manded that he do so.

Asked if threats were made, he replied, "Well, they were very firm."

At East, a group of adults walked into the auditorium at the close of a memorial assembly for King. Some Negro youngsters were forcibly dragged from the seats and told they should attend a rally in Curtis Park, said Principal Robert G. Colwell.

The adults said schools were closed when President John F. Kennedy was murdered in 1963 and should be closed for King's death, Colwell said.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE

He called the atmosphere at the racially integrated school tense.

"There's a great deal of ambivalence among the kids," he said. "They've worked very hard on an ideal. Yet there is a tremendous desire to pull together racially. It pulls them away from their white brothers.

"But we hope it's temporary." A check with the principals of even elementary schools in Denver's Negro area turned up o discernible unrest among he students Friday morning.

All seven principals said

adults visited his office and de aschool was going on as normal and that no one had asked them to close for the day. No false fire alarms were turned in at the seven schools.

> Students and teachers in several of the schools observed a moment of silence in the classroom in memory of Dr. King.

20-MINUTE SHOW

At 11 a.m., most of the students and teachers across the city watched a 20-minute telecast on the school district's station, KRMA-TV. The program, in honor of the slain civil rights leader, included presentations by Gilberts and members of the Denver School Board

Johnson sent a message to elementary principals asking that teachers lead discussions after the program "insofar as children can understand and develop positive attitudes."

Johnson added that principals should cancel any outside engagements they had so they could stay in control at their buildings.

"If adults appear around the building to ask children to return home, they are not to be interfered with. Our responsibalty is to conduct school as quiply and constructively as passible," the message added.

Responsibility Called Key to March Here

By JOHN TOOHEY Denver Post Staff Writer

The Core-City Ministeries an interdenomination group, Friday was planning two Denver marches "to demonstrate the white community's willingness to take responsibility for the death of Dr. Martin Luther King," spokesmen said.

The first march was scheduled to begin with a Friday noon rally at Civic Center. A permit for the meeting was granted Friday morning by Joe Ciancio Jr., manager of parks and recreation.

Spokesmen for the Core-City Ministeries said thousands are expected to attend the rally, then to march the several blocks to the Denver Hilton Hotel where the chamber of commerce has a luncheon meeting scheduled on its drive to find jobs for Negroes this summer.

From there, the spokesmen said, religious leaders will go to the Denver Merchandise Mart in Adams County where area school superintendents are holding a symposium on metropolitan problems.

The second march, spokesmen said, is tentatively set for noon Saturday from Loretto Heights College, 3001 S. Federal Blvd., to Englewood—The Cinderella City shopping complex at W. Hampden Ave. and S. Santa Fe Drive.

They said the location was chosen because of labor difficulties of Negro janitors recently at the shopping center.

Feel Responsible

The Rev. Craig Hart of Annunciation Catholic Church said the marches were planned primarily for white citizens by the Core-City Ministeries because "we feel the white community was responsible for King's death."

He said 1,000 handbills were distributed on downtown streets to publicize the Friday noon rally and march.

Among religious leaders expected to participate in the rally and march were Methodist Bishop R. Marvin Stuart and Episcopal Bishop Joseph S. Minnis.

Meanwhile, a demonstration has been planned by Negro and Spanish-American leaders for 10 a.m. Saturday at Fullerton Park, across the street from Manual High School.

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Didn't Have to Happen's Reflects Negro Feeling

deton, who wrote the following of Sory, is a Denver Negro. After the murder of Dr. Martin Lutter on Martin Lutter of Dr. Martin Lutter on Memphis, Tenn...

BELIEVED IN HIM

A student, David Mayfield, 24 minister and King were "very dose friends." He quoted the late advocate of nonviolence as saying to the Rev. M. C. In Carmichael after this." May-Thursday, Pendleton went into the streets of Denver to get the reaction of Negroes here to the slaying.)

By ED PENDLETON

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. hit Denver Negroes like a bombshell Thursday night.

The consensus among the Negro man in the street was one of bewilderment, anger and a widespread feeling that the way of nonviolence has lost a powerful voice in the nation.

"It sure was a rotten deal," said Arthur Tate, 18, West High School student. "I had a feeling he would get shot, but it didn't have to happen . . . a pretty rotten deal.'

The owner of Bruce's Barber Shop, 3401 Gilpin St., said, "I feel the same way as when President John Kennedy was shot." Bruce Randolph Jr., 41, said, "It's just a sad night. You want to cry, but don't."

SOMETHING TO SAY

Randolph said King's death will give the militants "something to crow about." He said the killing not only affects Negroes in Denver, but also whites.

Hell, when they keep saying furn the other cheek' when we only got two cheeks I get good and mad." He told about his brother who just returned from he said, "Man, this King kill-Vietnam. "You know what? He ing got to me tonight. I feel Dr. can't get a job in Denver and he was good in electronics in the service. He just keeps getting the run-around."

Holmes said King's assassination seems to bring out "all of these things."

field predicted a long hot summer. He said of King, "I believed in a lot of what he said. Many Negroes looked at him as heir spokesman."

Churby Clark, 28, of 3342 Harrison St., said King was the greatest leader as far as civil rights are concerned.

"King's death brings the situation right home," he said. "It tells what's going on. The nonviolence movement has been shaken, I do believe."

1187 27th St., said: "It jarred thing will shake everybody, me. I just didn't like it. There's he said. "Look how they killed more trouble ahead.'

Hockaday, said, "It's a sign of bad." the anti-Christ workings." She said the Scriptures foretold "this long ago."

'DIRTY SHAME'

A taxi driver, Lou Williams. 61, of 3921 Colorado Blvd., called the murder "a shame, a dirty shame." He said he never expected such a thing to happen. "You know, that Memphis is not a good town. I was there in '46. The people there stick to their same old thinking about the racial problem . . . bad thinking."

A Tramway bus driver, E.D. Singfield, 47, of 3085 Adams St., was shaken. Draped over his wheel near 17th and Stout Sts... King has done a wonderful job, ut I also feel he had just abou ccomplished everything his ype of movement could accom plish.

Williams of Denver's New Hope Baptist Church, "If I had to have my own pastor, I would pick M. C. Williams." Randolph said he would never forget that jest by King. He said King was a great man — a man too great to be "killed that

A housewife, Mrs. Lubenia Clinkscales, 57, of 1958 Emerson St., said of King's death: "People in this country will kill you for doing right things." She said King didn't harm any-Miss Brenda Hockaday, 16, of one. "I do believe this terrible nat girl in Englewood . . so

> A guard at Western Federal Savings Building said King was a "good friend of mine." James Ashford, 62, 2824 Gaylord, said King's brother lived in his (Ashford's) mother's home in Birmingham, Ala., after his house was destroyed by bombing on Easter Sunday 1965.

"Our home was also damaged," Ashford said, "but only a few broken windows and so forth." Ashford said it will be a long time before nonviolence will get support from another person such as King.

"I can only think of Booker T. Washington as the man who can measure up to King at this time," he said.

