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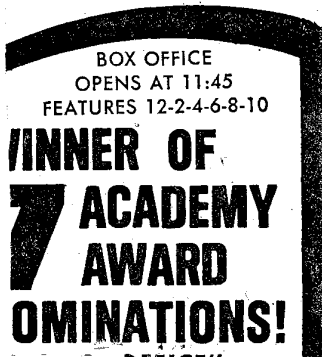
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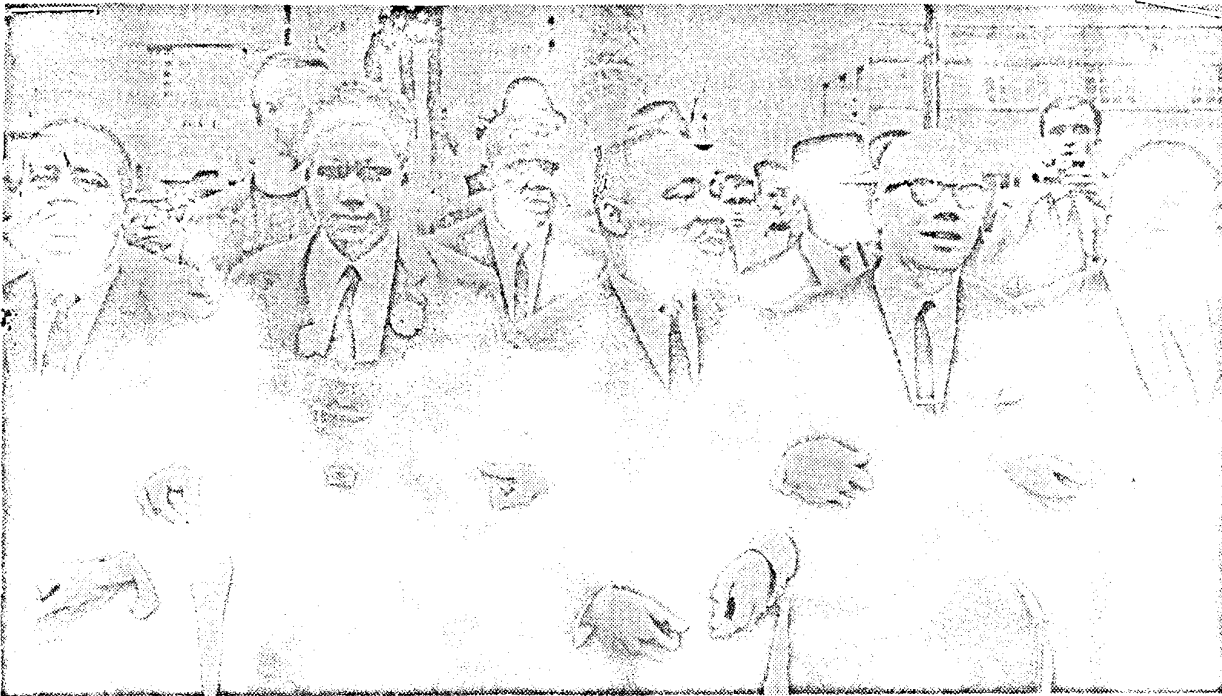
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"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."



ARM IN ARM to the courthouse in Montgomery walked Dr. King (center) in March, 1965. With other civil rights leaders, he led thousands from Selma, a move

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Gaping Wound Claims Life —Hospital's Aid Is Futile

By THOMAS FOX

Dr. Martin Luther King, his head wrapped in a towel and an oxygen mask over his face, looked small on the stretcher as he was wheeled into the emergency room of St. Joseph Hospital at 6:16 last night.

His eyes were closed and the only sound was from the resuscitator which was pumping oxygen into his dying body.

Several of Dr. King's aides, his attorney Chauncey Eskridge and his chauffeur, Solomon Jones Jr., leaned over the Fire Department ambulance stretcher, their eyes were red-rimmed and all were silent.

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Other members of Dr. King's party emerged from the room and leaned against the walls; most were crying.

