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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: April 5, 1968

FROM : ASAC JOHN F. MORLEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
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TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : SA STEPHEN B. CHENOWETH

SUBJECT: RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4/5/68

At approximately 10:50 A.M. this date SA BOYD ADSIT and myself observed in the 2800 block of East Colfax windows either cracked or broken in 5 different business establishments. There was also a large Negro crowd of high school students gathering around the area of East High School. This crowd was estimated at approximately 250, and they were overheard chanting. The Denver P.D. were on the scene.

1. — 2829 Antiques Furniture — 1 broken window
(both windows now boarded)
 2. — 2827 (Restaurant) — 1 window broken.
~~not named~~
 3. — " Helms' Resale — 1 " "
 4. — 2819 Pioneer Cafe — 1 " "
 5. — 2815 Music Cleaners — 1 " cracked
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all above on E. Colfax, north side of street.



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The King Assassination

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. was a leader who preached the non-violence, the passive resistance and the eternal persistence of the late Mahatma Gandhi of India.

Yet the cause he championed was a natural breeder of emotions, as so many of the great public issues have been. While the cause had the sympathy or understanding of the overriding majority of Americans, it unavoidably drew into both sides of the arena the fanatics, the extremists, the hate-mongers.

Thus it was Dr. King, the evangelist of peaceful processes, was cut down by the force he scorned—the violence of extremism.

In the history of classic causes, this often has been the story. But in an enlightened America, in a day of moderation and at a moment of high progress for Dr. King's cause, it is bewildering and senseless that the witlessness of the Dark Ages should be repeated.

As President Johnson said when he heard the news, nothing is gained by such wanton vengeance.

If the murderer was opposed to Dr. King's cause, his act will impel it to prosper more than ever. No cause is ever diminished by the loss of its leader; his very loss repairs the gap created by his departure.

If the assassin was after Dr. King personally, for whatever motive, his act was a frightful disservice to the country. He has succeeded in inflaming tensions (as today's news amply demonstrates). He has stained the nation in the eyes of much of the World—for Dr. King, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was the most noted of all civil rights leaders.

And the assassin, perhaps worst of all, has given stature to those other fanatics who cry, "Burn, Baby, Burn." Among those to whom Dr. King was a symbol of peace, the message of violence now will seem less extreme.

Bigots, no matter what direction their blindness has taken them, have caused all the notable martyrdoms of history. Tolerant men, whatever their dissent from a cause, do not resort to assassination—and may the day come when that tolerance is universal!

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THE DENVER POST Friday, April 5, 1968 27

Minorities Voice Demands at Metropolitan Symposium

By CHARLES GADDER

Denver Post Staff Writer

A group of Negro and Spanish-American men made an unscheduled appearance at a symposium on metropolitan problems Thursday to voice demands and grievances to an audience of uncomfortable Anglos.

It was clear that the speakers were unimpressed by the symposium and similar talk sessions about race-related problems.

The three-day symposium, being held through Friday at the Denver Merchandise Mart, is examining poor communications and government structure as barriers to solving problems. Race wasn't on the agenda.

Thursday, but one Negro man remarked after the session, "When they talk about metropolitan problems, they're talking about us."

The demands of the group included teaching of Negro and Mexican-American history in schools, a chance for Negro militants to talk to youngsters in Denver classrooms, bilingual teaching for Spanish-speaking children and—outside the educational realm—better job training and more jobs.

There were some references to violence: "You thought you were running things last summer in Detroit, and you weren't. You thought you were running things last summer in Newark . . ." said Lauren Watson, one of the Negro speakers.

The main message, however, was impatience with big talk but unsatisfactory performance in improving the lot of minority-group members.

It became evident that all was not well with the schedule when Chicago sociologist Philip M.

Hauser was about to make the opening afternoon speech. Watson asked for, and received, the microphone. He said black men and Mexican-Americans would hold separate meetings elsewhere while Hauser spoke.

Their departure, Hauser remarked, was one small symptom of "the muddled and chaotic world in which we live."

Hauser blistered Congress, school superintendents, teachers, state legislatures and a host of what he called outmoded concepts for dealing with today's problems. As he finished, the 20 or so minority-group representatives walked back into the main meeting room.

