

Americans, Black and White, Shocked by Assassination

Americans — black and white — today reacted to the news of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination with shock, sorrow and prayers that the violence that led to his death would not overshadow the nonviolence he preached.

President Johnson, addressing the nation last night on radio and television, said, "I know that every American of good-will joins me in mourning the death of this outstanding leader and in praying for peace and understanding throughout the nation."

The President asked "every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence."

He said we "can achieve nothing by lawlessness and divisiveness among the American people."

"Must Find Strength"

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey gave the news of King's death to a Democratic fund-raising dinner here.

He said "the criminal act which took his life brings shame to our country. The cause for which he marched and worked must find new strength. The blight of discrimination, poverty and neglect must be erased from America."

And, he said, "an America of full freedom and equal opportunity shall be his living memorial."

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon urged Americans "to try a new spirit of reconciliation to redeem this terrible act."

He said "The most meaningful and appropriate of all tributes (would be) a prayerful contemplation of the ghastly consequences of hatred, and a new dedication to the ideals of non-violence ... for which he stood."

"Days of Torment"

Stunned by what he called "this unspeakable crime," Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., a Negro, said "the knowledge of his enormous love must carry us through these days of torment and lift us above the strife which he gave his life to end."

King's death appeared certain to bring renewed demands for the passage of a Senate-approved civil rights bill that contains a strong open-housing provision affecting most of the nation's housing.

Several senators and congressmen urged action on the bill in their statements on King's death.

"The thing that is needed now is some positive action," said one of them, Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash.

King, said House Speaker John W. 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."

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., proposed a week of national mourning.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., said, "His doctrine of nonviolence will overcome."

"A Tragedy for All"

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., was campaigning in San Francisco when he heard of the assassination. He was meeting in a hotel with union leaders and called for a moment of silence.

He then issued a statement to the press saying:

"The death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a tragedy for all Americans. Not only have his people lost a noble and great leader but all people, especially Americans, have lost a man of peace. We can only grieve."

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., breaking the news to a predominantly Negro audience in Indianapolis, said, "He dedicated himself to justice and love between his fellow human beings. It's up to those of us who are here to carry out that dream."

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said King's "senseless assassination will not stay the civil rights movement; it will instead spur it to greater activity and hopefully move the American people to prompt action to expunge racism from our national life."

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Whitney Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, said, "We fear for our country. The only possible answer now is for the nation to act immediately on what Dr. King was fighting for — the passage of the civil rights and anti-poverty bills and a true and just equality for all men."

Havana Broadcast

Rep. Charles C. Diggs Jr. of Detroit, Michigan's first Negro congressman, said, "We have just de-escalated one war and escalated another."

Stokely Carmichael, former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, in a Havana Radio broadcast monitored in Miami, urged Negroes to stay away from their jobs to protest the slaying and "make the white racist Americans understand that Negroes have the necessary force to set right the outrages which have been made against Negroes in the United States."

James Meredith, who was shot during a 1966 voter-registration march in Mississippi, said, "this is America's answer to the peaceful, nonviolent way of obtaining rights in this country."

Floyd McKissick, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said, "It is truly American racism."

Leontyne Price, Metropolitan Opera soprano, said, "What Dr. Martin Luther King stood for and was can never be killed with a bullet."

Montgomery, Ala. Jim Clark, the sheriff of Dallas County when King launched his Selma integration campaign there, said, "I think a man of violence died by violence. But directly and indirectly he caused every riot in the U.S. over the past 10 years. But I certainly don't go along with his being murdered."

Sen. J. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., speaking at a symposium on conflict at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, had this to say, "I do not favor violence of any kind. I hesitate to say anything bad about the dead, but I do not share a high regard for Dr. King. He pretended to be nonviolent."

"A Coward's Bullet"

Sen. Clifford P. Case, R-N.J., said "a coward's bullet" killed

King, and House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford said the act "should make all Americans feel ashamed because it is a travesty of everything America stands for."

