man then said he had been ~~xxxx~~ there which she took to mean Memphis ~~xxx~~ so she asked him if he had seen anything or if there had been any rioting. This man then replied he had been in Nashville so hadn't seen anything.

This man indicated he was actually from San Francisco and she noted he did not have any accent southern or otherwise. She advised this man was a white male about 25 years of age, black hair, a little taller than average she estimated around six feet, average build, and was wearing a business suit. She advised she did notice however that he had real fat fingers on his hands.

Mrs. Gallegos advised she could recall nothing further about this man and he never mentioned who his buddy was in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he departed from the flight.

Mrs. Gallegos advised that she observed a rough drawing of the assassin of Dr. King and felt this man she had talked with might possibly fit the description of the drawing.

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FRONTIER AIRLINES advised as follows:

(FNU)
A ~~Cambridge~~ was on flight 583 on 4/5/68 to Pueblo, Colorado
on same flight (FNU) KINST got off this flight at Colorado Springs,
Colorado. THE ~~KINST~~ (FNU) KINST reservation was made as follows:
TWA flight 444 from Nashville, Tenn to St Louis on 4/5/68, TWA
flight 459 St Louis to Denver and then to flight 583, Frontier, to
Colorado Springs. Reservation made out of Nashville, Tenn on
4/3/68. Additional reservations still open are flight 526 ~~Calix~~
Colorado Springs to Denver on 4/7/68, LV Colorado Springs, 421 pm
Arrive Denver 4:55pm transfer to TWA flt 444 to St Louis, leaving
Denver at 6:05pm Arriving St Louis 8:46pm, then Eastern Flight 662
from St Louis to Nashville, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA ROY I. MISCHKE

SUBJECT:

MURKIN
CR

Re memo of SA DONALD . SIEFERS dated 4-7-68.

MR. GARY RAVAN, Reservation supervisor, TWA, Denver, advised on 4-7-68 that records in his possession reflect that passenger R. KINST held reservation and did depart Denver on TWA Flight 662 at 6:05 P.M. 4-7-68 for non-stop trip to St. Louis, Mo., arriving 8:46 P.M.. He further advised that this individual held reservation on Eastern Airling flight 662 leaving St. Louis at 9:16 P.M. and arriving at Nashville, Tennessee at 10:15 P.M. 4-7-68.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC MEMPHIS
 from: SAC DENVER (157-203)
 MURKIN; CR

MRS. BARBARA GALLEGOS, OLATHE, COLORADO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED DENVER OFFICE 4-7-68 ADVISED SHE OBSERVED ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB IN NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVES SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES MAN SHE MET ON FLIGHT DENVER TO COLORADO SPRINGS EVENING OF APRIL FIVE, INSTANT. INDIVIDUAL SAID NAME WAS RICHARD KENTS (PH) AND HE WAS ENROUTE NASHVILLE TO COLORADO SPRINGS TO SKI WITH UNNAMED FRIEND. DESCRIBED WMA, ABOUT 25 YEARS, 6 FT, MEDIUM BUILD AND BLACK HAIR.

RECORDS OF FRONTIER AIRLINE FLT 583, 4-5-68, REFLECT ONLY PASSENGER DEPARTING AT COLORADO SPRINGS WAS (FNU) KINST WHO MADE TWA RESERVATION 4-3-68 FOR/FLTS NASHVILLE TO ST. LOUIS TO DENVER AND FAL to COLORADO SPRINGS. AT SAME TIME MADE RESERVATIONS FOR RETURN FLIGHTS ON 4-7-68 LEAVING DENVER 6:05 P.M.

TWA OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT R. KINST DID DEPART DENVER TWA FLT. 444 ARRIVING ST. LOUIS 8:46 P.M. AND HOLDS RESERVATION EAL FLT. 662 ARRIVING NASHVILLE 10:15 P.M. 4-7-68.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY R. KINST FROM RESERVATION RECORDS OF EAL OR TWA AND HANDLE AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT. END.

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Above telephonically furnished to SAC R. JENSEN, Memphis, 7:15 P.M. 4-7-68, per ASAC MORLEY.

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807PM URGENT 4-7-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN; CR.

MRS. BARBARA GALLEGOS, Olathe, Colorado telephonically contacted Denver Office April seven instant and advised she observed artist sketch of unsub in newspaper and believes somewhat resembles man she met on flight Denver to Colorado Springs evening of April five, instant. Individual said name was Richard Kents (PH) and he was enroute Nashville to Colorado Springs to ski with unnamed friend. Described WMA, about twentyfive years, six feet, medium build and black hair.

Records Frontier Airline flight five eight three, April five, instant, reflect only passenger departing at Colorado Springs was (FNU) Kinst who made reservation April three, sixtyeight for TWA flights Nashville to St Louis to Denver and Fal to Colorado Springs. At same time made reservations for return flights on April seven instant leaving Denver six zero five PM.

TWA Official advised that R. Kinst did depart Denver TWA FLT.

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APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY R. KINST FROM
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150AM URGENT 4-8-68 TJT

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DENVER LITTLE ROCK, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE, WFO
FROM BOSTON

MURKIN CR.

RE BOSTON TEL SENT YOUR OFFICE, TWELVE TWENTY THREE AM INSTANT
DATE. NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE FIRST PAGE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:
ALSO PLANNED PROSECUTORS AND INVESTIGATORS.

SHOULD READ THUS: ALSO PLANNED TO KILL PROSECUTORS AND
INVESTIGATORS.

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FBI BOSTON

150AM URGENT 4-8-68 TJT

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS DENVER LITTLE ROCK LALT LAKE CITY BUTTE WFO
FROM: ^{Boston} ~~BOSTON~~ CR. *MURKIN. CR,*

RE NEW HAVEN TEL FOUR-SEVEN LAST.

VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA BORN

ARMY SER NO. RA ONE ONE THREE SIX ZERO THREE EIGHT ZERO EMPLOYED BY
TRANSIT BUS LINES NEWPORT R.I. SINCE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST WORKED
NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR LAST UNTIL ONE THIRTY A.M. APRIL FIVE LAST. ALSO
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TO SUPERVISOR AND RECORDS. DE PALMA INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF SLAYING OF KING OF BOMBING SOVIET EMBASSY OTHER THAN
THAT IN NEWS MEDIA.