LOTS OF PROMISE

A St. Joseph Hospital X-ray echnician, Connie Strowder, 2 ad blunt answers to King's eath: "It's really bad for th ountry. King illustrated how to do in a nonviolent way. Non(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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violence is slow, but it has lots of promise. What happened to right can make the long he summer come a lot faster."

A Dahlia Bowling Lanes official, Sam Holmes, 28, of 2690 Olive St., said he has "mixed emotions" over the death of King. "I am a follower of King's nonviolent creed, but if this thing keeps happening I'm going to lose my cool.

"I think violence will not only remain but become more sophisticated, and I'm talking about possible guerrilla warfare. You know, with all respects to King, his program didn't express the desires of Negro youth whose future at present is at stake. You know, Negro youth say desegregation is old fashioned. They want integration to get into the mainstream of U.S. opportunity."

Singfield said the Negro has gone by two phases of civil rights — legal battles in the courts and demonstrations and he says the third phase is now at the stage of violence.

The big question," said the bus driver, "is how long will we continue to fail in accomplishing the objectives?"

Officials Will Huddle On Memorial Service

uled a meeting with Lt. Gov. fund will be utilized. Mark Hogan later Friday to discivil rights leader who was Memphis, Tenn.

the mayor said, is to discuss plans for a memorial service on Civic Center and how donations liams, Rev. Richard Henry and King fund.

Mayor Tom Currigan sched-to a special Martin Luther King other members of the Delvet

"All of Denver is saddened by the tragic death of Martin Luth-this council, which is ecumenicuss plans for commemoration or King," the mayor said. "My cal and is composed of repre-of the Rev. Martin Luther King, telephone, both at home and at sentatives of all faiths, shelld the office, has been ringing con-take the lead and coordinate assassinated late Thursday in stantly. Our citizens wish to do community efforts to pay buth something - but they are un-age to this great man, The purpose of the meeting, sure of what should be done-in mayor said. his memory."

Palm Sunday in the Denver contact with Rev. M. C. Wil-ceive donations for the special

Religious Council.

"It seems appropriate that

He said council leaders have Currigan said he had been in expressed a willingness to re-

> He said the Rev. Mr. Williams has been invited to attend

He said the Rev. Mr. Williams also plans a meeting of the council and other civic leaders in his New Hope Baptist Church at 8 p.m. for the same

Rights Action Urged a 2 p.m. meeting in the mayor's office to discuss all of these matters. As Memorial to K

pending civil rights bill was urged by Colorado supporters of Sen. Eugene McCarthy's Democratic presidential nomtin Luther King.

The Colorado McCarthy for President Committee, urging which has led to the tragic death other Coloradans to do likewise, sent this wire to the state's four congressmen:

was defending, we urge imme-realization of the legitimate diate passage by the United of the Senate version of the dvil rights bill now tied up in advanataged persons, into the conference."

Colorado Democratic chair-lety."

Congressional approval of a man Bill Grant sent this telegram to the Rev. Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership purpose. Conference:

"We of the Democratic party ination campaign Friday as a of Colorado deplore the respect memorial to the Rev. Dr. Mar- for law and order and the failure to pursue common goals through nonviolent means of Martin Luther King.

"Let us dedicate ourselves to the resolution of racial "In the name of the memory problems which divide this naof the Rev. Martin Luther King, tion, the alleviation of the social in the name of the humanity he ills which plague us, and to the ends which Dr. King sought of States House of Representatives the ultimate assimilation of his race, as well as that of all demainstream of American so i2 .THE DENVER POST DENVER. COLORADO

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Presbytery Lauds **Martin Luther King**

The General Council of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Presbytery of Denver of the "We recognize the dedication United Presbyterian Church is of this man to Jesus Christ and suled a statement Friday morn- to a nonviolent solution of our ing expressing its "extreme re-racial problems," said the stategret at the tragic death of the ment, issued by council chair-

man, the Rev. Dan Hiett.

"We feel we have lost one of the great Christian leaders of our time. We deplore the prejudices and enmitties which separate us from our brothers and which have taken the form of bigotry, violence and lawlessness.

"We extend our deepest symathy to the family of the Rev. Dr. King and to those who have depended upon his leadership" the statement said.

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Denverites Honor King in 2 Marches

By GREG PINNEY and RICHARD O'REILLY Denver Post Staff Writers

About 300 Negroes marched peacefully through predominantly Negro neighborhods in east Denver Saturday in memory

of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Another 400 persons, all but two white,
marched at 12:15 p.m. from Loretto
Heights College to Englewood.

Government and civic leaders said they expected several thousand persons to

attend a special memorial service starting at 2 p.m. Sunday on the steps of the Denver City and County Building.

The Saturday morning march was about 25 minutes late starting at Fuller Park, E. 28th Ave. and Gilpin St., because organizers refused to tell white policemen the route the procession would follow.

Patrolman Carnell Green, a Negro, a rived and the leaders then outlined plans to him.

Several white reporters and photographers were told by Negro leaders that

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East Denver March Gains Members Along Route

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"we don't want any white re- Park the marchers continued forters or policemen bothering east on E. 28th Ave. to York

The only reported incidents ccurred when a carload of Negroes took two rolls of film away from a Denver Post photographer - reporter team and threatened a Rocky Mountain News photographer.

About 100 began the five-mile hike through northeast Denver the Dahlia Shopping Center to many young men with clerical from the park. They were predominantly Negro but included a few Spanish-Americans.

Among those marching were Dave Butler, local black power leader, Rudolfo (Corky) Gonzales, chairman of the Crusade for Justice, and State Sen. George Brown, D-Denver, a marchers had been silent, ex-Negro.

The march picked up additional members as it wound through the Five Points area to Sts., and back through Five Loretto Heights College to En-|S. Santa Fe Drive, traffic Points on Welton St. again.

For many of the children tag-|shopping complex. ging along, it appeared to be a on bicycles.

BYSTANDERS CALLED

Leaders called to bystanders with a portable loudspeaker tracting many of them to join. ental girl. At its peak the march contained about 300.

Bystanders included a small Negro girl, about 3, who waved in memory of the slain civil to officers accompanying the rights leader but in repentance marchers and yelled, "Hi, po- for the guilt of the white man. lice," and a Negro man in Five Some of the signs they car-Points who answered the call ried stated, "We Are All Murto walk along by saying, "I'd derers." ride."

the marchers, "to hell with you, an interdenominational group. I've got a gun."

were stationed on both sides of R Marvin Stuart of the Method the street at every intersection is Church, The Rev. Bruce Negro Patrolmen Charles J. Moncreiff of the Calvary Epis EaMark and Chris Wilkerson copal Church in Golden and stayed with the marchers throughout the trip on foot and on three-wheel motorcycles.

CARS REROUTED

Other policemen, in uniform råd in plain clothes, in marked and unmarked cars, cruised ide streets in the vicinity and ept traffic off the route being used by the marchers.

After doubling back to Fuller

where they turned north

E 31st Ave.