Rep. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., said, "It is a tragedy that Dr. King has joined those men of peace who have died violent deaths. His loss is a personal sorrow to his family, his friends and his followers. But it is a grave national loss to be deprived of a voice of moderation and a preacher of nonviolence in these days of rising tensions and heedless anger."

Black and white alike broke into tears on a hundred streets in a hundred cities and towns. Thousands flocked to churches to pray. Thousands of others rioted in an expression of fury.

On a street corner in Little Rock, Ark., a Negro youth gestured hard with clenched fists. "They'll pay for it," he vowed. "They killed one of our leaders. We'll kill one of theirs. An eye for an eye."

"I hope it will quiet some of us down and do some good," said Mrs. Ruth Dotson of Chicago. "He preached and taught peace."

And in Harlem, Mrs. Joanna Ryan said, "You feel like flying away from this damned cruel world."

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STUDENTS FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WILL GATHER AT 1:30 P.M. TODAY ON THE MAIN CAMPUS TO MARCH TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO ASK PRESIDENT JOHNSON BY PETITION FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR DR. Martin Luther King. A MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE HELD AT 12:30 P.M., IN THE CAMPUS QUADRANGLE PRIOR TO THE MARCH.

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(PORTS)

NEW YORK--LONGSHOREMEN CLOSED DOWN ALL ATLANTIC, GULF AND GREAT LAKES PORTS TODAY IN A ONE-DAY SHOW OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION SAID THE NO-WORK ORDER WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 8 A.M. SATURDAY.

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THE D-C SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT THIS MORNING ORDERED MEMORIAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD FOR KING AND POSTPONED ALL AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND NIGHT PROGRAMS.

SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM MANNING DIRECTED PRINCIPALS TO HOLD WHAT HE CALLED "SOLEMN" EXERCISES WITH STUDENT PARTICIPATION. HE SAID STUDENTS SHOULD BE URGED TO CARRY OUT KING'S "BASIC PHILOSOPHY" OF NON-VIOLENCE.

MANNING ALSO ORDERED THE D-C TEACHERS COLLEGE CLOSED AT 11 A.M. TODAY IN OBSERVANCE OF KING'S DEATH. HE CALLED IT A DAY OF MOURNING FOR D.C. SCHOOLS.

HE ALSO URGED STUDENTS TO STAY OFF THE STREETS THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT. MANNING SAID HE FELT KING WOULD HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

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TOLEDO--ABOUT 2,000 NEGRO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, REFUSING TO ATTEND CLASSES IN APPARENT REACTION TO THE SLAYING OF DR. KING, ROAMED A SQUARE MILE AREA OF THE WEST SIDE TODAY, THROWING ROCKS AT WINDOWS AND PASSING CARS.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES OR ARRESTS.

ABOUT 80 HELMETED POLICEMEN WERE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA AND SCATTERED THE MILLING STUDENTS.

AT MIDMORNING, POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY BOSCH SAID THE SITUATION WAS "PRETTY WELL UNDER CONTROL."

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BATTLE CREEK, MICH.--ABOUT 200 NEGROES, MOST OF THEM YOUTHS, BLOCKED DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC FOR SEVERAL HOURS EARLY TODAY UNTIL POLICE DISPERSED THE LAST OF THEM ABOUT DAWN.

POLICE ARRESTED 27 MEN AND FOUR WOMEN ON CHARGES OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE, NO INJURIES AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE, POLICE SAID.

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BOWIE, MD.--STATE TROOPERS TODAY PATROLLED THE DESERTED CAMPUS OF BOWIE STATE COLLEGE, CLOSED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD AFTER STUDENTS DEFIED ORDERS TO END A STUDY-IN AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN ANNAPOLIS.

GOV. SPIRO AGNEW PROCLAIMED THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO COLLEGE CLOSED LAST NIGHT, SAYING THE ISSUE WAS "WHETHER TO CONDONE, AND THEREBY EXCUSE, A DELIBERATE FLAUNTING OF LAW."

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FRANKFORT, KY.--FOUR KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY IN CONNECTION WITH FIRES WHICH AUTHORITIES SAID WERE SET DELIBERATELY ON THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO CAMPUS TUESDAY NIGHT.