Police arrived within minutes after the ambulance and quickly posted guards at every entrance to the hospital. Two patrolmen with shotguns guarded the entrance to the emergency room and allowed only police officers and aides of Dr. King into the room.

Every telephone in the waiting room rang constantly and police referred all inquiries to Police Chief J. C. Macdonald at Central Police station.

Nurses ran in and out of the emergency room, pushing their way through the crowd with the help of policemen.

An aide emerged from the operating room about 15 minutes after Dr. King arrived and stood with tears running down his cheeks. "They have done killed Dr. King," he said before a police officer advised him not to make any statements and he returned to the emergency room.

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At 7:30 several doctors lined up in front of the reception desk in the emergency room and all of Dr. King's party were called into the emergency room.

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An Editorial—

Memphis Needs Calm

THE assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis was a cowardly action. It was a tragedy for Memphis.

The need now is for the community to remain calm and restrained despite the increased tensions which this action has caused. As President Johnson said, all America must "reject blind violence," and "search their hearts."

All citizens should keep in mind that this was the deed of an individual who in some warped-minded way thought he could bring an end to a complex problem with a simple, primitive action.

THE death of Dr. King does not solve any problems in Memphis or in the nation. Indeed, it aggravates the existing problems and makes more urgent the need for settlement of the Memphis dispute that precipitated the assassination. Mayor Loeb and the City Council must move swiftly to that end now.

This is not a time for discussion of the provocations which lay behind this action. Murder has been done. Swift apprehension of the killer and just punishment must follow.

To many who were not aware of the angry forces which have been tearing away at the structure of this community in recent weeks, this should bring understanding. There should be no further divisive actions which we all would certainly regret. Rather, this should serve as an example of what such racial rending causes, and should result in solidifying of sentiment in the community more than ever before.

IT IS time now that those of us in all circumstances and of all attitudes realize in the shock of this emotional action that somehow our difficulties and apparent differences must be resolved without further violence and bloodshed.

Hate has produced its ultimate product at the ultimate price.

THE Commercial Appeal is aware that all law enforcement agencies are doing their utmost to apprehend the killer, but we also realize that information from any source could be helpful. Therefore, The Commercial Appeal offers a reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this monstrous crime.

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Ellington Signs Reapportionment Plan

Constitution Amendment Also Gets Approval Of Governor

NASHVILLE, April 4. — (AP) — Bills requiring "one man, one vote" reapportionment of county courts, and revising the call for a 1971 constitutional convention were signed into law Thursday by Gov. Buford Ellington.

Through late afternoon, Ellington had not vetoed any bills passed by the 1968 legislature.

The county court reapportionment bill was passed a week ago but the Senate called it back Wednesday to consider an amendment changing the effective date from 1972 to Aug. 1, 1968. But senators refused to consider the change and sent the bill back to the governor.

The bill requires all 95 county courts to be apportioned on an equal population basis as now required by the United States Supreme Court.

Ellington had announced last week he would accept any amendments the legislature felt necessary to the previously passed constitutional convention bill. The amended version he signed Thursday opens the door for major changes in the

Teacher Pay

LITTLE ROCK, April 4. — Promised \$500 teacher-pay increases during the next fiscal year beginning July 1 cannot be paid out of current estimated general revenues, Education Commissioner Arch W. Ford said Thursday.

"Either the Legislature or the department of administration under existing laws will have to do something to be able to give the second \$500 raises," he said.

Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller promised and the legislature approved \$500 raises for the state's 18,000 public school teachers during each year of the current biennium.

Several educators and legislators have been warning for some months that present fiscal policies could endanger the second \$500 promised to teachers.

'Miss University' Crowned

OXFORD, Miss., April 4. — Blond-haired Nancy Land, 19-year-old freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy B. Land of Clinton, is the newly crowned Miss University. She won the title in competition

2 Brothers Win Jaycee Award

Two brothers yesterday received the Junior Chamber

ICC will vote to approve the new rates. If the ICC takes no action for 30 days the proposals would be approved automatically. The commissioner can, however, call for further statements, and if it does, it has 180 days from the original filing date to rule on the increase.