DE PALMA IS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE FROM MINUTEMEN AND FURNISHED
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DE PALMA FURNISHED TO ATTU DENVER COLORADO DETAILS REGARDING
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SALT LAKE CITY, LITTLE ROCK AND BUTTE ADVISE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION.

LHM TO FOLLOW TO BUREAU.

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1216A.M. URGENT 4--8-68 WMG

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN, SALT LAKE CTY
FROM: DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO KC AND NH, BOSTON OFFICE INTERVIEWED VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA, NEWPORT, R. I., FORMER MINUTEMAN, WHO REPEATED INFORMATION HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO ATTD INVESTIGATOR KARL E. TERLAU AT DENVER JANUARY LAST TO EFFECT THAT MINUTEMEN PLANNED TO KILL KING, ETC.. DE PALMA ADVISED THAT IF MINUTEMEN RESPONSIBLE ASSASIN COULD BE MIKE LNU FROM TEXAS DESCRIBED WM/ITALIAN EXTRACTION/TWENTY SIX/FIVE FEET TEN INCHES/ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS/LIGHT COMPLEXION/THICK BLACK CURLY HAIR. MIKE OWNED MILK TRUCK PAINTED WHITE WITH KANSAS LICENSE LAST KNOWN TO BE PARKED AT TOPAZ MINING CO. NEAR SLC.

DENVER FILES CONTAIN COPY OF TERLAU'S REPORT DATED 1-22-68 AND REFLECT THAT SAME HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO ALL LISTED OFFICES. NO ADDITIONAL INFO DN FILES RE MIKE.

KANSAS CITY AND NEW HAVEN AS OO OF MINUTEMEN AND DE PALMA CASES
REVIEW FILES FOR POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF QUOTE MIKE UNQUOTE.

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BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK AND SALT LAKE CITY OFFICES SUTEL
MEMPHIS RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY DE PALMA TO ATTD.

DENVER WILL RECONTACT ATTD INVESTIGATOR TERLAU.

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1:42 AM MST URGENT 7-8-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN,
AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

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BUTTE, LITTLE ROCK, AND SALT LAKE CITY OFFICES SUTEL MEMPHIS
RESULTS OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED
BY DE PALMA TO ATTD.

DENVER WILL RECONTACT ATTU INVESTIGATOR TERLAU.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DENVER 157-203 1P

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE DENVER TEL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

INVESTIGATOR KARL E. TERLAU, ATTD, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT NOR RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM VINCENT JAMES DE PALMA SINCE [REDACTED] DATE OF HIS INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA JAN. SEVENTEEN LAST WHICH HE REPORTED IN LETTER DATED JAN. TWENTYTWO LAST.

TERLAU LETTER RE INTERVIEW OF DE PALMA FURNISHED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES BY LHM AND AIRTEL FEB. TWO LAST UNDER CAPTION MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS, BUFILE SIX TWO DASH ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO SIX ONE.

BUTTE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK, NEW HAVEN, SALT LAKE CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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County Judges Join In Sympathy Letter

Denver's 11 county judges joined millions around the world Friday in extending their sympathy and condolences to the widow and family of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A letter to Mrs. King was sent over the signatures of Presiding Judge William H. Burnett and Judges Gilbert A. Alexander, William Conley, Dan D. Diamond, John J. Dunn, Samuel M. Kirbens, Wallace McCamant, George A. Manerbino, John F. Sanchez, L. Paul Weadick, and Zita L. Weinshienk.

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The text of the letter:

"It seems to us not enough that we, as judges of one of the courts of the land, share your and America's grief, indeed, the grief of the world community, in the loss of your beloved husband.

"We are impelled to let you know by this means that Dr. King commanded, and his memory shall continue to command, the ultimate in respect for us because of his unalter-

able devotion to the principles of 'universal justice for all' and the 'brotherhood of man,' and the fulfillment of both through peaceful means.

"World history will find it difficult, if indeed it can, to produce another, save Christ, himself, who exemplified so manifestly all of the principles of Christian doctrine and Christian living that we would were mirrored in ourselves, as did Martin Luther King Jr.

"It is our profound belief that, had he lived, he well may have led the world out of the darkness of conflict into the aura of eternal peace under God.

"Please accept this all too inadequate expression of our collective compassion for you and your family."

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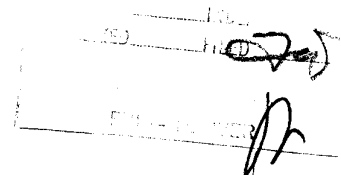
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King Friend Asks Erasure of Fears

By RENA ANDREWS
Denver Post Religion Editor

A Denver pastor, who had been a friend of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Friday appealed to Denverites to "erase our fears and lean upon the strength of Dr. King.

"Dr. King would rather see us erase violence and stand up for the things for which he gave his life — nonviolence and peace for all mankind," said the Rev. J. H. Jackson, Jr., a Negro, pastor of Scott Methodist Church, 2201 Ogden St.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson said he spent all day Friday at Smiley Junior High School and East High School where he "observed disturbed people — both young and old."

"I feel that as a friend to society, and because of my knowledge of Dr. King's ideas,

we should stand for what he stood for."

The Denver pastor said he met Dr. King in the late 1930s at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga., which the slain civil rights leader attended for a few months.

The two men were closely associated when the Rev. Mr. Jackson was executive secretary of the Central-West Conference of the Methodist Church in Kansas City.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson said their friendship was renewed during Dr. King's Denver visits.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson will eulogize Dr. King at a memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Colorado State College in Greeley. He said the student body and faculty asked him as a friend of Dr. King to conduct the special service.

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Denverites Urged To Continue Calm

By FRED BAKER
Denver Post Staff Writer

State and municipal officials and civic leaders appealed Friday for residents to maintain the calm that has prevailed in Denver, and announced plans for three memorials for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The silent memorial marches were scheduled for Saturday, and Sunday was designated as a day of official mourning for Colorado by Acting Gov. Mark Hogan.

In a joint statement, Hogan and Mayor Tom Currigan announced special memorial services for 2 p.m. Sunday on the steps

of the Denver City and County Building.

The officials spoke Friday after a day marked by several incidents of fighting between Negro and white youths, minor disturbances in five stores and three fire bombings.