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CINCINNATI--ABOUT 200 NEGRO STUDENTS SPILLED INTO A SHOPPING CENTER AND BROKE AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN WINDOWS TODAY AFTER A SIT-IN IN MEMORY OF DR. KING FORCED THE CLOSING OF WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL HARRY HANNUM SAID THE SIT-IN BY ABOUT 350 NEGRO STUDENTS WAS PEACEFUL "BUT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT CLASSES." HANNUM THEN DISMISSED CLASSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND SENT THE STUDENT BODY OF 3,600 HOME. ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE ENROLLMENT IS NEGRO.

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ERIE, PA.--CLASSES RESUMED TODAY AT ERIE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL WHILE
POLICE WORKED IN 12-HOUR SHIFTS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF DISORDERS BY
NEGRO STUDENTS WHICH CLOSED THE SCHOOL AT MIDDAY YESTERDAY.
TWELVE STUDENTS, ALL NEGROES, WERE ARRESTED ON CHARGES RANGING
FROM INCITING TO RIOT, ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT
FOLLOWING A GARBAGE AND CHAIR-THROWING MELEE BY ABOUT 50 NEGRO
STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA DURING THE LUNCH HOUR YESTERDAY.
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SEN. JOSEPH S. CLARK, D-PA., WHO CALLED KING THE "GREATEST AND MOST PERSUASIVE VOICE FOR MODERATION AND NON-VIOLENCE THIS NATION HAS EVER HAD," URGED CONGRESS TO MOVE QUICKLY ON PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE SLAIN NEGRO'S GOALS.

"LET US PASS THE OPEN HOUSING BILL," HE SAID. "LET US PASS THE EMERGENCY JOBS BILL. LET US PROVIDE FUNDS TO CARRY ON THE WAR ON POVERTY. LET US PASS THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BILL. LET US APPROPRIATE WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO BRING MEANINGFUL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY TO THE DEPRIVED CHILDREN OF THE SOUTH. AND LET US NOW -- BEFORE WE ARE VISITED BY NATIONAL TRAGEDY YET AGAIN -- PASS THE FEDERAL GOV. CONTROL BILL."

SEN. WILLIAM PROXMIRE, R-MIC., SAID KING'S MURDER IS THE "MOST SERIOUS TRAGEDY THIS NATION HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER GERALD FORD ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR "A DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING TO EXPRESS OUR REMORSE AS A PEOPLE OVER THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING."

WILLIAM J. COHEN, ACTING SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, SAID:

"MARTIN LUTHER KING GAVE HIS LIFE TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL AMERICANS. WE CAN NOW HONOR HIM BY WORKING TO MAKE A REALITY OF THE GREAT GOALS FOR WHICH HE LIVED AND DIED."

YONK CONGRESSMAN PROPOSED THAT THE POST OFFICE ISSUE A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING KING. REP. GEORGE BROWN, D-CALIF., SAID SUCH STAMPS HADY BEEN ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER THE DEATHS OF "GREAT LEADERS" LIKE JOHN F. KENNEDY AND JILLAI STEVENSON.

"MR. KING CERTAINLY FALLS INTO THE CATEGORY OF PERSONS DESERVING OF THIS HONOR," BROWN ADDED.

"I DEEPLY REPROVE THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING," SEN. HARRY F. BYRD JR., D-VA., SAID. "I REGARD THIS CRIMINAL ACT AS A TRAGEDY FOR ALL AMERICANS. THE PROBLEMS OF OUR NATION CANNOT BE SOLVED BY VIOLENCE."

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Welch says Ontario may tighten issuing of birth certificates

Ontario may tighten the rules for issuing birth certificates following disclosures that the alleged assassin of Rev. Martin Luther King had certificates of two Metro residents mailed to him by the Government in April.

Only one of the certificates—for Ramon George Sneyd—was apparently received by James Earl Ray, who was arrested in London last week.

Provincial Secretary Robert Welch told the Legislature yesterday that another certificate, for Paul Edward Bridgman, was returned with the envelope marked "unknown" after the Registrar-General mailed it to 102 Ossington Ave.