There they went east again to Columbine St. where they turned

north to E. 34th Ave. The march Mrs. Ann Porter Brown, head marchers, made two annountecross Colorado Blvd. to Dahlia Methodist Church. s. where the Negroes skirted E. 35th Ave.

a block and one-half to a park-regional conference in Denver. ing lot next to the tennis courts There were a few nuns and sevwhere the group disbanded.

Throughout the hike the cept for their attempts to get TRAFFIC BACKED UP others to join them. They car-

In the second march, approxi-one point and, when they

The college is at 3000 S. Fedden Ave. in Englewood.

It appeared that all the marchers were white except along the way, but without at- for one Negro boy and one Ori-

TWO REASONS

They were marching not only

The second march was organ-Another Negro man yelled to ized by the Core-City Ministries,

At the head of the two-block-All along the way, policemen long double-file line were Bisho

continued east on E. 34th Ave. of the Board of Missions of the

Among the marchers were the north and walked east on collars, some of them members did join but a thousand others of the Inter-Seminary Move-At Holly St. they turned south | ment which had been having its eral coeds from Loretto in addition to several families with children.

It took the group approxiried no signs and sang no songs. mately five minutes to pass any the ballpark at 23rd and Welton mately 400 persons walked from crossed S. Federal Blvd. and businesses and offices closed in glewood - The Cinderella City backed up for a block or two in either direction.

They traveled east on W. game. Older youths weaved in eral Blvd. and the shopping cene Dartmouth Ave. and then south for the sins of the white race. and out of the marching crowd ter is two miles away at Son S. Fox St. and ended up in Santa Fe Drive and W. Hamp-the Blue Mall of the shopping castigated not only white Amercomplex. Shopping complex of ica in general but suburbanites, ficials, who had welcomed the labor unions, news media,

ments on the public address system to explain the event and to invite shoppers to join it.

Approximately 200 shoppers didn't.

"We've marched to the newest symbol of affluent America —the closed mall shopping center," said Peter Praetz, one of the leaders.

During the hour-long program that followed, Father Moncrieff urged the crowd to go along with the Black-Brown Unity Council by trying to have all the Denver area on Tuesday.

The idea is to make Tuesday -the day of King's funeral-a day of study and reconciliation

In his talk, Father Moncrefff

chools, welfare laws, service lubs, the religious community nd the Vietnam war in parti

Bishop Stuart, also speaking at the shopping center, said, "As I walked, my heart became heavier with each step because I realized that I was part of the problem . . . We have been silent when we should have spoke

Christians have done many hings in the name of love and justice, he went on, but "we've done everything but take the mandate of our Lord seriously."

Led by the Rev. Craig Hart of Annunciation Catholic Church, ne crowd sang "We Shall Oven ome" and joined hands on the st verse, which says, "We'l 🕶 alk hand-in-hand

Churchmen Issue all for Justice

Fifteen Colorado churchmen respect for the dignity and of both races Saturday issued a rights of every man-goals for statement mourning the death which Martin Luther King gave of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther his life."

King and calling for justice in and human rights.

"He was a great American." ment. "He was a great Chris- every individual, equal opportutian leader."

which we are a part, shares the man, woman, and child." guilt of this awful deed. . . .

"We call upon our fellow citiwe call upon our fellow citi-zens to join together, hand in synd of Colorado of the United Pres-hand, and with effective acts byterian Church, U.S.A.; Charles L. Burns, conference united Church of Christi-william O. Byrd, Denver district super-tice for the poorest and most lineaden or the Methodist Church. tice for the poorest and most derived of our community: justice in housing, in job opportunity, in education and in basic

The religious leaders pledged housing, employment, education "to join hands with our fellowmen everywhere in a new determined effort to make this a said the three-paragraph state-world where there is respect for

nity in every aspect of our liv-It said, "Our whole society, of ing, and equal justice for every

The signers were:

Intendent of the Methodist Church.

Archbishop James V. Casey of Denver;
Erwin G. Fritschei, president of the
American Lutheran Church, central district; Robert W. Inglis, interim executive secretary of the Denver Area Council of Churches; Albert N. Jones, executive secretary of the Christian Church of
Colorado and Wyoming; George J. MacDonald, executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention of Colorado;
Joseph S. Minnis, Episcopal bishop of
Colorado; Paul H. A. Noren, moderator
of the dessembly of the Colorado Council
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Denver area of the Methodist Church
Edward L. Whittemore, executive secretary of the Colorado Council of Churches.

Gity, State Schedule King Memorial Rites

Memorial services for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—officially proclaimed by Denver and Colorado governments—will be at 2 p.m. Sunday on the steps of the Denver City and County Building.

A joint statement announcing the services was signed by Acting Gov. Mark Hogan and Denver Mayor Tom Currigan.

Bannock St. will be closed between W. Colfax and 14th Aves. so that participants can occupy the Civic Center area as well as the street in front of the City and County Building.

The service is planned by the Religious Council on Human Relations for Metropolitan Denver. It will involve Catholics, Protestants and Jews and will feature reading of excerpts from some of King's major addresses.

The Rev. M. C. Williams, pastor of the New Hope Bap-

tist Church, will preside at the service.

Readers of the King material will include the Rev. Cecil Howard, pastor of Shorter AME Church; Paul Hamilton, a Denver public school teacher; James Reynolds, director of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission; the Rev. George H. Turner, executive director of the Curtis Park Community Center, and the Rev. Jesse Wagner, pastor of Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church.

An opening prayer will be by Rabbi Louis I. Schechter of Rodef Shalom Synagogue. The Rt. Rev. George Evans, chancellor of the Denver Roman Catholic Archdiocese, will read scripture. The closing prayer will be by Bishop II. Marvin Stuart of the Denver area of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Richard Henry, president of the sponsoring religious council, will state what persons interested in inproving race relations can do as individuals or groups.

Mrs. King Descends Mountain' for Valley

of Tears

ATLANTA, Ga. -(AP)- Mr. | Roston, she met King, then h Martin Luther King Jr. was planning a singing career when he met a young Baptist min-ister. Coretta Scott, a slender, attractive brunette with long hair, married her minister and became involved in civil rights instead.

Her marriage to Dr. King took ther to peaks of pride and hab-

biness — and now the valley of tears.

"I wish we could remain on this mountain top forever," she said when her husband won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

But there were times of despair, and Thursday her husband, devoted to nonviolence. was slain in Memphis by angassassin's bullet.

Mrs. King has long lived with the living room. King shape the threat of death. And thus his passive resistance program far she has remained composed. from the teachings of the Indian She has seen her husband jailed, stabbed, threatened and has had her home rocked by a dent Franklin D. Roosevelt and bomb blast.

Since her childhood days in Perry County, Ala., where she en them by a great-great-grant was born, Mrs. King said she daughter of John Brown, the wis determined to do something 19th-century abolitionist.

worthwhile in the fight for divil

rights.
"I want my children to grow up in a world full of compassion and concern," she said.