No serious casualties were reported to police, who said Friday night was "if anything, quieter than the usual Friday night."

Rumors Rampant

Rumors of pending trouble were so prevalent, however, that Mayor Currigan set up a special information center, to be manned 24 hours a day, where citizens can call for accurate reports. The telephone number of the information center is 297-2721.

A march from Fuller Park, E. 28th Ave. and Gilpin St., to Skyland Park, E. 33rd Ave. and Holly St., was scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday by the Black-Brown Unity Council. The organization, formed Thursday night after King's death, was described as a coalition of Negro and Spanish-surnamed residents of Denver.

Another march from Loretto Heights College to Cinderella City in Englewood was scheduled for noon. This march will be sponsored by the Core City Ministries, an inter-denominational coalition of religious groups.

Bishop Is Speaker

Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, Denver area bishop for the Methodist Church, was scheduled to address the marchers at Cinderella City.

Hogan denied a rumor that the Colorado National Guard had been called to duty.

"At this time there is no necessity for calling out the guard, as some rumors have it," Hogan said, "or of closing down stores or enforcing a curfew."

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Metro College Memorial For Dr. King Is Symbolic

By MICHAEL HOWARD
Rocky Mountain News Writer

It was not the kind of memorial service where your dress was important.

There were no barriers to those clad in blue jeans and sandals, turtle necks and short-sleeved sport shirts. The openness of the service to any and all, regardless of race or appearance, was symbolic of Dr. Martin Luther King, the man the students had come to hear eulogized.

Even the rumble and shaking of the vending machines that are fed nickels and quarters by hungry students at lunch hour went unnoticed as the soft, steady voice of the Rev. Ken Phillips quieted the packed student lounge at Metropolitan State College with the words, "It is a difficult time for us all."

Said Rev. Mr. Phillips: "Dr. King repre-

sented the soul of all America. He believed there was something unique about this country."

And for that cause, said the pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Dr. King gave his life.

Drawing an analogy between Moses and Dr. King, who was murdered Thursday in Memphis, Tenn., Rev. Mr. Phillips called the apostle of non-violence "the greatest leader of his generation."

"To the Negro, he was Moses," said Rev. Phillips.

In his 10-minute eulogy, Rev. Phillips urged Americans, black and white, to band together.

"Let's not give up on America, for it is our land. It is not the white man's country. Our blood has been shed, too," Rev. Mr. Phillips told the several hundred persons present for the service.

Rev. Mr. Phillips made a strong plea for keeping the civil rights struggle non-violent, claiming the Negro "has more to lose in rioting than the white man."

Echoing Dr. King's challenge, "I dare you to march in love," Rev. Mr. Phillips suggested, "Let's love people enough so that they love us in return."

The minister noted that Dr. King's death had caused flags to be flown at half staff for a Negro for the first time in American history.

He added, "Let's show constructive mourning."

Throughout his eulogy Rev. Mr. Phillips made repeated references to "America's precious possibilities," and in closing said, "Let's make America our home."

"We must walk together and not get weary."

Prior to Rev. Mr. Phillips' address, Dr. Kenneth Phillips, president of Metropolitan State College, announced that all classes at the college including those in the evening, would be suspended until Monday morning.

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Memorial Services To Honor Leader

Several Colorado churches and student groups have planned memorial services to commemorate the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Scott Methodist Church will hold joint services with Cleaves C.M.E. Church at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Scott Church, 2201 Ogden St. The Rev. J. H. Jackson Jr. of Scott, and the Rev. A. C. Redd of Cleaves will officiate.

Littleton memorial services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace United Presbyterian Church, S. Sherman St. and Arapahoe Road.

The Rev. Burton Smyth, pastor of the church, said other ministers from various denominations will participate. The service is sponsored by the Littleton Ministerial Association and the Littleton Council for Human Relations.

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 3650 York St., will hold services at 3 p.m. Sunday, according to the Rev. James E. Brockman, pastor.

The Golden Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a memorial service from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the First Methodist Church of Golden, 15th and Ford Sts.

H. Thomas Primm, bishop of the 5th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, has urged 75,000 members in 15 states to hold special memorial services Sunday in honor of Dr. King.

The Colorado and the Denver Area Councils of Churches will not hold individual services, officials said.

Instead, officials urge all member churches to hold services and ask all churchgoers to attend memorial services at a church in their area.

Officials from both groups said they will attend services Sunday planned by the East Denver Ministerial Alliance. The time and date of services haven't been set.

Another service is planned Sunday in Colorado Springs in the Broadmoor World Arena behind the Broadmoor Hotel. Officiating at the 3 p.m. service will be clergymen from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, and a 400-voice choir will sing.

The Rev. Milton Proby, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, and the Rev. Robert Bowman, pastor of All Saints Unitarian Church, will be the principal speakers.

Free buses to the area will leave E. Vermijo Ave. from the courthouse on Alamo Square.

James White, president of the Colorado Springs chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is general chairman for the program.

About 50 Negro students at Adams State College in Alamosa marched through the southern Colorado city Friday to commemorate Dr. King. In Greeley, 75 students from Colorado State College marched from the campus to the Weld County Courthouse for a brief moment of prayer.

A memorial service for Dr. King will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, E. 36th Ave. and York St. Participants will include the Rev. James Brockmann, pastor; the Rev. Robert Hentz, pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Western Hills; the Rev. Luther Roehrs, pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Golden, and two laymen, Leon Sawyer and Wendell Peters.

Several department and grocery stores announced Saturday that they would be closed Sunday in observance of the memorial service at the Denver City and County Building for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Among those that will be closed all day are Target stores, Montgomery Ward stores, GEM stores and King Soopers stores. Safeway announced that its stores would be closed during the period of the King service, which starts at 2 p.m.

All Miller's Super market stores in the Denver area, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Greeley and Longmont will be closed on Tuesday until noon to mark King's funeral.

The Denver Public Library, W. 14th Ave. and Broadway, will be closed Sunday. The library's normal hours on Sunday are 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Denver Junior Police Band has canceled its annual concert, planned for 3 p.m. Sunday at the City Auditorium, in memory of Dr. King.

The Colorado McCarthy for President Committee announced Saturday that it will be closed until after funeral services.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy has canceled his presidential campaign schedule and has returned

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to Washington until after the services for the assassinated civil rights leader, a spokesman for the Colorado committee said.