Moderator Chester Alter, in a ticklish position, said the audience was supposed to break up and have small-group seminar discussions. But, he said, the minority-group people wanted to talk.

"All I can do is announce that the seminars will convene and that a group will make a presentation here," he concluded as spokesmen for the Negroes and Spanish-Americans filed onto the platform behind him.

STAYED SEATED

Alter walked out the front door (to another appointment, it was explained later), but everybody else stayed seated.

"Is anybody really listening, or have you tuned us out before we started?" asked Frank Bailey, a Negro who works for the East Side Action Center. He and three others did the talking while others in the group sat at one side of the room.

Bailey and James Chavez of the Crusade for Justice said their anger was partly the

result of a television show last Friday night about the symposium.

Negroes and Spanish-Americans, infuriated at being last on the program, walked out while the show was on the air.

(The show's moderator, Gene Amole, was just saving the best for last, it was explained later.)

Bailey voiced the demand for "meaningful classes in Afro-American and Mexican-American history."

Apparently referring to squabbles in the Denver "war on poverty," he told the group.

"We are here together, and when I say we, I mean the black people and the Mexican-Americans." Although the two groups have fought, he said, "this is to put you on notice that it has ceased."

Watson, a member of the militant Black Panthers and a familiar face at race-problem panels, charged that "most of the education that is taught in Denver Public Schools is racist education" teaching white supremacy.

He and other Negroes, he said, will try to talk to school youngsters in Denver classrooms to present their viewpoint.

After the meeting he said the initial effort will be made this spring, probably at a junior high school. He hopes to persuade Negro youngsters not to volunteer for the Vietnam war, which he termed a racist war in which Negroes are being purposefully sent to their deaths by whites.

Speakers referred to the symposium as "a lot of hot air" and the audience as "an

doing, you're just kicking the ball around."

The minority-group people applauded, but the rest of the audience sat quietly during the 15-minute presentation.

The speakers criticized as inadequate a recently announced Denver Chamber of Commerce program to employ and train disadvantaged persons. Bailey said there are 7,000 employers in the Denver area and if each hired one person it would be far more than the 800 jobs promised by 1969.

There were unspecified complaints about the Neighborhood Health Center at 29th and Yorkton Sts. and Denver General Hospital. The letters DGH stand for "Don't Go Here," Bailey said.

The educators and other Anglo spectators, who had greeted Hauser's exhortation of society with enthusiasm, applauded politely at the close of the series of accusing speeches.

WOULD RETURN

The Negroes and Spanish-Americans took part in the seminars which followed, and Hauser, who was asked said he would be back Friday.

Chavez, at least, thought the presentation accomplished something. Eight or 10 persons said later they'd like to get more information from him, he said.

The man in charge of the symposium called the unscheduled part of the program "excellent." But he said it shows that middle-class, Anglo techniques aren't accepted by everyone.

"We're trying to accomplish the same things these people want," said Chester Alter, director of the Denver Area Superintendent's Council.

"Obviously we're reaching out to them."

But, Watson, hoping to run the symposium's study of metropolitan problems of which the symposium is a part, seemed discouraged about how much support the effort is getting. Some invited community leaders are attending, he said, but others aren't.

"I don't know—I don't know how anybody accomplishes anything," he said. "The bell does not ring loud enough to reach the leaders, the people who can effect changes. They're just not there."



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Memorandum

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

Denver Coalition Tells Series of 4 Demands

SEE STORY PAGE 1

Officials of a new organization, the Black-Brown Unity Council which they said represents a coalition between Negro and Spanish-surnamed residents of Denver, announced at a press conference Friday it would make four demands subsequent to the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

The demands, according to Joe Brown, publisher of the Denver Blade, a Negro newspaper, were formed at a meeting of about 60 members of the organization Thursday night at the Blade's offices, 3224 Dahlia St.

ITEMS LISTED

The demands, read by Cornelius Webb, a spokesman for the group, are for:

—Communications consisting of a Negro radio station, for which application is on file with the Federal Communication Commission. Webb said the group hopes the application will be acted on immediately.

—Flags to be displayed in Denver at half-staff for one month.

—Boycott of all schools and stores for "several days" to emphasize the need for justice and fair play from a racial standpoint.