In 1947, Mrs. King, then single, left Alabama and entered ntioch College in Yellow prings, Ohio. She was intent on a singing career. A few year later, while studying voice in

young Baptist minister.

Eighteen months later, the were married. Since then, Mrs. King, a former voice instructor, has sung at concerts for numerous civil rights organizations and has accompanied her husband on many of his trips in hehalf of civil rights.

"With four children, this isn't

always easy to do," she hal said. The children are Yolanda, 12, Martin Luther King III, 11, Dexter Scott, 7, and Bernice, 5.

The King home in a lower-income Negro neighborhood is filled with mementos from admirers.

A portrait of Mohandas Ganhi, given to them by the Ganhi Peace Foundation, hange in

leader.

There is also a bust of Presiar abstract oil painting titled "Integration," painted and gir(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Saw King Assassin Witness Declares

By JAMES EVANS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(UPI)—A

key witness said Saturday h

saw—and talked to—the assass h

of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who apartment under the name of John Willard."

"He had a silly smile," said of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

King Ir. When he fled him. King Jr. when he fled his sniper's post in a flophouse bathroom seconds after firing the fatal shot.

Authorities indicated they were on the trail of the calm. sandy-haired man who killed King with a single rifle bullet Thursday.

in the room next to the one the killer rented, said Saturday he heard the crack of the highpowered rifle and jerked open the door of his room.

He saw the man walking toward him.

"I didn't see the face, but I won't forget the voice," the trucking company employe said. "He had his arm over his face.

"I said, 'That sounded like a shot.' And he said:

"'Yes, It was a shot."

Then, Anchutz said, the sniper "hurried on down the hall. He had newspapers, maybe the rifle, and a blue bag in his right hand.'

PROBE ENCOURAGING

"The investigation at this point is very encouraging," said Memphis Police Chief Frank L. Holloman. He would say no more, explaining:

"The furnishing of any more details at this time might jeopardize either the investigation or the conviction of the individual responsible. As soon as we feel we are in a position to make further announcements, we will do so without delay.'

close" to an arrest in the case that smile." and that the investigation had spread several hundred miles beyond the borders of Tennes-

King was killed Thursday evening by a sniper's bullet as he no comment. strolled alone on the balcony of his room at the Lorraine Beale Street in the heart of Memphis' Negro District.

Apparently some of the best upplied by residents of the run-



SKETCH OF SUSPECT It was drawn from description of man who checked into flophouse in Memphis.

down apartment building from which the fatal shot came. The landlady, Mrs. Bessie Prewer, 44, said that less than five hours before the shooting a neat, sandy-haired man, an unlikely prospect for an \$8.50-

The Memphis Press-Scimitar said, "Available evidence indicates King was killed by a softnosed bullet outlawed by the Geneva Convention." Police had

AUTOPSY RESULTS TOLD

Dr. Jerry Francisco, Memphis Willie Anchutz, 57, who lived motel, four blocks from historic medical examiner, released results of the autopsy on King and said the Nobel Peace Prize winner died within seconds ads to his killer have been after being hit by a single bul-

> "Tracing the path of the bullet leads me to believe Dr. King was dead before he arrived at the hospital," Francisco said. "There might have been some sign of life from a medical standpoint, and this prompted the attending physician to make every effort possible to save him."

The bullet pierced King's neck and traveled downward, penetrating his spinal cord and lodging in the skin on the left side, the autopsy showed.

Francisco said he based h conclusion of instantaneous death on the fact the bullet went through the spinal cord, which severed vital links to the brain. The bullet has been hande the FBI, but agents decline

comment on the ballistics test.

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Enclosed for information of Memphis is copy of Denver airtel to Bureau 2/2/68 and letterhead memorandum enclosure thereto, containing copy of ATTD Agent KARL TERLAU's report of 1/22/68, which sets forth information furnished to TERLAU by DE PALMA, which report is referred to in referenced Denver teltype, 4/8/68.

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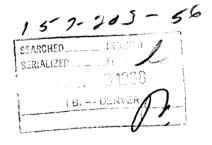
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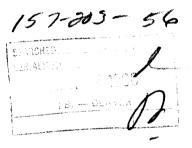
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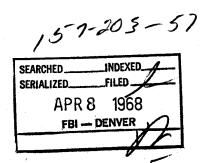
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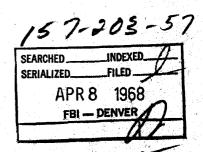
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Landlady Describes Sniper Suspect

MEMPHIS, April 5—(UPI)—The sniper believed to had no luggage. Both she and have gunned down Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wore a "silly smile" and registered under the name of "John Willard" police and FRI agents were told Friday. Willard," police and FBI agents were told Friday.

The description was given by a new tenant into Apartment 5 Mrs. Bessie Brewer, 44, the land-of the rundown dwelling about lady of the house from whence 3:30 p.m. Thursday that fit a the bullet was fired that killed description of Dr. King's assail-Dr. King as he stood on his mo- ant given out earlier by police. tel balcony 200 feet away.

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Mrs. Brewer said she checked

"He paid his \$8.50 week's rent in cash, with a \$20 bill and two quarters, and registered under the name of John Willerd, wirs, Brewer said.

munal bathroom, that kille Dr. King.

Mrs. Brewer said the last she saw of her tenant was when she showed him his room. The next time she looked, after the shooting, he was gone.

Three other persons said they saw the man believed to be the sniper. A tenant of a 2-room "He had a silly smile," Mrs. apartment in the building. Trewer said. "I'll never forget Charles Q. Stephens, 46, and his that smile." mat smile."

wife, Grace, also said they heard the shot.

"It was still light, and I was working in my room," Stephens aid. "I heard this shot.] I pened my door and saw this sandy-haired man in a Suit running down the stairs with something under his arm wrapped in a newspaper.

"He was about 6-feet-1-," Stephens, a war veteran said.

Another man, Frank Marley, 81, who lives in the house, said he heard the shooting and that he saw three men in the hall as he was walking toward his room.

"One of them shoved me and yelled 'get out of the way. Marley said.

Ie said he believed the ma was either a Negro or a Puerto Rican.

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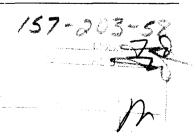
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Hunt for King's Slayer Spreads Over Wide Area

MEMPHIS, April 5—(UPI)—Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Friday that evidence indicates the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was "perpetrated by one man" and that authorities are "very close" to making an arrest.

"The investigation has spread some several hundred miles from the borders of Tennessee at this time," said Clark, sent here by President Johnson to help with the investigation and to express to Dr. King's widow the "very deep regret" of the Chief Executive and all the Cabinet "at the loss of this great American."

Clark said FBI agents were pursuing the investigation "in several sections of the country," and that "large numbers of items of evidence have been uncovered, and a number of out-of-state leads have been developed."