The Golden Symphony Orchestra and the choir of Central Presbyterian Church, 17th and Sherman Sts., will perform Faure's "Requiem" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church in memory of Dr. King.

University of Colorado students and faculty members are backing a plan to halt classes in Boulder Monday to promote a rally and seminars in memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Twenty-three professors and four student organizations have sanctioned the "Day of Conscience," organized mostly by members of the University Students for a Democratic Society.

Boys and girls from two special reading classes at Barrett Elementary School in Denver will march from the school to Scott Methodist Church Sunday afternoon for a memorial service for King.

The 29 fourth and fifth grade students, under the leadership of teacher John Smith, will leave at 4:30 p.m. from the school, at 2900 Jackson St. The church is at 2201 Ogden St.

The students had planned to fly to Washington, D.C., on a field trip Saturday, but the trip was postponed because of the assassination of King.

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Memorial Will Feature Dr. King's Words

By RICHARD TUCKER
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Excerpts from speeches and writings of Dr. Martin Luther King will be featured Sunday at a mass memorial service for the slain civil rights leader.

The city-wide services will start at 2 p.m. on the east steps of the City-County Bldg.

Bannock st., from W. 14th ave. to Colfax ave., will be blocked off during the memorial.

Dr. M. C. Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, said several speakers will read excerpts during the half-hour program. There also will be scripture readings and the singing of freedom songs.

Dr. Williams and other members of the Denver Religious Council are arranging the memorial services, which were called Friday in joint action by Mayor Currigan and Lt. Gov. Mark Hogan.

Currigan and Hogan both called for restraint on the part of Denver's citizenry in the wake of the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis Thursday.

Gov. Love, who was in Nassau for a speaking engagement and a brief rest, flew back to Denver two days ahead of schedule Saturday to keep in touch with the situation. He conferred briefly with Hogan, but made no comment.

Two peaceful marches were held Saturday to honor Dr. King.

Some 300 Negroes and Spanish-Americans marched from Fuller Park at E. 28th ave. and Williams st. to Skyland Park at E. 33d ave. and Holly st.

The march was arranged by the Black-Brown Unity Council, a coalition of militant Negroes and Spanish-Americans headed by Lauren Watson and Rodolfo (Corky) Gonzales.

Members of three American GI Forum chapters also joined in the march to pay tribute to Dr. King's fight for "basic human dignity."

About the same number of people—predominantly white—marched from Loretto Height College to Cinderella City in Englewood.

Sponsored by the Core City Ministries, the silent march was intended to demonstrate white responsibility for Dr. King's death.

Other services scheduled Sunday will be at 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and 7:30 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church. The Central Presbyterian Church event will be a dedication to Dr. King's memory of a performance of the Faure Requiem by members of the Golden Symphony and Central Choir.

A combination of all Colorado Springs churches will hold memorial services at 3 p.m. in the Broadmoor World Arena, according to John Holley of the Colorado Springs Urban League.

All Safeway stores in the Denver metropolitan area will be closed Sunday during the Civic Center services. Many other firms that normally operate on Sunday are planning to close.

All Miller's stores in the state will be closed on Tuesday morning in honor of Dr. King's funeral. So will the Del Farm Food Stores in the Denver area.

The Denver Junior Police Band has canceled its annual concert at City Auditorium Sunday out of respect for Dr. King.

Henry Lowenstein, manager of Bonfils Theater, said the Sunday matinee performance of "A Raisin in the Sun" with an all-Negro cast will not be held out of respect for Dr. King.

Students and faculty at Colorado State University Saturday established a Martin Luther King Fellowship Fund to provide financial support for graduate students from all racial and ethnic minorities.

Dr. T. R. Young of the sociology department is in charge of the project to create a permanent memorial to Dr. King.

15 Denver area ministers paid tribute to Dr. King Saturday in a statement which called on Americans to "establish justice for the poorest and most deprived of our community, justice in housing, in job opportunity, in education and in basic respect for the dignity and rights of every man—goals for which Martin Luther King gave his life."

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Legislation as Memorial Urged by Denver Negroes

Denver Negro leaders Friday urged Congress to create "a fitting memorial" to Dr. Martin Luther King by passing meaningful civil rights legislation.

"Dr. King, as an apostle of non-violence, gave his life in a most noble cause," a telegram to President Johnson and Colorado's congressional delegation read.

"We fervently believe that his memory can best be perpetuated by passing this meaningful legislation," the wire signed by 12 Negro leaders said.

They urged passage of an open housing bill and restoring of \$25 million in funds cut recently from the Head Start program.

The leaders acted as churches and other groups set memorial services and marches in honor of the slain advocate of non-violence.

Saturday March

The Black-Brown Unity Council, a coalition of militant Negroes and Spanish-surnamed spokesmen, announced a march at 10 a.m. Saturday from Fuller Park at E. 28th ave. and Williams st. to Civic Center.

Joe Brown, publisher of the Denver Blade, said the council made four demands, including that flags be flown at half-staff and schools be closed in sympathy. He said these have been met.

Memorial services scheduled include:

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday—a special prayer for Dr. King at Beth Joseph Synagogue by Rabbi Daniel Goldberger.

- 11 a.m. Saturday—a memorial mass at Cure D'Ars Catholic Church, 3200 Dahlia st.

- 3 p.m. Sunday—a community memorial service at Grace Presbyterian Church, S. Sherman st. and E. Arapahoe rd. in

Littleton, sponsored by the Littleton Ministerial Assn. and Littleton Council for Human Relations.

- 3 p.m. Sunday—the Rev. James Bockman will conduct services at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 3560 York st.

- 1 p.m. Monday—services at First Methodist Church of Golden, 15th and Ford sts., sponsored by Golden Ministerial Alliance.

The Core City Ministries have scheduled a march for noon Saturday from Loretto Heights College to the Cinderella City complex in Englewood.

Radio Station KDKO will broadcast Dr. King's last radio talk at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Memorial services were held

Friday at Metropolitan State College, Loretto Heights and the University of Denver.

Expressions of sympathy for Dr. King were registered by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Allied Jewish Community Council and the General Council of Denver Presbytery.

ADL Joins Plea

The ADL joined the Negro leaders in calling for passage of civil rights legislation and "immediate serious implementation of the recommendations of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders."

