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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Segregation is on its death bed now, and the only uncertain thing about it is when it will be buried," Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., declared here Wednesday, as he extolled the sit-down demonstrations.

As an estimated crowd of 3,000 listened he termed the Nashville sitdown demonstrations "the best-organized and most dedicated over the Southland today."

King spoke to a cheering crowd made up mostly of Negroes at the Fisk university gymnasium here which had been forced to leave the building minutes before the speech

began because of a bomb threat.

King, president of the Southern Leadership Conference, said "it is becoming a common thing with me now to face bomb threats and other threats. The die hards should know by now that bombs will not stop us."

In addition to the packed gymnasium, another thousand persons stood on the lawn outside and listened to King's address which was carried on loud speakers.

He called the non-violent sit-down movement a revolt against the negative peace of the South, against the apathy and complacency of many adult Negroes, and against the myth that Negroes are satisfied with segregation.

He urged the community to keep going and provide the example it has for other communities. "Don't despair," he said, "there is no painless way to effect social change."

Before the address was scheduled to begin, an anonymous caller who said he was from Montgomery, Ala., telephoned United Press International and said a bomb would be placed in the gym. UPI relayed the call on to police and the gym was cleared while officers searched for a bomb.