He did not elaborate except to say that while no positive identification had yet been



Memphis Commercial-Appeal artist Bill Her rington made sketch of King slayer suspect from descriptions furnished by persons who

saw a man running from the scene.

made of the assassin, he was confident of "an early solution and apprehension" of the person responsible.

Clark spoke at an afternoon press conference where he disclosed that the search had spread out of state.

The 39-year-old Dr. King was killed Thursday by a single shot from a .30-06 Remington pump rifle while he strolled alone on the balcony of his room at the Lorraine Motel, in a Negro section of Memphis.

A short, balding white man was taken into custody Friday while emerging from the building in which the sniper hid—a rundown apartment building directly across the street from the motel. Although the man did not fit the description of the sniper, he was taken to the Federal Bldg. Officials did not disclose his connection with the case.

The landlady of the apartment louse, Mrs. Bessie Brewer, 44, said the man who is believed to have killed Dr. King registered under the name of "John Willard" and that "he had a silly smile."

"I'll never forget that smile," said Mrs. Brewer. "He paid his \$8.50 week's rent in cash, with a \$20 bill and two quarters."

Mrs. Brewer, operator of the building, and her husband, Frank, agreed that they had heard a shot fired from the communal bath shortly after "Willard" checked in.

Another tenant, Charles Stephens, 46, and his wife, Grace, said they also heard a shot.

"It was still light and I was working in my room," Stephens said. "I heard this shot. I opened my door and saw this sandy-haired man in a dark suit running down the stairs with something under his arm wrapped in a newspaper."

Police said the sniper dropped his rifle and a suitcase in the doorway of the apartment building before he leaped into a late model white car and fled.

Clark later told reporters: "We have put all available resources of the FBI in this area into the case. We have committed everything that could be reasonably committed to solve this crime. It is my hope and expectation that a solution can be affected quickly . . .

"There have been several names that have come up and those tracked to conclusion, But they weren't the true names."

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Police on Trail of King's Assassin

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8 - (UPI) - Atty. Gen. - an unlikely candidate for the Ramsey Clark said Monday authorities believe they \$8.50-a-week room he rented. hay have the name of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther ling Jr. and are stalking him through the nation.

Speaking in Washington, Clark said the police and government agents have "one man on the run" and that the "trail cial revolution. has lengthened" since Friday, The woman who runs the Thursday to lead a march for when he first disclosed that the flophouse described the suspect striking sanitation workers, be investigation had spread severas as a neatly-dressed young man this information wasn't enough al hundred miles beyond the borders of Tennessee.

"We have a name, but whether it is the right name remains to be seen," Clark said.

"We hope he'll be under arrest quite soon. The focus is sharpening and we are quite close, we think but that depends on how some of the leads we have developed," Clark explained.

Piecing together the crime, police theorize that the assassin stood in a slimy bathtub in a flophouse across the treet from Dr. King's holel nd rested the murder weepn the window sill. With a single shot from the :30,06 Remington rifle, the assassin

mortally wounded the integration leader and very nearly plunged the nation into a ra-

Police say he also must be a quick-acting man, since he had less than 24 hours to formalize his plot.

It had been publicized in advance that Dr. King would stay in the Lorraine Hotel-Motel while he was in Memphis last

The Lorraine is a larg many sided structure and in or der to map any sort of a plan, the killer also had to know Dr. King's room number.

A striking point in the investigation is that the windows of the rooming house on the side facing the Lorraine cannot be sen from the street, the view being blocked by a high will and a growth of peach trees.

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Police Chief Expresses 1 Thanks to Denverites

Denver Police Chief George Seaton expressed his thanks to the people of Denver during the trying hours which followed Dr. Martin Luther King's death.

He said, "I want to make a public statement to the youngsters and their parents who are to be commended for helping us (the police) out." "There were many kids in schools who did a lot toward keeping others quiet. It was real cool and quiet Friday and Saturday nights," he said.

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250 March

More than 250 persons joined in a march Monday dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King and confinning direct action of the things he stood for.

The march started at 15th and Arapahoe sts. The marchers, escorted by police motorcycles, walked slowly up one side of 16th st. while traffic flowed on the other side of the

As they walked, they quietly sang "We shall twercome," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "America the Beautiful."

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flags be left at half staff, and "Action Now." One spoke for transfer of some businesses to minority residents. Another supported raising welfare payments to 100 percent of the cost of

Among the marchers were hippies, students, an occasional cleric and several nuns.

The group turned left on Court pl. walked past solemn-faced off-duty soldiers standing beside the Continental Trailways Bus Station.

Turning up Broadway, they continued to the Civic Center and approached the City and County Bldg. steps as the clock struck 8.

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Herrick S. Roth, president of the Colorado

urging businesses to close Tuesday, urging

Labor Council AFLCIO, said he had asked union members to close businesses even if the employers would not.

> Other speakers urged the public to attend meetings at Smiley, Baker and Merrill Schools at 7:30 p.m. In a program called "Agenda for Community Action," they requested suggistions on "what you think we need to do now."

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By ALAN CUNNINGHAM Rocky Mountain News Writer

"I have a dream," proclaimed a rich, ifamiliar and eloquent voice from outdoor loudspeakers Sunday. It settled over a somber crowd, massed in sorrow at Denver's seat of government.

There were all kinds of people there, and the police officers assigned to the City and County Bldg, seemed surprised to see how many of them braved a biting wind to stand close together on the steps and the sidewalks and the grass, with the flags fluttering at half staff in the midst of them.

No more than 400 had come by 1:45 p.m., just 15 minutes before the memorial service to the fallen Dr. Martin Luther King was to begin. But they kept coming-up Bannock st. from the north and south, and across the grass from the sunlit Statehouse three blocks to the eastuntil the semi-circle of grass and cement was smothered with 2000 saddened men, women and children.

'The Light Goes Out'

There was no color line here. Sorrowful looking, elderly black women pushed up close to uncomfortable young Caucasian men in business suits, nuns, angry militant Negro youths and small worried children of all shades.

One boy held a sign which showed Dr. King's photo and bore the words of black writer James Baldwin:

"The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out."

Then it was 2 p.m., and Dr. M. C. Williams, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, stepped to the microphone-just a few feet ahead of a row of clergymen and the leaders of the city and state.

A young Negro boy clicked oft the transistor radio which had been playing gospel music in memory of the slain black martyr.

'Or Perish as Fools'

"Ladies and gentlemen," Dr. Williams began, then changed his greeting to "brothers and sisters." Then he quoted Dr. King's invocation that "we all must live together as brothers or perish as fools.'

Rabbi Louis I. Schechter followed with a prayer, beseeching the God of Christian and 'Jew, black man and white, to "have mercy upon thy children who have lost their way and forgotten thy commandments."

Rt. Rev. George Evans, representing Archbishop James V. Casey, read the words of St. Paul from Corinthians: "And now abideth faith, hope, love; but the greatest of these is love

And then it was time for the silent crowd '9 hear the words of the man they had come to mourn. James F. Reynolds, director of the state Civil Rights Commission, led a procession of five black men reading from Dr. King's speeches.