Signers of the telegram to the President were: State Sen. George Brown (D-Denver), City Councilman Elvin Caldwell, Mrs. Rachel Noel of the Denver School Board, James F. Reynolds and Warren Alexander of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, Gene Howell of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, the Revs. M. C. Williams, Jesse Wagner and Joseph L. Griffin, Irving Andrews, Corlis Houston and Richard Clark.

They expressed regret at the assassination and said "this despicable act serves only to point up the divisiveness pervading our nation today."

"In a most crucial time in our history, when the polarization of black and white Americans is increasing, we can ill afford such despicable acts of violence as that which took the life of this great American."

Mrs. Frank G. Motley, president of the Denver Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Inc., said her organization advocates a continuation of Dr. King's policy of non-violence and will work with the community to further that aim.

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Denverites Attend King Services

More than 700 persons attended three special memorial services in Denver Friday afternoon and night for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many of the Negroes and whites wore black arm bands of mourning.

At the University of Denver's Buchtel Chapel, James F. Reynolds, a Negro who is director of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, began:

"I say to you today that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream . . . I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Reynolds said that when Dr. King made his famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 1963, he (Reynolds) wept. "I wept," Reynolds said, "because while he was having a dream, there were leaders of black people in this country who were having a nightmare."

Reynolds said Dr. King's dream wasn't fulfilled because our country still has not answered the question "Are black men created equal?"

"By the hand of an assailant, a man died . . . a great American died . . . a part of our

country died. But we do not dare to let the dream die," he told more than 250 mourners at the DU chapel.

Reynolds said it is strange that a man born to peace was struck down by violence and that violence is being used to mourn him.

"This is an opportunity for us to resolve that the hatred, bigotry and violence dividing our country must end," he said.

"We must resolve to become personally involved in the trouble.

"The great crime of the American people is their endorsement of bigotry and violence by their silence," he said.

He said the people can refuse to encourage the apostles of hate by their silence, and that they can become actively involved in the fight for equality.

DU's chancellor, Maurice Mitchell, said:

"What each of us must do now is to keep alive in our heart and minds the feelings we share today. We must dedicate ourselves to the cause of wiping out inequality in our community and in our lives. That is what Martin Luther King's life was all about, and that is what is asked of us."

The Rev. Charles S. Milligan, professor of the philosophy of religion at the Iliff School of

Theology, gave the prayer, saying, "This heavy day, we pray for the good man for whom we were not ready, but who called us 'brother.'"

Linda Thomas, president of the Student Religious Council, read excerpts from Dr. King's "Letters from a Birmingham (Ala.) Jail," written in 1963.

William Pace, Student Council past president and coordinator of Dr. King's visit to the university last year, read from the Scriptures.

A requiem service for Dr. King was celebrated at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2201 Dexter St., one of the city's integrated churches.

The Rev. Marion Hammond, the rector, said, "God's plan for

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the world suffered one of its biggest setbacks yesterday because God lost one of His most effective members in moving the world the way He wants it to move."

The Rev. Mr. Hammond said no one man can take Dr. King's place—it will take many. The entire congregation took Communion.

First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd., joined with Temple Sinai, which shares the First Plymouth building, in an interfaith memorial service.

About 250 persons heard the Rev. George E. Burton, assistant pastor of First Plymouth, read from a sermon Dr. King gave which was titled "Shattered Dreams."

In that sermon, Dr. King had said "one of the most agonizing (of our) problems . . . is that few, if any of us, will live to see our fondest hopes fulfilled."

The Rev. Stuart C. Haskins, pastor of First Plymouth, read Scripture and led a unison prayer. The combined congregations sang "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" and "We Shall Overcome."

Rabbi Raymond A. Zwerin of Temple Sinai gave a tribute to Dr. King and likened his cause to man's eternal struggle for truth, justice and peace. He said he wondered why it often takes sadness to "bring an awareness to our lives."

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City, State Memorial Service Is Set

By MICHAEL ROUNDS
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City and state officials scheduled a massive memorial service Sunday for Dr. Martin Luther King and urged citizens to use reason and restraint following the assassination of the civil rights leader.

Mayor Currigan and Acting Gov. Mark Hogan met with civic leaders amid scattered disturbances and rumors that Denver was in for real trouble.

Currigan said a memorial program is set for 2 p.m. Sunday on the steps of the City-County Bldg. Bannock st. will be roped off between W. Colfax and W. 14th aves.

Hogan declared Sunday an official day of mourning for Colorado. He already had ordered state flags flown at half-staff.

The mayor met with Hogan, acting for Gov. Love who is in Nassau, and with members of City Council and community leaders for two and a half hours Friday afternoon to discuss Denver's reaction to Dr. King's tragic death.

Armbands Handed Out

During the meeting, black armbands were handed out to those present.

Afterward, the mayor issued a public appeal to Denver parents "to please give attention to the whereabouts of your youngsters particularly during these rather tense emotional times."

The mayor also asked citizens to refrain from repeating rumors "unless you know they are confirmed."

Currigan said he would staff his office around the clock until further notice and urged Denver residents to call with rumors instead of passing them along to neighbors. The number at the office is 297-2721.

Police Chief George L. Seaton also issued a public appeal for "anyone having any information on anything that might happen" to call the police department or mayor's office.

Seaton called King's murder "a real tragedy."

Hogan announced the formation of a Martin Luther King Memorial Fund also sponsored by the Religious Council to carry on Dr. King's ideals and work.

Money collected by the fund will go to Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and to "programs of action in the spirit of Dr. King's dedication," Hogan said.

Donations should be sent to the Denver U.S. National Bank.

The lieutenant governor squelched reports that the Colorado National Guard had been put on an alert status.

"I don't anticipate calling them out at this time and I hope this is the last I hear of that rumor," Hogan said.

Currigan described Friday's meeting as "sober, open and concerned." Many leaders of Denver's Negro community were present including the Rev. M. C. Williams, of the East Denver Ministerial Alliance and pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Williams described Sunday's memorial service as "representing the kind of philosophy and spirit Martin Luther King lived and died for."

Other, militant leaders of the Negro community had maintained contact with City Hall since late Thursday, a spokesman for Currigan's office said.

City officials have been maintaining "lines of communication" with militant Negro leaders, the spokesman said, through the Core City Ministry and through Denver's Model Cities Program.