—A march, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fuller Park, E. 28th Ave. and Williams St., to the Denver Civic Center.

NAMES GIVEN

The new group, Brown said, is being led by Rudolph (Corky) Gonzales and Lauren Watson, representing the militant factions of the Spanish-surnamed and Negro communities respectively.

Webb, in making the announcement, said, "These are not requests, but demands that will be met by any means possible in honor of the late Dr. King. It is hoped that these proposals will be met in a respectful and peaceful manner appropriate to the principles he stood for."

"We want to try to prevent riots, which we know are near at hand because of the death of Dr. King. There is fear in all our hearts, and we want to remove the cause of that fear," Webb said.

Police Chief George Seaton, who returned to his desk Friday after a trip through southwestern United States, said:

"We all regret the assassination of Dr. King. He has done

a lot for his people. He was a man who believed in nonviolent means of bringing about equality. We feel he could have done more good alive for all of us.

"We don't know what the situation will develop into here in Denver, but if people destroy property and harm innocent citizens, we, the police, will have to go into action."

A group of 15 to 20 Negroes, all 16 to 21 years old, entered the Boy's Store, 5701 E. Colfax Ave., at 11 a.m. Friday, stole 15 to 20 pairs of pants and about eight suits, according to Dale McConnell, store manager.

HELP IF NEEDED

Denver area National Guardsmen were placed on standby alert by Brig. Gen. Milton Ehrlich. Col. William J. Allen, Denver civil defense director, said the guardsmen are ready to help police if they're needed.

The Police Department's new 33-man special service squad, trained in riot control and scheduled to go on the street for the first time Friday evening, also was standing by.

There were unconfirmed reports of looting along 16th St. in downtown Denver and at east Denver liquor stores.

REPORT MADE

Three white staff members of the George Washington High School newspaper, the Surveyor, reported they were attacked by four Negro youths on the school parking lot at midmorning. The victims were bruised and one suffered a small cut, according to Dr. Eric Holland, assistant principal.

A fire bomb reportedly was thrown at Annunciation High School, 3565 Lafayette St., shortly before noon. A similar incident occurred Thursday night at Annunciation Grade School, 3705 Humboldt St.

Windows were broken in the Red Barn Restaurant at 2975 E. Colfax Ave.

Denver police were ordered to remain on duty in east and south sections of the city until the end of their shifts. Officers from the southwest and southeast sections of

the city were ordered into possible trouble areas of east and northeast Denver.



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Memorandum

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FROM :

SUBJECT:

Responsibility Called Key to March Here

By JOHN TOOHEY

Denver Post Staff Writer

The Core-City Ministries, an interdenomination group, Friday was planning two Denver marches "to demonstrate the white community's willingness to take responsibility for the death of Dr. Martin Luther King," spokesmen said.

The first march was scheduled to begin with a Friday noon rally at Civic Center. A permit for the meeting was granted Friday morning by Joe Ciancio Jr., manager of parks and recreation.

Spokesmen for the Core-City Ministries said thousands are expected to attend the rally, then to march the several blocks to the Denver Hilton Hotel where the chamber of commerce has a luncheon meeting scheduled on its drive to find jobs for Negroes this summer.

From there, the spokesmen said, religious leaders will go to the Denver Merchandise Mart in Adams County where area school superintendents are holding a symposium on metropolitan problems.

The second march, spokesmen said, is tentatively set for noon Saturday from Loretto Heights College, 3001 S. Federal Blvd., to Englewood—The Cinderella City shopping complex at W. Hampden Ave. and S. Santa Fe Drive.

They said the location was chosen because of labor difficulties of Negro janitors recently at the shopping center.

Feel Responsible

The Rev. Craig Hart of Annunciation Catholic Church said the marches were planned primarily for white citizens by the Core-City Ministries because "we feel the white community was responsible for King's death."

He said 1,000 handbills were distributed on downtown streets to publicize the Friday noon rally and march.

Among religious leaders expected to participate in the rally and march were Methodist Bishop R. Marvin Stuart and Episcopal Bishop Joseph S. Minnis.