The words of a complex man, an apostle of peace who was destroyed by hate, came forth

on a variety of subjects.

On non-violence, the speakers quoted Dr. King's vow that "non-violent gadflies" force hidden tensions in the community to surface and that this surfacing was "necessary for growth.'

Lived by 'Myth of Time'

"We are not the creators of tension. We bring it out in the open where it can be seen and dealt with."

On white moderates: "More devoted to order than justice," they live by the "myth of time" which eternally tells black people to

"Lukewarm acceptance is more bewildering than outright rejection."

- o On extremism: "Jesus Christ was an extremist, for love, truth and goodness.'
- And on the upcoming march on Washington, D.C.: "We will stay until America responds."
- A Buddhist priest stood high on the steps, his face a mask of sorrow. Small yellow crosses, pinned to many lapels as a symbol of Palm Sunday, fluttered in the wind.

'This Is Our Hope . . .'

Then the recording began and the voice that everyone knew, the speech that had rung in many memories like a dirge these past three days, began anew:

"I have a dream today . . .

"That one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

"This is our hope . . ."

Tears welled and flowed. Small children seemed to understand the emotion of the moment and were silent as the voice of the now, dead Dr. Martin Luther King climaxed his most famous speech with the lyrics of a spirit

"Free at last, Free at last, Thank God a'mighty, I'm free at last."

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(Continued from Page 5) light dabbed their eyes with sessment of ourselves, separate-lites joining hands and singing handkerchiefs as Methodist ly, and of society as a whole," several choruses of the civil Bishop Marvin E. Stuart he urged, "so that on this day, rights anthem, "We Shall Overthanked God for allowing the when we bury the greatest black come." spirit of the fallen civil rights man in the history of America, It had been an hour of bitter leaders to come to Earth, then can be a day of resurrection of sorrow and tearful prayer for echoed the prayer of Rabbi the American dream." Schechter, asking forgiveness The memorial ended with Gov, which all hoped had not died for "our lack of faith, vision John Love, Mayor Thomas Cur- with him. and courage."

Rev. Richard Henry, pastor of First Unitarian Church and president of the Metropolitan Religious Council's human relations group, announced the formation of Denver's Martin Luther King Memorial Fund, then drew loud applause when he urged the crowd to send telegrams to President Johnson and to Congress.

Suggested texts passed out through the crowd urged the Government not only to pass the current civil rights bill now before Congress but to "eradicate slums, provide jobs, revitalize education and eliminate the causes of poverty and despair."

It was the memorial ceremony's last speaker. Rev. Bruce P. Moncrieff, who urged that city and state citizens and their leaders reach toward something more than "a sterile day of mourning" Tuesday when Dr. King is buried in Atlanta.

"Let us stop America on Tuesday," he declared, saying business, factories, banks and bffices should close so that people can "sit down and read son together" about the nation's social ills.

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Mule-Drawn Wagon To Carry King's Body

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8—(AP)—A mule drawn wagon will carry the body of Dr. Mar tin Luther King Jr. through the streets of Atlanta Tuesday for final rites which will bring thousands of mourners to his native city.

"We agreed nothing would be more symbolic than this for his last rites," said Dr. William Rutherford, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which King headed.

The mule-drawn vehicle, probably a comnon farm wagon, will symbolize the poor people's campaign planned by King in Washing ton this month. Part of his dramatic effect was to have been mule trains from the South going to the nation's capital and the building of a shantytown in Washington. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) 3 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS DENVER, COLORADO 4-9-68 Date: Home Final Edition: Author: Jack Foster Editor: Title: Martin L. King Character: Classification: Submitting Office: Being Investigated 157-203-6 SEARCHED . FILED_ SERIALIZED. g 1968 APR FBI - DENVER

TV and Radio to Carry Dr. King Funeral Rites

The three major television networks planned live coverage starting at 8:30 a.m., MST of the funeral Tuesday in Atlanta of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spokesmen for ABC, CBS and NBC said Monday.

Denver radio stations KOA, KLZ and KTLN said they planned live coverage of the church services and live pickups as necessary afterwards.

ABC said it planned to be on the air from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 n.m.

CBS said its programming would continue though the conclusion of rites at the cemetery. NBC said it would be on continuously through the completion of the afternoon service at Morehouse University.

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MBC also will present a special on Er.

Martin Luther King at 10:35 p.m. MST Tuesday.

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JFK's Widow To Attend King Service

ATLANTA, April 8—(UPI)—An endless line of mourners shuffled past the casket of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday in a growing, final tribute joined by Mrs. John F. Kennedy and other dignitaries around the World.

By Monday afternoon, more than 60,000 persons had filed by King's bier in Sisters Chapel at Spelman College in Atlanta. Later in the day the body was to be moved to Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King's father is pastor.

As many as 100,000 persons are expected to attend his funeral Tuesday.

Mrs. Kennedy, whose own husband, President Kennedy, was slain by a sniper's bullet, as was King, announced in New York she would be at the funeral. It will be one of her few appearances at an occasion of national magnitude since she was widowed in 1963.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey also is expected to attend, as are the ambassadors of several countries.

The world of show business, which often rallied to King's side, is represented by Harry Belafonte, who has been at the side of Mrs. King helping with funeral arrangements and other matters, Eartha Kitt, Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Marlon Brando and others.

Private funeral services for close friends and the immediate family will be held at 10 30 am. Tuesday in Ebenezer Church, and then the body will be transported along a 30-block route of march to Morehouse College, where a public funeral service will be held. Burial will be in South View Cemetery.

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Hands Joined in Tribute to King

By GREG PINNEY Denver Post Staff Writer

Two thousand Denverites, black and white, joined hands Sunday afternoon in a massive tribute to the memory of he Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They stood for 50 minutes in front of the City and County Building while men repeated Dr. King's words and told of his greatness.

The crowd virtually filled the semicircuar space in front of the building and spilled onto the lawn across the street in the Civic Center. It was a peaceful throng of, perhaps, 60 per cent white and 40 per cent black.

When the memorial service began just after 2 p.m., the temperature stood at 47 degrees. A driving wind was blowing but the building blocked most of it and left just enough breeze to unfurl the flags that the staff.

The people paid tribute not only wind their presence but with their money. Approximately 25 cardboard boxes were placed throughout the crowd and \$2,005 was collected for the Martin Luther King Fund, Inc.

The Rev. M. C. Williams, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, opened the struce by saying, "Ladies and gentlement or perhaps I should say brothers and sters . . . for Dr. Martin Luther King

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said, 'We all must live together as brothers and sisters or we must all perish as fools.' "

It was a stark contrast to the violence and anti-white sentiment that has been committed elsewhere in the wake of the slaying of Dr. King.

After an invocation by Rabbi Louis I. Schechter and a scripture reading by Msgr. George Evans, six Negroes read passages from Dr. King's speeches.

The Rev. Mr. Williams read part of Dr. King's speech in Memphis the night before the assassination: "It doesn't really matter now because I've been to the mountain top and I don't mind."

