

# A NATION MOURNS

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### An Assassin Walks Among All Black Men

Even as The Rev. Martin Luther King is making his final journey, an assassin walks the streets of America, unchallenged, unguarded and untamed! Determined at all costs to beat back the American Negro's struggle for freedom, this ominous degenerate is represented by that portion of white America whose bigoted notions have made us the shame of the free world.

Dr. King's Finest Hour:  
**He Had A Dream!**

If a Negro urges voter registration in the South, the assassin strikes!  
 If a Negro gets "too big for his britches," the assassin strikes!  
 If a Negro dares speak out too loudly for the rights that are Constitutionally his, he risks suffering the wrath of this assassin!  
 If Negroes join hands in peaceful protest against the wrongs which have plagued them since 16619, the assassin begins his game of "backlash."  
 What is the answer?  
 This is no usual type of assassin. He is a composite of all the evil, racist, hatred, cynicism and foul misapprehensions ever generated against a single race of people.  
 Yet, this killer still remains at large, an ever-increasing thorn in the side that is free America.  
 This is the same slayer that gunned down the militant Medgar Evers on June 12, 1963 at Jackson, Miss. Medgar Evers, like Martin Luther King, also was a non-violent fighter.  
 Other victims included Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman of New York City, both slain in New Philadelphia, Miss. along with James Chaney, a Mississippi Negro.  
 Also Lemuel Penn, a Negro educator, killed in Georgia and Vernon Dahmer, who died in Mississippi after the fire bombs of night riders destroyed his home. His only crime was to be active in voter registration.  
 Even as this is being written, the murderer of Martin Luther King remains free!  
 But, what kind of justice will the slayer receive once he is apprehended?  
 America's conscience faces a stern test this time Dr. King was a humble man, bent on non-violence as the ultimate solution to the racial ills of the world. What will the wheels

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### His Burden Was Heavy



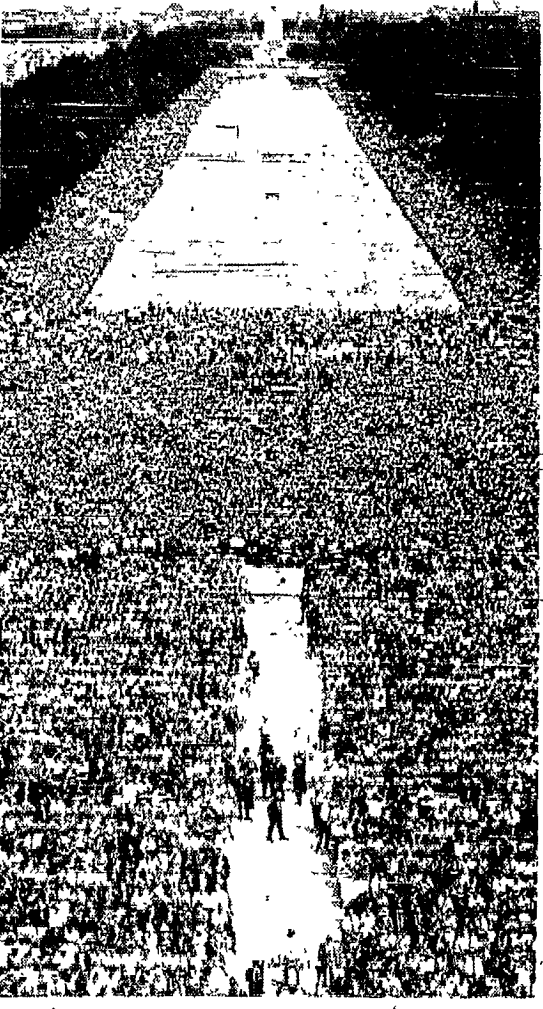
"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal.'"  
 .....Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AN EDITORIAL

### A Voice Has Been Stilled

The voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has been stilled. His assassination alters, perhaps momentarily, the peaceful course of the thrust for freedom and equality. The eloquent and selfless pleader for justice and racial understanding has carried into his grave the moral restraint and the spiritual formula for non-violence. Despite their solemn commitment to his social philosophy, to his way of life, King's disciples will be impotent in the attempt to stave the emotional surge for vengeance that his martyrdom is bound to stir.  
 His death is staggering and its impact can be felt at every level of American life. Never before had the Negro

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On August 28, 1963 the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Washington, D.C. addressed the nation and the world before 250,000 Americans. The words he spoke on that historic occasion could well serve as his epitaph. They were the rallying cry for 20,000,000 black people.

This was Martin Luther King's finest hour! This is his message:  
 Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon of light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMES HOME

He had the common touch ... did this uncommon man.  
 In the majesty of his death, he has left open a question which White America must answer ... a question which can no longer be ignored!  
 Where does America go from here?  
 White America was forced to give a partial answer at Montgomery!  
 White America reluctantly admitted knowledge of the "problem" when Martin Luther King delivered this unforgettable "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D. C. in 1963.  
 A record crowd of 250,000 people of all races and creeds and all faiths gathered in our Nation's Capitol. They heard Dr. King, the grandson of a slave, blueprint the course America must follow, on that memorable day.  
 From Montgomery to Memphis! Not too far in this era of modern transportation.  
 But in terms of living, it practically covered the adult life-span of Martin Luther King.  
 That is the book. The chapters illuminate a faith so unyielding, a philosophy so impregnable; an humanitarian concept so divine, that its motive can never be questioned.  
 As we go to press, America's conscience is suffering the pangs of the damned.  
 Our President has cancelled the most important foreign trip of his turbulent career.  
 Millions ... yes, millions of white Americans ... have had their first lessons in Negro history.  
 Today, millions of white people at least can say they know something about THEIR problem.  
 Schools across our nation have closed; flags are at half-mast; memorial services are being held around the world.

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The FBI and the U.S. Attorney-General (in person) are on the job; radio and television have cancelled program after program to highlight the life of this sainted patriot.  
 The unforgiveable effrontery of white people to "select" Negro leaders is being challenged once again.  
 Tonight, from his Valhalla, Dr. King looks at what his death has triggered. A man of peace, he shudders at the violence, the killing the arson (burn, baby burn) the vandalism which hit scores of cities. But ...  
 He understands our grief, our suffering, our agony, our frustration. He knows that his assassination ... senseless, brutal, bestial ... was the spark which ignited the brush fires of anger and hate, smouldering for lo, these many years and months.  
 Where does America go from here?  
 Will our nation's political leaders face up to their responsibilities, to pass and enforce meaningful Civil Rights legislation?  
 Will our nation's business leaders open wide their doors to Americans who have lived, worked and died here for 349 (1619-1968) years?  
 Will our educational system supply equality in learning ... including the contributions Black Americans have made?  
 Will "The Establishment" eliminate the slums ... rat infested, neglected, unfit for man to live in?  
 Will White America realize that ACTION NOW ... right now ... is a must?  
 Will White America realize that every section of Black America is fighting for the same basic right of first class citizenship?  
 Where does America go from here?  
 Up on the mountain top, where the brilliant sun of true democracy beckons a world in chaos and confusion!  
 Or deep in the mire of racism and bigotry and hate, which no nation has been able to survive.  
 Is this beloved land of Martin Luther King big enough to admit its mistakes, and do something about them?  
 Will White America understand and ACT NOW?  
 Don't hide behind the words of those whom you

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