Meanwhile, a demonstration has been planned by Negro and Spanish-American leaders for 10 a.m. Saturday at Fullerton Park, across the street from Manual High School.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203) DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : WILLIAM J. SPRING

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

RICHARD GENSER, Student Teacher at Cole Junior High School, 33rd and Humboldt, Denver, home address 1835 South Jackson, Denver, Telephone No. 757-2040, advised as follows:

At 9:00 A.M., at Cole Junior High School everyone was in class. A large group of youths began coming in and out of the school. A tall Negro man wearing a goatee and moustache came into the school and wanted to talk to the principal. GENSER said it looked like this individual was attempting to get all of the students released from school for a mass meeting.

At 9:15 A.M., a large group from Manual High School came to Cole Junior High School and stirred up the students. *who* He advised Cole Junior High School students began running out of the building and several students were injured.

At 9:30 A.M., six Negro men, in their late twenties or early thirties, well dressed and driving a late-model blue Cadillac, came down 32nd Street and stopped in front of Cole Junior High School. These men rented a public address system but GENSER could not understand what they were saying. These men managed to get numerous junior high school students and also students from Manual High School to follow them to a small park within walking distance of the school. The majority of students from each school left to go to the small park.

ADDENDUM:

I observed these students come down Champa to Curtis Park and later disband.



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FROM : SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Writer talked with COP GEORGE L. SEATON at 5:00 P.M. SEATON said he had been in the East Denver area most of the afternoon and that as of 5:00 P.M., things were "cool". He stated he has special service units working this evening. He said that Division Chief KAYOU, Telephone No. 297-2906, should have all information regarding any racial matter this evening or tomorrow.

SEATON said that he will be at the Brown Palace Hotel between 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. tonight but will be back in his office after that time. He can be reached at Telephone Nos. 222-3087 and 297-2001.

SA DONALD L. SIEFERS reported that at 5:30 P.M., CS-R EARL WEST advised that there was a teenage crowd in the Park Hill Shopping Center, but this crowd had broken up and gone home. He stated that one young Negro made the statement that they should burn some place and other Negroes said no and physically struck down the agitators and calmed things down. Two cars were seen milling in the crowd, which cars were occupied by Negroes. The Negroes were unknown to informant; however, these strangers drove automobiles bearing the following license plates:

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Illinois AA8674

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DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

SA ANDREW P. BUGAS advised this date he has learned from the Colorado Springs Police Department that church groups and the NAACP in Colorado Springs are planning a memorial service for KING at the World Arena in the Broadmoor from 3:00 to 3:30 P.M., 4/7/68.

SA BUGAS stated that as of 5:00 P.M., this date, no information has come to his attention regarding any demonstrations or incidents concerning captioned matter in Colorado Springs.

SA ALVIN D. HEWITT advised at 5:05 P.M. this date he has been in recent contact with Inspector JACK STIFFLER, NA, Pueblo Police Department, and Sheriff ROBERT HORVAL, and both advised there have been no incidents or rumors received about any proposed demonstrations regarding captioned matter.

SA's HEWITT, BUGAS, MC MENAMIN and GUSTAFSON are aware of Bureau instructions regarding this matter and advised they will keep us advised of any incidents.

At 5:10 P.M. this date, LUTHER VAN BUSKIRK, Post Office, 3300 Holly, Denver, advised he learned there will be a "gathering" at the Public Service Building, 3800 Holly, and at the Elks Club at 38th and Holly, this evening. He

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said that the Elks Club group is extremely militant. He said there has been no window breaking in his particular shopping center that he knows of; however, a group of Negroes forced Safeway to close their stores at 34th and Williams and in the Holly Shopping Center this afternoon.

SA HEWITT advised at 5:20 P.M. that he talked to ROMEO WINSTON, 1101 West Arroya, Pueblo, Colorado, and stated WINSTON is an official in the NAACP. WINSTON advised they are planning a meeting tonight to plan a memorial service at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, 4/7/68. WINSTON said that the current feeling among the Negroes is that of sorrow and he does not anticipate any violence.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTER

At 8:30 a.m., racial informant KENNETH FRANKLIN telephonically advised that LAUREN WATSON and a group of approximately 20 Negroes planned to visit at Manual and East High Schools and demand that the schools be closed. He said that he anticipates that there will be some type of retaliatory action Friday night (4/5/68.) FRANKLIN stated he would stay in contact with the writer. FRANKLIN said LAUREN WATSON is driving an Iver Johnson motorcycle, license 455-20.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police GEORGE SEATON who advised the writer that a group of Negro high school youths from East Denver High School were milling around East Colfax and had broken the windows in several of the stores, had broken into a liquor store, and had stolen some liquor. SEATON also advised they were receiving reports of fire bombs being thrown in East Denver.