James Reynolds, director of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, read Dr. King's explanation of "creative tension," which, he had contended, would achieve more than violence.

The Rev. George Turner, executive secretary of the Curtis Park Community Center, read Dr. King's rebuke to white rights leaders for stirring up tension: "We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension. that is alive."

Paul Hamilton, a Denver school teacher, revived Dr. King's disappointment with the white moderate who says he agrees with the goals of the civil rights movement but not with its course of direct action.

The Rev. Cecil Howard of the Shorter AME Church, quoted Dr. King's reply to those who actused him of being an externist. "Were not Christ, Martin Luther and Abraham Lin-

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celn extremists?" he had asked. And he had added that he wa t wasn't whether a man is a extremist but what he is extremist about-love or hate. The Rev. J. R. Wagner, pas-

tor of the Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, read Dr. King's rationale for the March

on Washington in 1963.

Then Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963 came over the public-address system. It ended with his saying that

the oppressed people will strive until that day when they can say, "Thank God Almightywe are free at last."

Men and women wept.

Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of the Methodist Church, a white man, offered a prayer: "For our white racism, our prejudice, our indifference, our lack of vision, faith and courage-forgive us, dear Lord."

The Rev. Richard Henry, president of the Religious Council of Human Relations, stepped forward to ask that donations be put in the cardboard boxes. It was the council that sponsored the memorial service.

Part of the money will go to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which Dr. King headed, and the rest will

be spent locally for "specific programs and new initiatives that will carry forward in our

dwn midst the spirit and goals for which he lived."

The donations ranged from a

lunging enactment of federal pro- not only the greatest black man glad to be an extremist because grams of the magnitude recoming the history of America but ntended by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. The telegrams pledged support of tax increases to make it possible.

> "To require less of Congress, or of us, will be to forfeit the dream for which Martin Luther King lived and for whose realization he died," the telegram

The Rev. Bruce Moncrieff, also speaking for the council, reiterated his plea for all normal activity to be suspended on Tuesday-the day of Dr. King's funeral.

The idea is to set the day aside for all Americans to meet with their peers - whoever they may be — and plan for ways to reconstruct America, he said.

CALLED 'GREATEST'

He said he was addressing his plea not only to the public but also to Gov. John Love and Mayor Tom Currigan, Those two men were standing nearby but they made no response.

The crowd gave a long applause to the Tuesday shutdown proposal.

Father Moncrieff had referred to Dr. King as "the greatest black man in the his-St., one tore up a map and tory of America."

ished speaking, the Rev. Mr. phone and said, "Let me add, Shed, 27, of 3633 Holly St.

one of the greatest men in the history of America."

The service closed at 2:55 p.m. with the audience singing "We Shall Overcome."

The Rev. Williams appealed for everyone to join hands. At first, only a few did: •

But, by the time the last chorus was sung, nearly everyone had joined hands and was swaying from side to side with the slow beat of the song.

The crowd was exceptionally somber and peaceful.

MINOR RIPPLES

The only ripples in the behavior of the crowd were when one man shouted something about the Vietnam War and when another shouted "Throw out Currigan." No one seemed to pay any attention to them.

Denver police reported no incidents at all during the service. Several officers did station themselves near a group of four young Negroes because they noticed that one had a bull

Nothing happened at the service but, as the four men drove away from their parking space at W. Colfax Ave. and Bannock threw it out the wingow, accord-When Father Moncrieff fin-ing to Lt. William Maddock. The man, who was arrested for Williams stepped to the micro-littering, was identified as Soll

\$50 bill to 100 Gold Bond stamps.

The Rev. Mr. Henry added

that he would send telegrams to President Johnson and Colorado's congressional delegation

March Will Underline Move to End Racism

A march through downtow "We will stay off our jobs and King's memory. determination to eliminate racism in America is scheduled for Monday night by the Denver ica can become itself." Core City Ministry

p.m. at 15th and Arapahoe Sts.

A press release from the biracial organization said "we acknowledge that our society is ansick society, that it is infected with the cancer of white racism fected at its roots and must be to plan action, he said. changed."

said a policy of "continued di-lege for a meeting. rect action" is necessary to re- Father Hart said most march ter, services in honor of King

change the direction of society: City shopping complex.

Denver to demonstrate whit publicly demonstrate that a dramatic change—as dramatic a taking ourselves of our profitsis the only way that white Amer-

The Rev. Craig Hart of An-The march is to start at 7 nunciation Catholic Church said it's hoped normal business and community life will be shut down Tuesday for discussions of what can be done.

The march and hoped-for business closing Tuesday, he said, won't be simply another memorthat every one of our institutial for the Rev. Dr. Martin Lutions, without exception, is in-ther King Jr. The need now is at the Denver Labor Center, 360

The march is to go from down-Calling on whites to attend town to Civic Center and. perthe march, the announcement haps, to Metropolitan State Col-

move every trace of racism ers are expected to be white were held elsewhere in the state. from American institutions. as they were in a march Satur- More than 3,000 persons. The ministers demanded that day from Loretto Heights Col-joined in prayer and hymn-sing-Tuesday be devoted to seeking lege in southwest Denver to policy decisions necessary to Englewood — the Cinderella Colorado Springs for a two-hour

assassination last week, a bi-ton Proby, pastor of St. John's racial group calling itself the Baptist Church, and Dr. Robert Clearing House for Concerned Bowman of All Saints Unitarian People said it would give infor mation by telephone to people who want to do something in

mation on legislation pending in lies of seminars to discuss Congress and names and ad-king's life and the problems of dresses of Colorado congress- the Negro is scheduled for the men. Its telephone numbers are afternoon. 623-7876 and 244-8659, and it will operate until 9 p.m. Monday and between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday.

the Colorado Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said all union officers ments wil Iremain open, but Dr. have been asked to suspend union business Tuesday and meet Acoma St., at 10 a.m. for a twohour meeting.

morial in Denver's Civic Cen-

In addition to a Sunday the-

ing at the Broadmoor Hotel in service Sunday afternoon. It In another aftermath to King's was conducted by the Rev. Mil-Church.

An estimated 1,500 persons marched through Boulder to memorial service at the Firs Methodist Church.

At the University of Colorado a special memorial service is

planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday in The group is providing infor-Mackey Auditorium, and a se-

There will be no classes at Colorado State University in Fort Collins Tuesday, permitting students to participate in Herrick S. Roth, president of memorial services for King.

All CSU nonacademic depart-A. R. Chamberlain, executive wice president said supervisors were told to exercise a liberal olicy of permitting employes ime to observe any services for King.

Relative Calm Marks J Friday Night in Denver

The entire police force was on duty in Denver Friday night. hidnight most of the extra olice were released.

The police blotter showed about 15 reports of incidents directly connected with the racial tension.

A fire bomb was thrown at Annunciation High School but did little damage. An automobile parked at 4300 E. 18th Ave. was doused with gasoline and set afire by a group of Negroes.

