

# Nation Pays Tribute To Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# HE'S 'FREE AT LAST'

### A Day Of Grief



AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN — The coffin bearing the martyred Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is borne on a faded green farm cart, by mules to symbolize the poverty and degradation he gave his life to help bring to an end. It was the symbol he himself had chosen for next month's scheduled Poor People's March on Washington. (Gilbert Photo)

### Jackie Talks To Coretta

By GERTRUDE WILSON

ATLANTA, Ga. — Shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of the late president, entered the King residence at 234 Sunset Avenue in Atlanta.

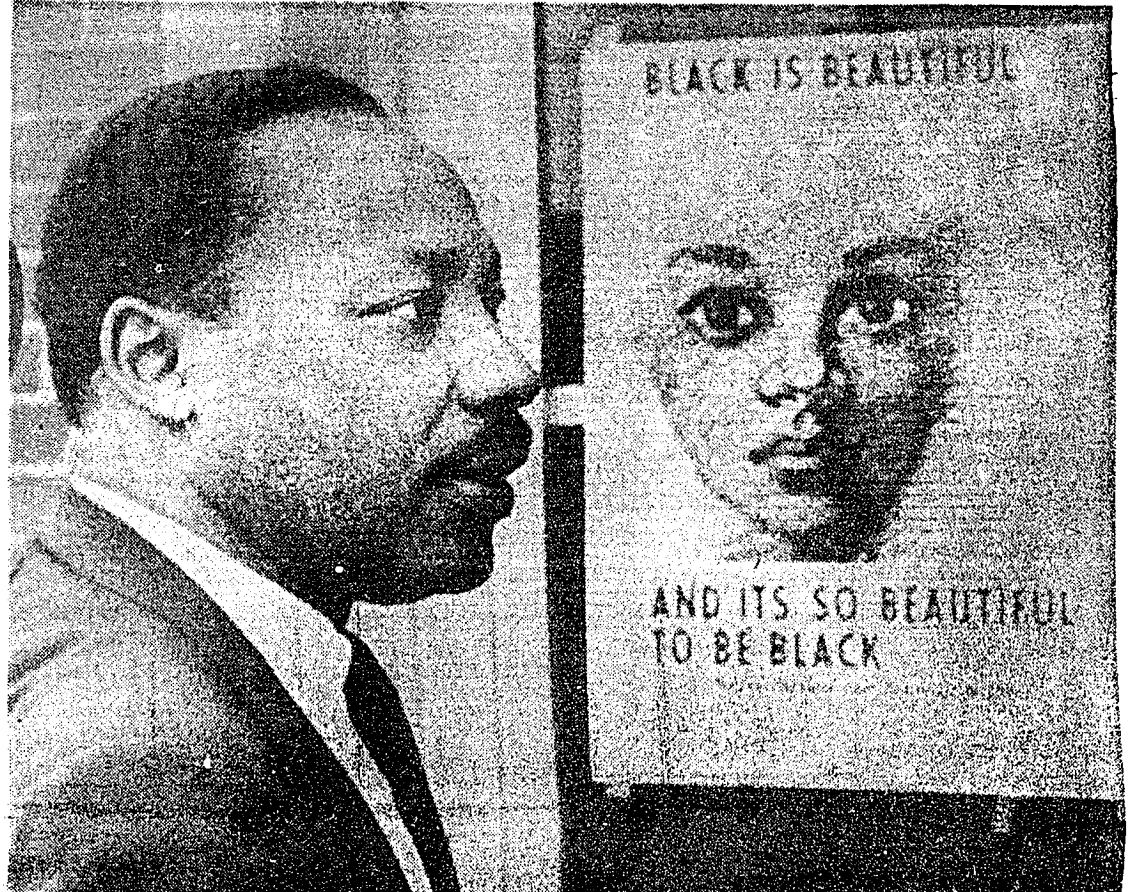
Mrs. Kennedy was met by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belafonte who took her to the bedroom of Mrs. King. There she met all of the King children and the children of the Reverend Ralph Abernathy. She then talked with Mrs. King alone for about ten minutes.

At this point word reached the King home that the actual air over Atlanta had become crowded with the arrival of so many chartered planes from all over the world.

One of the planes caught in the air traffic jam was that of Governor Nelson Rockefeller who had Mayor Lindsay and Commissioner Robert J. Mangum of the New York State Commission for Human Rights

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### A Day Of Promise



THE PEACEFUL WARRIOR — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the fallen peaceful warrior, is shown admiring a peaceful poster in late September of 1967 which was posted outside of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. The loving "Moses", who was struck down Thursday by a murderer's bullet in the full bloom and beauty of his youth, left a never-to-be-forgotten legacy in his recent words: "May I remind you that those of us who struggle for a good life to realize the American dream and to make a better place in which to live, do not struggle in vain, and we do not struggle alone for somehow in this struggle we have cosmic companionship. The hours are dark, sometimes and the nights are dreary, and there are moments when we feel, even in the struggle for justice, that we are going backwards instead of forward — there are always those frustrating moments in any move toward a great goal. But somehow, there is something that reminds us that the arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice, and there is something in this universe that justifies Carlyle in saying, "No lie can live forever."

## Ravaged The World Paid Harlem Respects To King Repents

By GEORGE BARNER

By LES MATTHEWS  
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The rifle murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis last Thursday backfired in Harlem taking the lives of two persons, one in a fire and the other by stabbing.

It will be days before the damages will be assessed and it will be months before the ravaged businesses will recover. The damage so far, has been unofficially estimated at more than \$3,000,000.

However, in contrast to more than a half dozen other major cities, Harlem got off lightly in the back draft of the slaying that ignited racial explosives elsewhere. This is attributed to the good works of Mayor Lindsay, members of his administration, and alert members of the community.

