MLK Day

January 15 was the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Had he lived he would have been 40 years old.

It is hard to realize that a man who made such an impact upon the world as a whole and his country in particular died so young.

Over 250 cities marked Dr. King’s death. Many of them also gathered signatures to forward to Congress to make Martin Luther King Day a national holiday.

Certainly Dr. King’s dream and his work, as a leader of the non-violent passive resistance and world-peace movements, were meaningful to us all, and he died an American martyr.

We can think of nothing more binding in a country now torn asunder by racial hates and distrust, than for January 15 to be declared a national holiday marking the birthday of the man who had a dream of peace.

HA Police

Chief Joseph Weldon of the New York City Housing Authority Police Department is resigning, effective January 16, 1969, so we are pumping right here and now for a black man to replace him.

We can think of two right off — in case those who will have a say about the new HA Police Chief will themselves say they can think of no one. We offer Assistant Chief Inspector Lloyd G. Sealy or Assistant Chief Inspector Eldridge Waith, both of the New York Police Department.

The HA police force has some 1,500 men and in contrast to the New York City police force with about five per cent blacks and Puerto Ricans, the HA force has about 50 per cent blacks and Puerto Ricans.

So how about thinking about naming a member of a minority race as head of the force?

Go, Jets, Go

So suddenly everybody’s a Jet fan.

Well, so are we. And we doff our hats to those sturdy heroes from Shea Stadium, Messrs. Namath, Snell, Biggs, Philbin, Sample, et al, who cracked the supposedly impregnable Baltimore Colts to the astonishment of everyone but the Jets themselves.

The world champions brought fun back to Fun City.

Suddenly everyone is smiling again. A wonderful sight.