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Rights And Political Leaders Voice Anguish, Shock, Grief

Johnson Speaks For Saddened Nation And Condemns Violence—Some Express Fear Of Increased Terrorism

From Our Press Services

The nation's civil rights and political leaders reacted with anguish, shock and grief last night at the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

There also was fear that the slaying could lead to more violence.

President Johnson spoke of an "America shocked and saddened" by the assassination as he condemned violence, lawlessness and divisiveness.

The President appeared in the doorway of the White House offices, stern-faced and spoke on all television and radio networks.

"I ask every American citizen," he said, "to reject the blind violence that has struck down Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence."

The President urged prayers for peace and understanding in the land and said:

"We can achieve nothing by lawlessness and divisiveness among the American people."

He said he hopes all Americans would search their hearts.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the slaying "brings shame to our country. An apostle of nonviolence has been the victim of violence."

The vice president said, however, that his death will bring new strength to the cause he fought for.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon sent a telegram to Mrs. King, which said: "Dr. King's death is a great personal tragedy for everyone who knew him and a great tragedy for the nation. Mrs. Nixon joins me in sympathy and prayers for you and your family in this terrible ordeal."

New York Mayor John V. Lindsay: "The people of our city of every race, I am sure,

will join hands in paying tribute to him. Our greatest tribute to him will be to bear ourselves as he would want us to — with dignity and prayer."

Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), said Dr. King's death is "one of the saddest tragedies to befall the nation" and warned that the shooting will add to "a very serious domestic crisis. It's going to increase marching across our country."

Fred Meely, a spokesman for the militant Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, said, "There is no real comment that we can make. Everybody knows what happened and everybody knows why it happened and the black people in this country know what they have to do about it. That's all I have to say."

Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington sent a telegram to Dr. King's widow saying he was "deeply saddened and shocked" by the shooting.

Representative Dan Kuykendall (R-Tenn.) in Washington said:

"This dastardly, cowardly act on the part of this unknown person is of great grief to me and, I know, to my city. This is an example of how violence breeds violence. Let's hope and pray that the action and

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man and Ripley furniture deal-
er, defeated Mayor C. Viar,
744 votes to 732, Thursday in
Viar's bid for re-election.

GOP To Contest Fulbright

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Senator J. W. Fulbright (D-
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tive" and warn Republicans
that support for Wallace would
help Democrats retain control
of the White House. "Now that
(President) Johnson is out of
the race," he told a Republi-
can dinner gathering, "Wal-
lace is even more of a menace
than before."

Barge Search Discontinued

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neers Thursday gave up the
search temporarily for a barge
loaded with 47,500 bushels of
corn which sank in the Missis-
sippi River near here Wednes-
day after it hit bridge pilings.
Thomas Irby, chief of the nav-
igation office at Vicksburg,
said the barge does not pose a
navigation hazard at this time.

**Agents Seize
Bogus Money
At Parchman**

Special to The Commercial Appeal

PARCHMAN, Miss., April 4.
— About \$3,600 in counterfeit
money has been discovered at
the Mississippi State Peniten-
tiary here, Secret Service
agent Maurice Miller said yester-
day.

Mr. Miller, in charge of the
Secret Service office at Mem-
phis, said federal agents con-
fiscated \$500 in crude bills and
are looking for an additional
\$3,100. He said an investigation
showed an inmate had made
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notes at the prison since Nov-
ember, 1967, in denominations
of \$5, \$10 and \$20.

"They are more reproduc-
tions than they are counter-
feits. They are just crude,
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Some officials speculated the
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Dr. King, said House Speaker John McCormack (D-Mass.), "was a martyr to a cause — and that cause will be strengthened if the House concurs in the Senate civil rights bill."

The bill, adopted by the House earlier this year, would outlaw discrimination in the sale or rental of 68 per cent of the nation's housing. It also would make civil rights murders — such as King's — a federal crime.

In Stamford, Conn., former Brooklyn Dodger baseball star Jackie Robinson said the shooting "is the most disturbing and distressing thing we've had to face in a long time. . . I am concerned about repercussions. I can't imagine people taking this kind of attitude."

Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) said, "Dr. King had a life dedicated to peace, justice, compassion and nonviolence. It is up to us to fulfill his dream."