The murder of King aroused the anger of Harlemites but

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ATLANTA — A veritable who's who of national and international renown attended the funeral Tuesday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or paid their personal respects to Mrs. King at her home.

The list was headed by Vice

President Hubert H. Humphrey whom President Lyndon B. Johnson designated as his official representative. And it included three aspirants to the presidential nomination — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, and Richard Nixon.

With Humphrey came Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Robert Weaver, Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, Atty. General Ram-

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## Coretta King: Remarkable Woman

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the slain leader's widow, was remarkable to many throughout the ordeal for her composure and apparent calm.

She remained sequestered throughout most of the week receiving mainly long and close personal friends, included among whom were singers Harry Belafonte and Mahalia Jackson.

She made official appearances at the funeral ceremonies on Tuesday and made public statements at the Memphis march on Monday and earlier at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The church statement, her first after Dr. King's death, expressed her gratitude for the many persons around the world who honored him. It also, in part, helped explain the fortitude with which she and her four children seemed to bear the crushing blow.

Tells Children  
"My husband often told the children," she said, "that if a man had nothing that was worth dying for, then he was not fit to live." He also said that, "It's not how long you live, but how well you live." He knew that at any moment his physical life could be cut short and we faced this possibility squarely and honestly.

"My husband faced the possibility of death with no bitterness."

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## Eggs And Hominy Grits At The Kings'

By GERTRUDE WILSON

ATLANTA, GA. — As a longtime friend of Coretta King, dating back to her college days, I suddenly found myself scrambling eggs and preparing hominy grits in the King kitchen Monday morning prior to the take off for the March on Memphis which Coretta led.

I looked up suddenly, and there sat Harry Belafonte, Godfrey Cambridge, Bill Cosby and Robert Culp. As I handed over plates of the victuals I had cooked I was tempted to ask them all to autograph the plates, but the minds of the stars were only on the Kings.

There was a whole platoon of priceless talent brought together by Harry Belafonte on the march to Morehouse from Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hazel Scott, Aretha Franklin, Clara Ward, Diahann Carol, Leslie Uggams, Diane Ross, Lena Horne and Leontyne Price, making up one wing of this glittering platoon, it had all the makings of a celestial choir.

Refused to Come  
The artists were well aware that segregationist Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia had refused to attend the ceremonies, and during the march to Morehouse, either through fate or by design, the

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## It's King Towers

David Fischer, general manager of the Hotel Theresa, Ltd., announced this week that the new complex of offices due for completion this summer in the former hotel building will be renamed the Martin Luther King Towers, Inc., in honor of the martyred civil rights leader.

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Martin Luther King Jr.  
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## Rights Bill Passes

WASHINGTON (BULLETIN)—The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the White House the long delayed 1968 Civil Rights bill, complete with its controversial open housing provision.

The bill, which the Senate had already approved, will become law if, as is expected, President Lyndon B. Johnson signs it when he receives it sometime late Wednesday.

Opponents of the bill tried to thwart it by sending it back to a conference committee with the Senate but a coalition of Democrats and liberal Republicans beat down the stall.

A House source credited much of the new impetus for passage of the bill to the after effects of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Vulcans Angry At Attacks

The Vulcan Society, Inc., composed of black members of the New York City Fire Department, with a history of service to the City of New York and with involvement in the activities of the black community for over 28 years, expressed its "shock at the tragic and brutal murder of the beloved Dr. Martin Luther King."

"Our sorrow concerning the tragic death of Dr. King is heightened by the unprovoked attacks against black and white members of the fire department

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## Black, White Came To Bury Martin Luther King, Jr.

By CATHY ALDRIDGE

ATLANTA — Standing in the middle of a crowded street, we listened to snatches of the service being held for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There were people everywhere — standing on rooftops, crowding together around the entrance to Ebenezer Baptist Church, but this was not the stylized routine of an urban metropolis.

This was the South. Deep in the heart of Dixie where sophistication is an unfamiliar description.

The people crowded against a crude rope held by two persons at either end. Only three white Georgia policemen guarded the entrance with a casualness befitting a theatrical premiere.

Moved Up  
Little by little the multitude — standing 20 to 40 deep in the square outside the church — inched slowly forward to see the dignitaries and the celebrities arrive to mourn their loss.

Congressman John Conyers of Michigan and Tony Hill, a political appointee in Cleveland, and Rev. E. Theophilus Cavinness of Cleveland began to bring some kind of order to the crowd.

While it was not a time to compare, unconsciously we did. We missed the saw horses which the New York City Police use to keep crowds away from the area of movement. We missed the friendly New York policemen themselves, who, while doing their duty, are at least friendly, smiling, and conversational.

For want of a better description, the Atlanta cops could be said to be "tolerable," Southern style. To them, according to the distant look in their eyes, this was a chore into which little emotion could be summoned up to get through the day. However, as the day wore on, they

## Moving Forward Assembly Passes Rocky's Slum Bill

The State Assembly Tuesday night, bending under heavy pressure from Gov. Rockefeller, changed itself and passed the governor's \$6 billion slum clearance program by a vote of 86-45.

Earlier in the day the bill had been defeated by a vote of 48-84. The bill will set up an urban development corporation to build housing and industrial plants.

The following statement was issued exclusively to The Amsterdam News from Gov. Rockefeller:

"I deeply appreciate having

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## Praises For King; Advice To Youths

"In the days since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. New York has remained relatively peaceful," Mayor John V. Lindsay said this week.

"No serious disorders have taken place. With all New Yorkers, I hope that calm will continue. It depends on us. It especially depends on the determination

of the young men of this city to respect our laws, and the teachings of the martyr, Martin Luther King. As one who has tried to

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