Patrol Division Chief Stan Cayou ordered the entire 559-man uniformed patrol division, plus the 37-man communications section, to "Condition 2" to meet any situation.

Condition 2 means all leaves and days off are canceled and officers work 12 hour shifts with 12 hours off. Police use Condition 1 only for all-out emergencies with all men on duty 24 hours.

Police Issued Weapons

Also called into action were the 31-man special services unit and the 100-man traffic and detective bureaus. The K-9 Corps was summoned to duty at noon—seven hours early.

Police were issued shotguns, rifles, riot batons and helmets to deal with whatever might happen. Chief George Seaton has banned the helmets and riot sticks as part of the normal police equipment.

"We're on ready alert at least until Wednesday," Cayou said.

Thursday night three firebombs were thrown through windows at Annunciation Elementary School, 3705 Humboldt st. Damage was slight.

Another bomb was tossed at Annunciation High School Friday morning. It did little damage other than breaking a window.

Six Denver secondary schools with predominantly Negro enrollments closed Friday shortly after convening the day's classes. The action followed requests by Negro adults for dismissal in reverence to Dr. King. Closed were East and Manual Highs, and Morey, Cole, Gove and Smiley Junior Highs.

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Several members of the Denver Rockets of the American Basketball League volunteered to go to East High to talk with students. Among those urging the teenagers not to take violent action were three Negro players—Tom Hoover, Lonnie Wright and Julie Hammond.

Some teenagers milled on the streets in scattered areas of Northeast Denver.

A Regis College student, taking pictures for the college newspaper, told police he was beaten at the Curtis Park Community Center, 29th and Curtis sts., about 2 p.m.

John F. Bills III, 24, said he was jumped by six persons and beaten as he tried to get into the center. An unidentified Negro pulled him from the crowd and got him to safety, Bills said.

Close Watch on Curtis Park

Bills said he lost a \$300 camera in the fracas. Two unidentified companions were not injured.

Police kept a close watch on the Curtis Park center, where crowds were gathered much of the day.

Members of the Black Youth United called a press conference at the center for 12:30 p.m., but canceled it because they weren't sure they could control the crowd.

Windows were broken at the Red Barn Restaurant, two blocks east of East High School at 2975 E. Colfax ave.

A gang of teenagers walked off with several suits and dress trousers from the Boys Store, 5701 E. Colfax ave., in a quick raid.

Store Mgr. Dale McConnell said some of the same youths had been "browsing" in the store the night before. He said one was armed with a pistol during the Friday visit, which lasted only about five minutes.

Reports of looting came from several downtown stores and police reported youths running from May-D&F with armloads of shirts.

Some stores and office buildings closed down to let employees go home early. At Denver's City-County Bldg., Dist. Judge Neil Horan let some court employees leave early also.

Firemen said they answered about 30 calls, about half of which were false alarms. There was no serious damage.

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Coloradans Mourn King

By BOB JAIN

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Denver and Colorado officials and the state's congressional representatives who were available for comment Thursday night were unanimous in their expressions of sorrow at the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mayor Tom Currigan said that Dr. King, like the late President Kennedy, "will be listed in history as a martyr for the cause of freedom and justice and the dignity of man."

"It is a national tragedy that the life of this great disciple of peace and nonviolence has been ended prematurely and violently by an assassin's bullet," the mayor said. "Martin Luther King was a frequent Denver visitor and had many friends

here. I was privileged to know him and I grieve with these friends and join them in extending sympathy to Mrs. King."

Gov. John Love, who is in Nassau, the Bahamas, issued a statement through his Denver office saying he felt he spoke for all state residents "in condemning this violence."

TRAGIC VIOLENCE

"I'm saddened," Love said, "and I feel at this critical time in the nation to have such tragic violence intrude into one of the greatest problems in the United States is a thing to be deplored and condemned."

Lt. Gov. Mark Hogan, as acting governor, ordered flags on state buildings flown at half-staff.

"The Rev. Martin Luther King was a great man who loved and held faith in America," Hogan said.

"His life was lived in peace as each of us should aspire to live. We pray his death will make us all strive with total effort to reach his ideal of a true brotherhood of all men. Our hearts are deeply saddened by our loss. We will not forget him."

"It's to be regretted that any violence should ever be used on any person," Rep. Byron Rogers, D-Colo., said. "I do hope that it will not occur

in the future." Rogers represents the state's 1st District.

Rep. Wayne Aspinall, D-Colo., termed the killing "symbolic of a very serious disease that's troubling America at the present time. It's indicative of the age-long conflict between man and his fellows, and the struggle by one man to get his fellows to share those elements of living that are worthwhile and sought after by all people."

BETTER THINGS

"It's regrettable," the 4th District congressman said, "but I think that it's an incident that will be duplicated when people try for better things that Americans are supposed to have just by merely being Americans."

Rep. Frank Evans, D-Colo., who represents the 3rd Congressional District, called the slaying "a tragedy, without question."

"I hope that the nation . . . that people, black and white . . . (will be able to show) restraint and frankly address the problems in this country that have to do with race and understanding and the nonviolence way," he said.

NOT REACHED

Rep. Donald Brozman, R-Colo., who represents the 2nd Congressional District, couldn't be reached for comment.

"I think that Martin Luther King's murder is a worldwide tragedy and hampers our fight

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to show the world that this is one country," said Sen. Peter Dominick, R-Colo., the states junior senator.

"I have been warning about marches and demonstrations ever since they started because there is always some unstable person who uses these as an excuse for violence," Dominick said. "It seems apparent that the recent march in Memphis keyed this tragic murder.

VAST MAJORITY

"It has another very detrimental effect, and that is to convince many people that the South is a danger land, ignoring the very fine features of the vast majority of the people, black and white," he said. "We must — we absolutely must — come to some degree of understanding between the races before we find ourselves so completely emotionally involved that everyone is in danger.

"We in Colorado have been enormously fortunate in our system of treating each person with equal opportunity, regardless of his race and color, and backing this with legislation," Dominick said. "I sincerely hope that the emotion created by this crime will not automatically produce counterviolence."

Sen. Gordon Allot, R-Colo., couldn't be reached for a statement.

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NAACP Unit Calls Meeting

A meeting for all members of the Mile High Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been called for 2 p.m. Saturday because of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Q. T. Allen, head of the branch, said Thursday night.