In Newton, Mass., Kivie Kaplan, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, commented, "This is shocking — that people have to resort to actions like these to a man who was fighting for human dignity for all people."

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, under-secretary-general of the United Nations, in a telegram to Dr. King's widow, called the shooting "a most grievous blow to the cause of racial harmony. It was an unspeakable and outrageous act, presumably by a white bigot, which inevitably will be a most grievous blow to the cause of racial harmony throughout this country."

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, said, "An eloquent voice for the rights of all men has been silenced, and men of good will everywhere will mourn."

Arthur Goldberg, ambassador to the United Nations said in a telegram to Dr. King's widow:

"Mrs. Goldberg and I are shocked and deeply grieved at the sad news of wanton killing of your distinguished husband. This is a tragic loss for our country and for all people everywhere who believe in freedom and equality for all men. We extend our deep sympathy to you and all in your family."

Senator Jacob J. Javits (R-N.Y.) said "This terrible tragedy has taken the life of one of the greatest and most inspiring leaders our country has produced. This moment of shock and grief for a fallen leader demands of all of us restraint and understanding and a renewed dedication to carry on the work of justice and decency among men of all races, the cause for which Dr. King gave his life."

"His doctrine of nonviolence will overcome, as he planned it should . . ."

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller: "I am directing that the flags on all state buildings and facilities be flown at half staff tomorrow from sunrise to sunset as an expression of the deep sorrow felt by New Yorkers as well as men of good will throughout our nation and the world."

Arkansas Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller: "I am shocked by another act of violence that has been injected into an already explosive situation. Murder under any circumstance is deplorable. I can only interpret this as the irresponsible act of a deranged mind. . ."

In Montgomery, Ala., officials of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where Dr. King first came to prominence with his bus boycott in 1955, mourned his death but predicted his lieutenants would carry on his nonviolent tradition.

"I've been almost in a state of shock," said C. T. Smiley, chairman of the church's board of trustees. "He was a courageous man and a very smart man and yet a very humble man in many ways."

Wilkins Is Stunned

At News Of Death

Roy Wilkins of New York,

executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called The Commercial Appeal at 7:05 last night to ask about Dr. King's condition.

When told the civil rights leader was dead and asked to make a statement, Mr. Wilkins asked, "He's what . . . he's what . . . he's what . . . he's what . . . he's what?"

Stunned, Mr. Wilkins then said, "I'm sorry, I can't make any other statement at this time."

NEW YORK, April 4. — (AP) — The NAACP's Roy Wilkins said late Thursday that "Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington made the wrong move tonight" in calling back the National Guard into Memphis, where Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. "Somebody gave him a bum steer."

Wilkins explained, "He put 4,000 men in Memphis . . . soldiers with rifles. Now this doesn't say to the Negro community that we know you're sorrowful and sad, and that you've lost a great man, and that we too have lost a great man."

"This says, 'We're gonna put 4,000 soldiers there to see that you behave yourself.' This is the wrong psychological move."

"And I'm not afraid," Wilkins added in a CBS television interview, "and not intimidated to saying it on the air . . ."

"For a governor to send 4,000 troops in there an hour after a man is shot, this simply exacerbates the whole situation."

Orchestral Group Re-Elects Kirsch

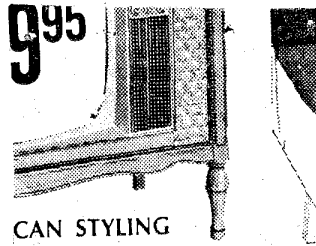
Symphony Backers Name Officers, Directors

William F. Kirsch Jr. has been named to a second one year term as president of the Memphis Orchestral Society administrative organization behind the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Kirsch, an attorney, was first elected in February, 1967, and was chosen again at the society's recent directors' meeting at which five other officers and seven new directors were picked. Mr. Kirsch's second year as president will be effective June 1, as will the terms for other officers: Ber Baer, elected a vice president after previously being treasurer; Dunbar Abston Jr., re-elected as a vice president; Mrs. S. W. Farnsworth, a new vice president; Walter Hehmer, re-elected as secretary and Robert McKnight, newly named treasurer.

