

Dr. MLK's Birthday Hailed At Salvation Army Service

On the same day New York City paid tribute to the Apollo 8 Astronauts, another great American hero was honored during an inspiring service at the Salvation Army's Centennial Memorial Temple in downtown Manhattan.

The Reverend George Lawrence, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church of Brooklyn and a close associate of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was Guest Speaker at the 37th annual "Friday Evening at the Temple" series of services. He was cheered when he urged the huge throng to back the campaign to have January 15th declared a national holiday marking the birthday of Dr. King, assassinated leader of the non-violent passive resistance and world-peace movements.

"After all," Dr. Lawrence reminded the enthusiastic audience, "Dr. King was the greatest Drum-Major for Peace and Freedom this nation has produced. . . Let us crusade to make Dr. King's magnificent dream a reality. And let us, both Black and White, join hearts and hands in this nation to prevent that noble dream from becoming a nightmare of hatred, terror and violence."

Officers

The huge interracial congregation included several hundred of the Salvation Army's top officers, led by Commissioner Samuel Hepburn, the National Commander. Other participants on the program included Brigadier William Berry, Major Hugh Morris, Lt. and Mrs. Erich

Hamm, Brigadier B. Barton McIntyre, Major Shirley Siple and Major James Abram. Music for the service was provided by the Salvation Army's New York Staff Band and the Temple Chorus, with a moving rendition of the hymn, "When Shall We Come Unto the Healing Waters?" just before Dr. Lawrence delivered the message.

In coming weeks, the 37th annual "Friday Evening at the Temple" series will continue with such outstanding personalities as Dr. Harold A. Bosley, Minister of Christ Church Methodist, New York City; Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Minister of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Philadelphia; and Jerome Hines, the Metropolitan Opera star.