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6500 See Alabama Bus Boycott Leader Get Cotillion's Award

By ART PETERS, Staff Writer

"Negroes in the South feel that even though bigoted white mobs will bomb their homes and churches, we will continue to love them. They may deny Negro children an opportunity to get an education, but we will continue to love them. They may deny us the right to live like free peoples, but we will continue to love them."

Thus spoke the Rev. Martin Luther King, famed leader of the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott, when he appeared at the Ninth Annual Christmas Cotillion at Convention Hall Friday night to accept the fabled Sapphire Cross of Malta.

6,500 IN AUDIENCE

More than 6,500 persons who attended the Cotillion Christmas Ball heard the Rev. Mr. King deliver an eloquent plea for love, compassion and understanding by Negroes for their white oppressors.

"We want freedom," the Rev. Mr. King said, "but without violence, and we're going to get freedom without violence."

"Love," he said, "will eventually defeat prejudice, bias and bigotry."

Dr. King, whose home and church were bombed last year by white mobs seeking to halt his campaign for integration in Montgomery, Alabama, received the Cotillion's highest award for his zeal and love in seeking to "lift men toward the idea."

The presentation was made by Clarence E. Pickett, president of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission and the citation was read by City Councilman Raymond Pace Alexander.

Alexander praised Dr. King, saying that he is "in the vanguard of those dedicated to preservation of individual freedoms and espousing causes of human rights and human opportunity."

900 IN BALLET

The huge audience was treated to a brilliant ballet dance spectacle which was performed by more than 900 boys and girls from a half-dozen schools. Written and

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produced by Dr. Eugene Wayman Jones, founder of the Cotillion, the ballet was titled "The Wizard."

Also on the program was "The Firefly Cotillion" performed by 300 dancers.

The Cotillion was opened formally by Mrs. Mary B. Burch, of Newark, N.J., founder of the United Women's League of New Jersey and the Leaguers Education Foundation.

She was escorted to the stage by a group of ladies in waiting, all officers of the Cotillion Society. The ladies-in-waiting were Mrs. Helen Littlejohn, president of the Southwest Council; Mrs. Lois Harris, president of Trinity Council, Mrs. Lillian Carter, president, Radcliff Council; Mrs. Wilhelmina Bradshaw, president, Sagamore Council, Mrs. Alethia Pinckney, president Sherwood Council; Mrs. Ann L. Mintis, president, Center City Council; Mrs. Helen Morgan, president, Rose N. Steward Memorial Council, and Mrs. Nancy L. Giddens, president of councils.

Many prominent political and social dignitaries were spotted among the huge audience including District Attorney Victor H. Blanc, Civilian Defense Coordinator Philip Klein, Sheriff William Rafsky, who represented Mayor Richardson Dilworth.

MAYOR REPRESENTED

Mayor Dilworth was due to attend the Cotillion, but was unable to do so because he is still recuperating from his recent appendectomy.

A principal speaker at the affair was Ward Leader Hobson R. Reynolds, president of the Cotillion Society.

Dr. King was escorted to the stage by an honor guard comprised of leading Philadelphia ministers. The ministers were:

Rev. C. M. Smith, Chairman, Wayland Temple Baptist Church; Rev. William Anderson, Second Baptist Church, Frankfort; Rev. J. L. Atkins, Mount Ephram Baptist; Rev. Father W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michaels Church; Rev. John T. Bright, Mother Bethel AME; Rev. Leonard Carr, Vine Memorial Baptist Church; Rev. John Coleman, Lombard Central Presbyterian Church; Rev. John D. Cooper, Lutheran Church of the Apostle; Dr. William H. Gray, Bright Hope Baptist Church; Rev. D. W. Hoggard, Mt. Carmel Baptist; Rev. J. Luke Jones, Miller Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. R. C. Lamb, Provident Baptist Church; Rev. Mahlon Lewis, Greater St. Matthews Independent Church; Dr. Noah Moore, Tindley Temple Baptist; Rev. James P. Scott, New Bethlehem Baptist; The Right Rev. David H. Simms, Bishop, AME Church; Rev. Samuel L. Spear, Ebenezer Baptist Church;

Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, Zion Baptist Church; the Rev. H. J. Trapp, Thankful Baptist; Rev. Emerson Talmadge, Calvary Baptist; Rev. Robert Walters, Ebenezer M.E. Church; Rev. T. Robert Washington, 2nd Baptist, and Rev. Walter H. White, Chaplain, Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

MARSHALLS LISTED

The following men acted as Marshalls of the Cotillion: Dr. Nolan N. Atkinson, chief Marshall; Dr. James P. Ramsey, Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey, Marvin I. Kamp, Leon Higginbotham, Esq., John A. Saunders and Richard Watson.

Mrs. Thelma Hardin was chairman of a group of hostesses at the Christmas Cotillion. The 100 wom-

en who comprised the hostesses' group comprised some of Philadelphia's leading civic and social leaders.

They were:

Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Vivian J. Anderson, Mrs. Anna Davis Arrigton, Mrs. Estelle Birdsong, Mrs. Natiel Blackman, Mrs. Elvira Blount, Mrs. Evangeline Bonner, Miss Willemena Bradshaw, Mrs. William L. Brown, Mrs. Drayton S. Bryant, Miss Bunice L. Birch, Mrs. Anna Land Button, Miss Thelma B. Campbell, Mrs. Geraldine Carter, Mrs. Lillian Carter, Miss Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Lavonia Clark,

Mrs. William M. Cousins, Mrs. Lorraine A. Custis, Mrs. Adelle Reed Davis, Mrs. Gwendolyn Dempsey, Mrs. Estelle Dennis, Mrs. J. Roslind Dicks, Mrs. Freda R. Durham, Mrs. Nancy L. Giddens, Mrs. Frank L. Gilcrest, Mrs. Jeannette H. Bryant, Mrs. Betty Granger, Mrs. Katie Green, Mrs. Louis A. Gunn, Mrs. Vera A. Gunn, Mrs. Freeman Hankins, Mrs. Anna Hamilton, Mrs. Ada B. Harris, Mrs. Lois Harris, Mrs. Arnedra J. Hazell, Mrs. Jane H. Henderson,

Mrs. Hattie Henry, Mrs. Lena E. Hicks, Mrs. Hazel G. Hill, Mrs. Grace Anderson Hughes, Mrs. Lela M. Jackson, Mrs. Gretchen J. Jones, Mrs. Olive Shankle Lawler, Miss Florence A. Lee, Miss Mabel Christine Lee, Miss Ida V. Lewis, Mrs. Helen L. Littlejohn, Mrs. Gladys S. Lumpkin, Mrs. Dorothy D. Lyles, Mrs. Henry T. McCrary.

Mrs. Edward McDowell, Mrs. John K. Morris, Mrs. Michael Von Moschiszker, Miss Marjorie Murphy, Mrs. Irene Newsome, Mrs. Margaret Baxter Nickins, Miss Mary Oakely, Mrs. Ada Overton, Mrs. Jackie Pinckney, Miss Bobby Pitts, Mrs. Bernice W. Free, Mrs. Barbara Prigmore, Mrs. Ennis L. Powell, Mrs. Mary B. Pride,

Mrs. Ruth L. Ramsey, Miss Alice J. Robbins, Mrs. Lillian E. Robinson, Mrs. Freddie Rodriguez, Mrs. Christopher M. Roulac, Mrs. William C. Sampson, Mrs. Letitia Scott, Miss Cecelie Smith, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Newton Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Lillian Sockum, Mrs. Mrs. Annie Tillman, Mrs. Ilma M. Catherine Moore Payne Taylor, Upshur, Mrs. Mabel Watson, Mrs. Mildred F. Wells, Mrs. Leslie B. West and Mrs. Emma J. Williams.

— A Negro Congregation —