McKnight is also one of the seven new directors, along with Thomas M. Roberts, W. Lytle Nichol IV, Walter Smith J. Gilson Riley, Mrs. Winston Mosby and Dimitri Georgiadis.

Mrs. Mosby, from Helena Ark., has the distinction of being the only one of the directors, whose number Mr. Kirsch placed at "about 40," to be from out of Memphis. Several others from Mid-South points outside Memphis have been directors in previous years.



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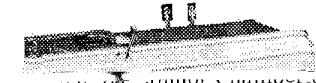
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Barron Circle was named
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to Jaycee members of less
than a year.

Harold H. Sterling is owner
of Uptown Realty & Invest-
ment Corp. and Barry E. Ster-
ling is a member of the firm.
Tom O'Brien, past president of
the Jaycees, made the presen-
tation. About 125 members at-
tended the meeting.

Harbor Wreckage Cleared

SAN JUAN, P.R., April 4. —
(AP) — One month and one
day after the oil-laden Ocean
Eagle broke apart in San Juan
harbor, the bow of the tanker
was pulled out to sea Thurs-
day. A Navy spokesman said it
will be taken to deep water
and sunk.

Rockefeller said Thursday. He
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case Senator Fulbright is de-
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Kirk 'Invades' Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss., April 4. —
(UPI) — Florida Gov. Claude

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New Trademark For South- ern Is 'Southern Style'

WASHINGTON, April 4. —
Southern Airways, which
serves Memphis and 50 other
Southern communities, has
adopted as a theme the words
"Southern Style," Frank W.
Hulse, president of the Atlan-
ta-based carrier told a news
conference here Thursday.

"By nature, Southerners are
pleasant, courteous and friend-
ly," Hulse said. "This is the
feeling we will portray to our
customers."

He said Southern Airways
will spend \$825,000 in the next
nine months advertising the
theme and providing prizes
and other incentives to the
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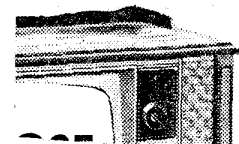
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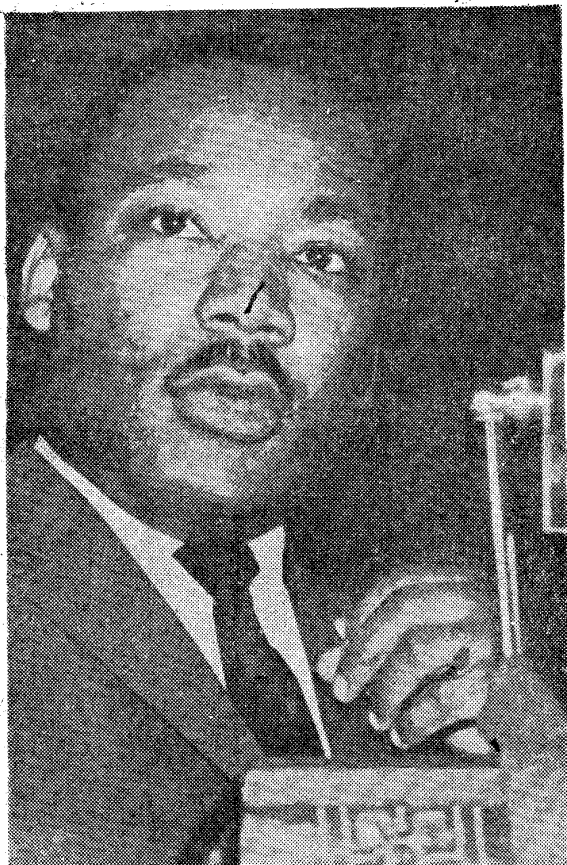
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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER met with Dr. King and other civil rights leaders during a 1958 conference on school integration. Dr. King frequently met with Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. —UPI Telephoto



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Rumors of a "Stop Trudeau" movement persisted, but Mar-in emphatically denied Thursday morning that he was in a reported deal with Hellyer.