John H. Bell, 3501 Newport St., said six Negro youths broke into his home and took a diamond ring and personal papers. His son, John H. Bell Jr., 14, returned to the house while the burglary was going on and was struck several times in the face by the vandals. He was not seriously hurt.

Five cases of Negro youths stealing from stores were reported Friday afternoon, They included drugstores at 2836 E. Colfax Ave. and at 2032 E. Colfax Ave.; two shoe stores, the Flagg Brothers store at 610 16th St., and the Quality Shoe Store at 2701 Carimer St., and a filling station at 6130 E. 14th Ave.

Friday morning at the Boys' Store, 5701 E. Colfax Ave., several pairs of dress pants and suits were taken by a group of

Negro youths.

A store window was smashed at the Chateau Liquors, 200 Columbine St., and about 50 bottles of liquor were stolen from the window displays. Several incidents of fighting

between white and Negro youths "nothing major." were reported but no serious injuries were listed.

The city remained calm and by the Curtis Park center, where as he took pictures groups at park but police said it was identified Negro aided him.

John F. Bills III, a Regis College student, said he was Police kept a close watch on attacked by some 25 Negroes groups of Negroes gathered Curtis Park. He said his motion much of the day. Sporadic picture camera, valued at about lighting was reported in the \$300, was taken. He said an an-

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TO

SAC (157-203)

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FROM:

ASAC JOHN F. MORLEY

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re teletype from Bureau to all continental offices 4/8/68.

Based upon instructions in retel, a conference of all headquarters agents and ICs was held at 8:15 a.m., 4/9/68, and upon receipt of teletype on night of 4/8/68, all Resident Agents were instructed to stand by for instructions concerning handling on the morning of 4/9/68 for instructions on what to do based on retel.

Retel was read to all headquarters Agents and Resident Agents on the morning of 4/9/68 and the following assignments were made:

Indices check had already been made and was negative concerning LOWMYER and LOWMEYER, first name HARVEY.

SA WILLIAM E. FENIMORE was to check City Directories.

SA WILLIAM J. MALONE was to check Telephone Directories.

 $\,$ IC DON RAY is to check driver's licenses and Colorado Registrations for autos.

IC TRUMBULL is to check credit records for Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe and Adams Counties.

SA LAWRENCE L. LOCKWOOD is to check criminal records for Denver, Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Adams Counties.

IC TRUMBULL is to check birth records for people 30 - 40 years of age.

SA MORRISON is to check Selective Service Records.

Resident Agents at Cheyenne, Casper and Riverton, Wyoming were notified of the contents of retel by SA JOSEPH C.

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Resident Agents at Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Durango were notified by SA BOYD D. ADSIT.

Resident Agents at Boulder, Fort Collins and Grand Junction were notified by SA LOUIS D. NFLAN.

SA LITTLE is on sick leave and he will be notified of the contents upon his call to the Denver Office.

Possible bombing suspects also being checked out in our territory.

As instructed in retel, all Agents were instructed to give these leads immediate and continuing attention and teletype will be submitted to the Bureau today setting forth the results of the information ascertained today with follow-up communications as necessary thereafter.

It is noted in votor registration records they are broken down in Denver by precinct only and there is no logical way at this point to check such records unless those of each individual precinct were checked and this would, of course, draw considerable attention to the name of LOWMYER which is contrary to the instructions set forth in the teletype.

Date: 4/7/68 Transmit the following in _ (Type in plain text or code) Via ____AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing) SAC, ALBUQUERQUE OT SAC. MEMPHL8 (44-1987) FROM SUBJECT: MURKIN'_ CR Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSASSINA-TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING. Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters. In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups. — alu ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ALL COPIES AIR MAIL: 2 - BALTIMORE 2 - JACKSGNVALLE* 2 - PITTSBURGH - BUTTE 2 - LITTLE ROCK 2 - PORTLAND 2 - SAN ANTONIO - CLEVELAND 2 - LOUISVILLE 2 - MINNEAPOLIS - COLUMBIA MEMPHIS - DENVER 2 - MOBILE 2 - NEW ORLEANS - EL PASO 2 - HOUSTON 2 - NORFOLK SEARCHED 4 2 - INDIANAPOLIS 2 - OKLAHOMA CITY SERIALIZED. 2 - SAVANNAH 2 - PHOENIX 9 1968 ΔPR RGJ: ME FBI - DENVER (44)Approved: Special Agent in Charge 157-41

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AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING,

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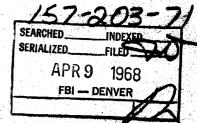
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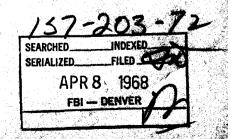
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ERIC STARVØ GALT. TWØ SIX ZERØ EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SØUTH.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEVELØPED AS PØSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE.

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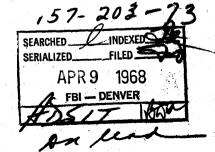
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AND, IF SØ, DETERMINE PURCHASES MADE BY HIM FRØM MARCH ØNE,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TØ DATE. ADDRESSES LISTED BELØW:

CHICAGO. STANDARD ØIL DIVISION ØF AMERICAN ØIL COMPANY, CENTRAL CREDIT CARD ØFFICE, ØNE SIX FIVE NØRTH CANAL STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINØIS.

END PAGE ØNE



CLEVELAND. STANDARD ØIL CØMPANY ØF ØHIØ, MIDLAND BUILDING.
CLEVELAND, ØHIØ.

DENVER. CHEVRON SERVICES, POST OFFICE BOX FIVE NINE NINE, DENVER, COLORADO.

'LØS ANGELES. STANDARD ØIL COMPANY ØF CALIFØRNIA, PØST ØFFICE BØX SEVEN FIVE NINE THREE, SANFØRD STATIØN, LØS ANGELES, CALIFØRNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO. STANDARD ØIL COMPANY ØF CALIFØRNIA.
WESTERN ØPERATIONS CORPORATION, PØST ØFFICE BØX THREE FIVE SIX
FIVE, RINCON ANNEX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFØRNIA.

SEATTLE. STANDARD ØIL CØMPANY, PØST ØFFICE BØX TWØ TWØ
ZERØ, SEATTLE, WASHINGTØN.

LØUISVILLE. STANDARD ØIL CØMPANY ØF KENTUCKY, E.P. CENTER,
PØST ØFFICE BØX EIGHTEEN SIX ZERØ, LØUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.
INDIVIDUAL TØ CØNTACT IS MR. F. D. GLAZE. GLAZE SHØULD BE
REQUESTED TØ CØNTACT FØUR DIVISIØNS UNDER HIS JURISDICTIØN,
ATLANTA, JACKSØN, LØUISVILLE, AND JACKSØNVILLE, FLØRIDA.
LØUISVILLE LEAD TELEPHØNICALLY FURNISHED DUE TØ GEØGRAPHICAL AREA
CØVERED.

ALL ØFFICES IMMEDIATELY SUTEL.

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FBI DENVER