Allen didn't say what would be specifically discussed, but said that it will pertain to Dr. King's slaying.

The meeting will be at the Macedonia Baptist Church,

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Colorado Flags at Half-Staff

Lt. Gov. Mark Hogan, acting governor in the absence of Gov. John Love, Thursday night ordered flags on state buildings flown at half-staff in honor of the slain Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"As acting governor I have tonight ordered the flags of state flown at half-staff upon the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, holder of the Nobel Peace Prize," Hogan said in a statement.

Hogan didn't say how long the flags would be lowered. Love is in the Bahamas.

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Grief, Shock Expressed

By JUDITH BRIMBERG
and BOB JAIN

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Prominent Negroes in Denver and Colorado Thursday night expressed grief and shock at the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn.

State Sen. George L. Brown, D-Denver, a personal friend of Dr. King, recalled that during their last meeting at the Denver Hilton Hotel last May, "Dr. King felt that his time might come.

"He hoped if this happened, it would trigger such indignation that men of good will would band together," Brown said.

"I hope men will rise up to carry his cause forward and make his dream — it was a dream when he died — a reality."

Brown said Dr. King doubted that the dream would become a reality in his lifetime.

Brown said he is greatly concerned about what the Nobel Prize winner's death will mean to the country — what it might trigger from all sides. "Frankly, I'm confused and very sad," he said.

MET IN '51

The Rev. J. L. Griffin, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church and regional vice president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he first met Dr. King at his (King's) father's church in Atlanta, Ga., in 1951.

"This was before he became

active in the civil rights movement. Even then, he believed he had to do what he would do without regard to personal danger," the Rev. Mr. Griffin said.

"His death is a great tragedy and loss for America, but I am hopeful that good will ensue, in that we will realize the beliefs for which he died must not die with him.

"I hope our people will mobilize more to his cause of nonviolence — I believe the majority of Negro people lean toward nonviolence — and that their realization of what violence has wrought will cause them to fight in a way that will bring peace.

"I also hope that white America will share a sense of guilt, not because of the death of Dr. King, but because of its failure to grant the rights for which Negroes have been fighting for so long."

'MOST DEDICATED'

Gene Howell, president of the Metropolitan Council Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said:

"I was shocked and saddened by the news that Dr. Martin Luther King had been struck down.

"Dr. King was most dedicated in his belief in nonviolence. The world has lost a great leader, especially in the field of human rights."

Howell said that the NAACP in Denver plans to hold a program in Dr. King's memory.

Elvin Caldwell, a Negro member of the Denver City Council, recalled that Dr. King served on the board of Caldwell's International Opportunity Life Insurance Co., the first integrated life insurance company in the world. The firm merged with another company three years ago.

LESSON FOR WORLD

Caldwell said, "I deeply regret the tragedy. The world has lost one of its most outstanding and dedicated leaders. I hope the world will be better for the supreme sacrifice he made to improve race relations."

Turning to Memphis, Caldwell said he regretted the racial situation there hadn't been solved earlier. "Apparently, the white leaders in Memphis didn't appreciate how serious the situation is," he said.

"I think we have experienced the greatest loss to the American nation since the death of John F. Kennedy," said the Rev. Acen L. Phillips of Mount Gil-ead Baptist Church.

"It's not just a loss to the Negro in America but to the whole of America, and not just to the Negro cause but to the American cause," he said.

"... In some communities there will be rioting and looting and burning in response to his death. Much of this will be because people will feel that the nonviolent way has lost ... As a result of this, many young, militant Negroes now will move to the forefront in the civil rights movement and will be using his death as additional

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fuel for their own anger and anxieties . . ."

"However, in Denver it's my aim . . . (to remember) that Dr. King lived and died for the nonviolent concept. If we are to do honor to his name and the cause for which he died we must . . . project the nonviolent way. We need to move now from protests to production and make the idealistic concepts of Dr. King become realities in our community," the Rev. Mr. Phillips said.

James F. Reynolds, a Negro who is director of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, said, "It would have been understandable if someone had taken a shot at militants like Rap Brown, but it seems incomprehensible to kill someone like Dr. King.

"The country certainly has lost a leader whose shoes will be hard to fill."

Fred Devereaux, president of the Colorado-Wyoming State NAACP Conference, termed the killing "one of the most tragic incidents that has ever happened in the United States.

"He has done more toward achieving first-class citizenship for black people than any other single human being," Devereaux said. "I personally fear for the nonviolent movement that Dr. King has started."

Jesse Johnson, immediate past president of the Colorado-Wyoming NAACP, said "This gives a lot of ammunition to the extreme militants who say violence is the only way you can secure freedom and equality—and that nonviolence is a very ineffective approach."

"Martin and I were friends," said Irving Andrews, Denver attorney and past chairman of the Colorado-Wyoming NAACP. "I'm shocked, stunned, dismayed.

"This man's message was the redemption of humanity. His death, like that of John Kennedy and Medgar Evers and many others, shows that some of us are unable to accept his message of nonviolence, and so used violence to physically destroy him.

"However," Andrews said, "the dignity of his message and his life constitute a continuing challenge for men of good will and reason. The civil rights struggle will continue unabated until we make this land a human dwelling place for all men."

Q. T. Allen, head of the Mike High Branch of the NAACP, was one of the several to compare Dr. King's death with that of President Kennedy.

"I hope that the American people will adhere to his (Dr. King's) teaching of nonviolent activities," he said. "I know that at this time there is violence happening in different cities across the country. I hope and pray that Denver won't taste the bitter taste of that violence. We're working so hard to get our equalization here (in Denver) through constructive planning and I hope we can step up our pace in order to avoid any violent reaction whatsoever . . ."

"I hope Congress can see fit within the next 48 hours to pass a civil rights bill to help us restrain the destruction of this country from within," Allen said.

Allen suggested that porch lights be turned on and that flags be flown at half-staff throughout the nation for the next three days "in honor of a great American."

(Acting Gov. Mark Hogan on Thursday night ordered flags in the state flown at half-staff, but designated no period of time.)

"I had the same anger reaction that many others had, that the police in Memphis didn't provide better protection, knowing that threats had been made," said the Rev. Cecil Howard, minister of the Shorter AME Church.