One of the latest boosts to Trudeau came from Newfoundland's Premier Joey Smallwood, who threw his support to the justice minister, along with an estimated 50 of his province's 84 votes.

Some observers are predicting that Trudeau will get 500 to 700 votes on the first ballot. This would be far short of the more than 1,200 votes needed for election.

It was expected, however, that several of the eight leading candidates would withdraw after the first or second ballot. These include Health Minister Allen MacEachen, Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene and Eric Kierans, former health minister of Quebec Province.

The original field of 19 candidates was cut to 10 Thursday when four failed to qualify by the filing deadline.

The principal business of the day was a series of workshop sessions at which all the candidates were given an opportunity to appear before groups of delegates to express their

the lack of sizable opposition was the incessant American bombing by planes and from Khe Sanh artillery of North Vietnamese positions during the past three months.

In other developments early Friday:

Allied military spokesman said the Viet Cong shelled 11 United States and South Vietnamese military positions Thursday night and early Friday. The targets, ranging the length of the country, included the big Tan Son Nhut air base on Saigon's outskirts.

American sources said Friday no United States air strikes had been reported near the 20th Parallel in North Vietnam for more than 24 hours, prompting speculation that President Johnson may be further curtailing the bombing of the North.

Hanoi Radio claimed Thursday, however, that United States planes dropped more than 50 bombs on a populated area in Lai Chau Province, northwest of Hanoi and well north of the parallel. In Washington, the Pentagon said it had no knowledge of any planes intruding beyond the 20th Parallel.

Americans wounded in the war last week soared to the highest in the conflict but the number of killed declined the

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Civil Rights And Political Leaders Voice Anguish, Shock, Grief

Johnson Speaks For Saddened Nation And Condemns Violence—Some Express Fear Of Increased Terrorism

From Our Press Services

The nation's civil rights and political leaders reacted with anguish, shock and grief last night at the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

There also was fear that the slaying could lead to more violence.

President Johnson spoke of an "America shocked and saddened" by the assassination as he condemned violence, lawlessness and divisiveness.

The President appeared in the doorway of the White House offices, stern-faced and spoke on all television and radio networks.

"I ask every American citizen," he said, "to reject the blind violence that has struck down Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence."

The President urged prayers for peace and understanding in the land and said:

"We can achieve nothing by lawlessness and divisiveness among the American people."

He said he hopes all Americans would search their hearts.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the slaying "brings shame to our country. An apostle of nonviolence has been the victim of violence."

The vice president said, however, that his death will bring new strength to the cause he fought for.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon sent a telegram to Mrs. King, which said: "Dr. King's death is a great personal tragedy for everyone who knew him and a great tragedy for the nation. Mrs. Nixon places me in sympathy and prayer for you and your family in this terrible ordeal."

New York Mayor John V. Lindsay: "The people of our city of every race, I am sure

will join hands in paying tribute to him. Our greatest tribute to him will be to bear ourselves as he would want us to — with dignity and prayer."

Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), said Dr. King's death is "one of the saddest tragedies to befall the nation" and warned that the shooting will add to "a very serious domestic crisis. It's going to increase marching across our country."

Fred Meely, a spokesman for the militant Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, said, "There is no real comment that we can make. Everybody knows what happened and everybody knows why it happened and the black people in this country know what they have to do about it. That's all I have to say."

Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington sent a telegram to Dr. King's widow saying he was "deeply saddened and shocked" by the shooting.

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"This dastardly, cowardly act on the part of this unknown person is of great grief to me and, I think, to my city. This is an example of how violence breeds violence. Let's hope and pray that the action and

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Dr. King, said House Speaker John McCormack (D-Wash.), "was a martyr to a cause — and that cause will be strengthened if the House condemns the Senate civil rights bill."

The bill, adopted by the House earlier this year, would outlaw discrimination in the sale or rental of 68 per cent of the nation's housing. It also would make civil rights murders — such as King's — a federal crime.

In Stamford, Conn., former Brooklyn Dodger baseball star Jackie Robinson said the shooting "is the most disturbing and distressing thing we've had to face in a long time. . . I am concerned about repercussions. I can't imagine people taking this kind of attitude."

Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) said, "Dr. King had a life dedicated to peace, justice, compassion and nonviolence. It is up to us to fulfill his dream."

In Newton, Mass., Kivie Kaplan, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, commented, "This is shocking — that people have to resort to actions like these to a man who was fighting for human dignity for all people."

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, under-secretary-general of the United Nations, in a telegram to Dr. King's widow, called the shooting "a most grievous blow to the cause of racial harmony. It was an unspeakable and outrageous act, presumably by a white bigot, which inevitably will be a most grievous blow to the cause of racial harmony throughout this country."

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, said, "An eloquent voice for the rights of all men has been silenced, and men of good will everywhere will mourn."

Arthur Goldberg, ambassador to the United Nations said in a telegram to Dr. King's widow:

"Mrs. Goldberg and I are shocked and deeply grieved at the sad news of wanton killing of your distinguished husband. This is a tragic loss for our country and for all people everywhere who believe in freedom and equality for all men. We extend our deep sympathy to you and all in your family."

Senator Jacob J. Javits (R-N.Y.) said "This terrible tragedy has taken the life of one of the greatest and most inspiring leaders our country has produced. This moment of shock and grief for a fallen leader demands of all of us restraint and understanding and a renewed dedication to carry on the work of justice and decency among men of all races, the cause for which Dr. King gave his life."

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Arkansas Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller: "I am shocked by another act of violence that has been injected into an already explosive situation. Murder under any circumstance is deplorable. I can only interpret this as the irresponsible act of a deranged mind..."

In Montgomery, Ala., officials of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where Dr. King first came to prominence with his bus boycott in 1955, mourned his death but predicted his lieutenants would carry on his nonviolent tradition.

"I've been almost in a state of shock," said C. T. Smiley, chairman of the church's board of trustees. "He was a courageous man and a very smart man and yet a very humble man in many ways."

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At News Of Death

Roy Wilkins of New York,

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When told the civil rights leader was dead and asked to make a statement, Mr. Wilkins asked, "He's what . . . he's what . . . he's what . . . he's what . . . he's what?"

Stunned, Mr. Wilkins then said, "I'm sorry, I can't make any other statement at this time."

NEW YORK, April 4. — (AP) — The NAACP's Roy Wilkins said late Thursday that "Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington made the wrong move tonight" in calling back the National Guard into Memphis, where Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. "Somebody gave him a bum steer."

Wilkins explained, "He put 4,000 men in Memphis . . . soldiers with rifles. Now this doesn't say to the Negro community that we know you're sorrowful and sad, and that you've lost a great man, and that we too have lost a great man."

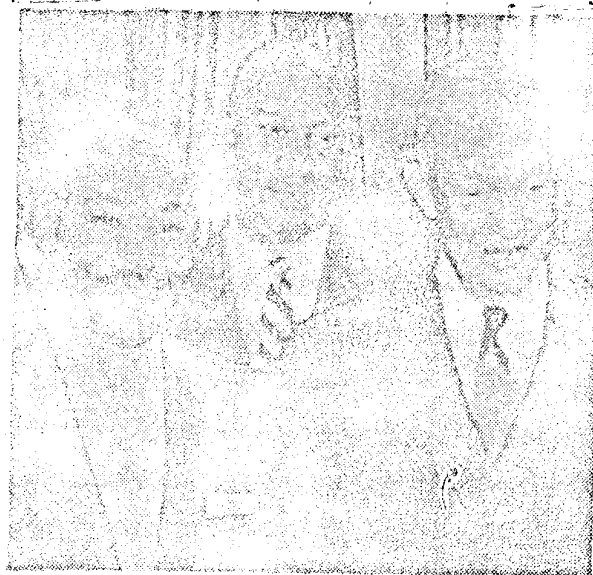
"This says, 'We're gonna put 4,000 soldiers there to see that you behave yourself.' This is the wrong psychological move."

"And I'm not afraid," Wilkins added in a CBS television interview, "and not intimidated to saying it on the air..."

"For a governor to send 4,000 troops in there an hour after a man is shot, this simply exacerbates the whole situation."