The request for the Bridgman certificate was received April 11, accompanied by a money order for \$2, Mr. Welch said.

Another letter, signed with the name of Ramon George Sneyd, was received April 18. It too was accompanied by a money order for \$2. The certificate was sent to Ramon George Sneyd at 962 Dundas St. W.

Police said Ray spent two weeks at the Ossington Ave-

nue rooming house, arriving there April 8, four days after Dr. King was slain in Memphis.

On April 19 he moved to a Dundas Street rooming house, after applying for a passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. He used the name of Paul Bridgman as a reference.

Mr. Welch said he was greatly surprised by reading in yesterday's Globe and Mail that the Deputy Registrar General had said young people used false birth certificates "all the time" to obtain service in bars.

The deputy registrar—H. F. C. Humphries—had not meant to imply that young people obtained birth certificates fraudulently, Mr. Welch said.

Mr. Humphries was referring to minors borrowing or renting certificates from friends over 21.

Mr. Welch said birth certificates were not to be considered as proof of identity.

"A birth certificate is not an identification card," he said.

"I suggest that it is the responsibility of the person requiring identification at the same time requiring proof of age to satisfy himself of the identity of a person by some means other than production

of a birth certificate," Mr. Welch said.

As soon as the Legislature settled for business yesterday, Opposition Leader Robert Nixon, followed by New Democratic Party leader Donald C. MacDonald, was on his feet to question Mr. Welch about birth certificate issuing procedures.

The minister said he had instructed Mr. Humphries to review the issuing procedures "with a view to finding some method which would prevent birth certificates from being obtained fraudulently."

"We must at all times," Mr. Welch added, "keep in mind that it is essential to give prompt service to the public."

The Registrar-General's office received 1,200 written requests for birth certificates daily and a further 200 personal requests at the office at 70 Lombard St., he said.

Applicants must either apply in writing or fill out a departmental form, providing the full name, the date of birth, place of birth, full name of the father and full maiden name of the mother.

Applications must be signed, or be accompanied by written authorization by the person whose name is on the certificate or the certificate is not issued, the minister said.

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Here are some more of my notes on things, which I'll dedicate to Nicole Langley of Toronto, Heather Hase of Weston, Cecile Thompson of Whitby, Rita Cyr of Montreal, Sandy Pattison of London, and Ruth McKerracher of Niagara Falls.

I think of social workers as being loaded down with terrible problems and hang-ups—their own.

Organizations start off as the means of doing something; they end up as the means of preventing it from being done.

In Ontario, a restaurant gets its liquor license four weeks after it has gone bankrupt from not having a liquor license.

Older people view the loves of younger ones with amusement and pity, younger people view the loves of older ones with derision and disgust.

Toronto's City Hall Square on a bright June evening—a vast, empty expanse of concrete, with a policeman surveying it all from the back of his horse. No people, therefore no problems; that's the way the Establishment likes it.

A society that cannot or will not provide meaningful employment for its young people is simply asking for juvenile delinquency. The energy's there, and it has to come out—if not in good directions, then in bad ones; if not for the community, then against it.

Something I've noticed about men in public life—they're always touching each other, pumping each other's hands, slapping each other's backs, putting their arms around each other's shoulders. But they're careful to avoid touching women.

As soon as a boy baby should give him his B.A. a promise of employment at tory. As soon as a girl baby should give her her B.A. a promise of marriage to th Then they might go to sch versity to get educated.

Men who care about work bothered with royal commi to study their status. They providing women with, the they really want—to be i some man's eyes.

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Dynasties will perish, built, governments be over still women will say to m very quiet, what are y about?"

A. and B. are a delight he's an English-born univer sor here in Ontario, and she pean-born wife. They'd like child, and I think would d by it. But the Children's A and gives these two reason describe their religion as s manism, and (2) B. was br an orphanage, which means dren's Aid that she can't g love.

An Italian man told me: like a good book. You re maybe twice; from time t may even quote from it. Th lovingly back on the she readers to enjoy."