A group of Negro ministers, he said, is planning a march and memorial service on the day of Dr. King's funeral "because we feel that some protest should be made and to call attention to this form of racism in this country." Present plans are for only Negroes to march, he said, but there may be a change in that plan because of the white sympathizers in Denver.

"I'm hoping people will continue to follow the nonviolent approach that Dr. King espoused—that that he gave his life for," the Rev. Mr. Howard said.

"I'm hoping there will not be violence in our city and throughout the country, but I'm afraid that there might be," he said. "In my own church service Sunday, instead of giving attention to Palm Sunday I'll tell what Martin Luther King has meant to the life of the Negro in our country."

To John Bates, president of the Northeast Park Hill Civic Association, Dr. King's killing was a numbing shock.

"I don't know how to express my feeling," he said. "To me this is another of those catastrophes like the deaths of President Kennedy and Medgar Evers. I'm trying to find the answer in my own thinking. How is it that our society can permit this to happen to such dedicated people, whose lives are dedicated to the betterment of all?"

"I'm just numb," he said.

"I think it's symbolic of the moral deterioration of our generation," said the Rev. M. C. Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. ". . . It is evidence of a widespread, deep, bitter spirit that exists in our nation and in the world. I think it . . . reminds us that in our efforts to do all the other things to develop mankind and to explore new technological advantages that somebody's got to discover some ways to . . . change men. . . ."

"I'm afraid that we're not doing this . . . Maybe this will be one of the ways of affecting men and human relations. I think we have no excuse now that a way has been charted toward a way of life and democracy . . . It's our choice now."

The Rev. Mr. Williams said that the Religious Council of Human Relations is planning a "total memorial service" on Easter Sunday for Dr. King in some public place "which will give the total community a chance to participate." Plans for the service will be made at a meeting Friday night at the New Hope Baptist Church, E. 23rd Ave. and Ogden St., he said.

Mrs. Rachel Noel, a Negro member of the Denver Board of Education, said, "I'm in a state of shock. I can't say anything."

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U. S. Mourns Death of Good, Brave Man

IN THE history of the world's injustice, there are few spectacles more deserving of anger and of tears than the striking down of a man of peace and goodness by forces of violence and hate.

Martin Luther King Jr. had encountered these outrages in the lives of Jesus and of Gandhi. He could not have been unaware that his own life, which he patterned after theirs, was destined to end in the same kind of tragedy.

King belongs among the great men our people have produced during 360 years on this continent. The injustices he fought against all his life were greater than those that stirred the American Revolution, and he fought with as much zeal and courage as any of the American patriots.

His weapons were the power of nonviolence and the moral force which strikes shame into the hearts of oppressors. He brought the Gandhian techniques of passive resistance to a downtrodden and disheartened minority, which might otherwise have fought — and might yet fight — in a far more vengeful spirit.

King lived in a turbulent age amid tempests and tides and currents that sometimes threatened to engulf him. But, though he sanctioned civil disobedience, he was never shaken from the principle of nonviolence.

He kept his head and held to his course, even when some of his people turned from his leadership to follow the banner of violence and destruction. He fought with all his strength to keep the rage of the Negro within channels that were decent and moral and hopeful.

To his people, he brought a new sense of pride and of purpose, a new strength and courage, and a new understanding of the efficacy of moral force in combating injustice.

"The spiritual power that the Negro can radiate to the world," King once wrote, "comes

from love, understanding, good will and non-violence. It may even be possible for the Negro, through adherence to nonviolence, so to challenge the nations of the world that they will seriously seek an end to war and destruction....

"Today the choice is no longer between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence. The Negro may be God's appeal to this age — an age drifting rapidly to its doom. The eternal appeal takes the form of a warning: 'All who take the sword will perish by the sword.'"

KING himself has now perished by the sword, even though he spurned it all his life. He was almost certainly a victim of the "white racism" which a presidential commission found recently to be imbedded in the fabric of American society.

It is not clear at this stage how many bigots were involved in the assassination of King. But the source of their bigotry is clear enough. Unless we can work far harder to purge this evil from our country, King will not be the last to perish by the sword.

He was a good, brave man who deserved to be loved and deserves now to be mourned by the whole nation. What he would want most of all is to have us understand his message and the meaning of his life.

In his spirit, we expect the Negroes of America to continue the struggle for equal rights, equal opportunity and equal justice with unrelenting vigor and determination.

We hope that whites in America, in his spirit, will give their support to the just aims of Negroes instead of opposing them or ignoring them.

And we hope both races, in the spirit of Martin Luther King, will work together with good will and nonviolence to right an ancient wrong and bury a senseless hate.

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5 Denver Schools Closed

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Five Denver secondary schools with substantial Negro enrollments closed Friday as an aftermath to the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The schools were conducting their own programs in memory of the civil rights leader. The schools were closed partly because it became impossible to operate and in response to requests from Negro adults.

Manual High School, 1700 E. 28th Ave., was the first to close. Principal James D. Ward said many students and a number of persons living in the neighborhood asked if school could be dismissed out of reverence to King.

He said the students were stunned by the assassination.

"Our youngsters here have lived the life that Dr. King pro-

fessed," he said, "a life of harmony. Then when the adult world turns to acts of violence they don't know in which direction to go."

A false fire alarm was turned in from the school moments after it opened at 8 a.m. Ward noted that when it had been determined there was no fire, the students returned to their classrooms.

Ward said it would have been "very difficult" to conduct school at Manual, which is 70 per cent Negro. It is the only Denver high school more than 50 per cent Negro.

The school was dismissed shortly after 9 a.m. after Ward sought and got permission from Dr. Robert D. Gilberts, school superintendent.

Howard Johnson, assistant superintendent for personnel, later informed the secondary

principals they could dismiss school if they wished.

Those doing so were:

—East High School, 1545 Detroit St., which is 36 per cent Negro.

—Smiley Junior High School, 2540 Holly St., 66 per cent Negro.

—Cole Junior High School, 3240 Humboldt St., 65 per cent Negro.

—Morey Junior High School, 840 E. 14th Ave., 53 per cent Negro.

SOME FIGHTS

Adults from outside visited schools and demanded they be closed. There were some fights between students of different races, and some fire alarms were pulled.

Philip G. Serafini, principal at Cole, said he had discussed closing with the downtown office and made the final decision when seven or eight Negro

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