→ Dr. Martin Luther King ←



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER met with Dr. King and other civil rights leaders during a 1958 conference on school integration. Dr. King frequently met with Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. —UPI Telephoto

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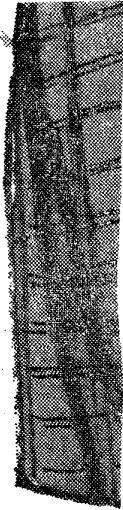
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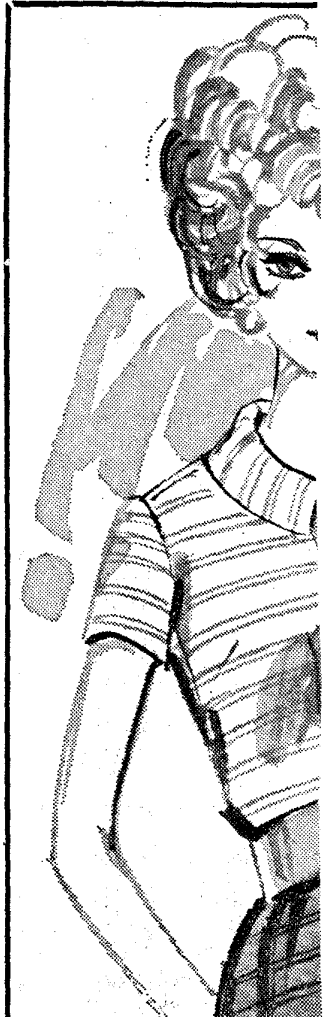
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From Our Press Services

Angry Negroes spilled into the streets in at least a half-dozen Southern cities last night in a violent reaction to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Memphis.

There were disturbances at Raleigh, N.C., Birmingham, Miami, Jackson, Miss., and reports of disorders at Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Durham in North Carolina.

About 35 youths clashed with police in downtown Raleigh, and a crowd of onlookers shouted "police brutality" when officers bodily dragged one Negro into a patrol car. Several store windows were smashed.

A group of 15 to 20 Negroes looted a furniture store at Miami and hauled off four or five television sets. Police patrol cars were pelted with rocks when they arrived. Order quickly was restored.

Rock-throwing Negroes bombarded cars at Birmingham and scattered garbage cans in the streets of a Negro district.

More than 150 Negroes created a disturbance in Jackson, Miss., and police sealed off the area, a Negro district near Jackson State College, scene of racial violence last year. Bottles were being thrown and windows smashed. A newsman's car was burned.

At Jackson, Negro leader Charles Evers said he had been threatened by a telephone caller after Dr. King was shot. Evers said the first phone call he received after King was shot was from a man who said, "We just killed that black S.O.B. Martin Luther King and you're next."

After that, Evers said, "There were a lot of calls . . . a lot of them were just laughing."

Evers' brother, Medgar Evers, was assassinated here five years ago. Medgar Evers was the state field director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the time. Charles Evers returned to Mississippi from Chicago to take up his slain brother's work and just recently made a strong, but unsuccessful bid for a seat in Congress.

Evers said he had definitely decided not to run again this year for Congress against white conservative Charles Griffin. He said he had been considering entering the race but decided against entering the campaign following the assassination of Dr. King. "I believe I can do more by staying on as state field secretary for the NAACP."

At Tallahassee, a brief rock-throwing demonstration broke out on the Florida A & M University campus in the wake of the assassination.

At Huntsville, Ala., a march of 600 Negroes resulted in some rock throwing and breaking of car and store windows.

A general alert was issued by Raleigh police and dozens of patrol cars converged on the downtown area. One officer squirted disabling gas on a youth, who fell to the sidewalk and was picked up by a companion who threw him across his shoulder and started walking toward Shaw University, a predominantly-Negro institution at the foot of Raleigh's Main Street.

North Carolina highway patrolmen were dispatched to Winston-Salem to help police deal with a civil disturbance in that tobacco city, and there also were reports of trouble in Durham and Charlotte.

There were violent reactions in Northern cities, too.

In New York, sporadic arson, looting, rock throwing and other minor violence broke out in most of the city's Negro neighborhoods last night. Police ordered 7,000 men, due to

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