At 10:15 a.m., ED HAWKINS, Night Clerk, called and advised that Metro College discontinued classes for the day and a rally was planned at the College Student Center, Metro College, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. He said that Reverend ASEN PHILLIPS would be in charge of the rally.

At 10:45 a.m., we received a report from the Denver Police Department that there was rock-throwing at East Colfax and Fillmore.

At 10:50 a.m., we received information from the Denver Police Department that there was someone shooting a gun in the area of 33rd and Holly.

At 10:55 a.m., we learned from the Denver Police Department that windows were broken at the Red Barn restaurant on East Colfax Avenue.

We learned at approximately 11:00 a.m. that some fire bombs were thrown in the Dahlia Shopping Center.



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At 11:30 a.m., we learned from Reverend CHARLES WOODRICH that someone had thrown a fire bomb at Annunciation High School, 3536 Lafayette. (SA SAMSON advised he would send a teletype regarding this matter.)

At 9:00 a.m., SA ROBERT MITCHELL, 113th M.I. Group, advised he was of the opinion that the two females connected with the Denver Draft Resistance Union--NANCY RUHE and SANDRA SMITH--would be at the Hilton Hotel to demonstrate opposition to the war in Vietnam in connection with the visit of Senator EDWARD KENNEDY on this day.

SA LOUIS D. NELAN and L. RUSSELL HASHMAN reported that approximately 250 individuals attended a memorial service for Doctor KING at Civic Center, Denver, between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. They stated that the majority of the people were white.

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At 1:30 p.m., Colonel RANCE, 113th M.I. Group, advised that at the Civic Center service, an unknown white Methodist minister said there would be a silent vigil at the Hilton Hotel where Senator KENNEDY would be speaking at 7:00 p.m. ~~this evening.~~ *truth* Colonel RANCE said Mr. PETER PRATEZ, conscientious objector, said that there would be a march tomorrow at noon, starting at Loretto Heights College to Cinderella City, Englewood, Colorado.

Colonel RANCE also advised that there were members of "Crusade for Justice" who were wearing black arm bands.

The above information about the demonstration and vigil concerning Senator KENNEDY was furnished to U. S. Attorney LAWRENCE M. HENRY, Denver, who said he would be in contact with Senator EDWARD KENNEDY when he arrived in Denver and that he would relay this information to Senator KENNEDY and his aides. U. S. Attorney HENRY said he would recontact the writer at about 3:30 or 4:00 for any additional information regarding this matter.

A teletype regarding this matter was sent to the Bureau.

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At 11:43 a.m., United Air Lines, Denver, received a bomb threat call which was handled by SA HASHMAN. The airplane was not held up.

At 1:36 p.m., Chief of Police JIM BYRD reported there was no action in Cheyenne of a racial nature.

Between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., reports were received from Agents that there was no racial disturbances in the East Denver area; however, at 2:30 p.m., SA KING reported that approximately 35-40 young Negro adults were gathering at Curtis Park. At 2:33 p.m., SA KING advised that the young Negroes were dispersing from Curtis Park.

SA RALPH B. RIPPE advised that at 2:05 p.m., there were broken windows in 2 residences on the northwest side of Holly at the intersection of 22nd.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Reverend C. B. WOODRICH advised that he heard that Negroes were going to meet at 28th and Williams this evening and then head east. He could not furnish any additional information but will call this office if he obtains any information.

At 12:30 p.m., SA RIPPE advised he learned that there had been a false alarm at East Denver High School and that there had been false alarms all over Denver. SA RIPPE advised that as of that time, he did not see many individuals--Negro or white--on the streets in the vicinity of East High School.

At approximately noon, SA RIPPE advised there were four broken store windows on the north side of East Colfax in the 2800 and 2900 blocks, which area is near East High School. At that time there were no white or Negro individuals loitering in the area.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Racial Violence Flares in Several Cities

MEMPHIS, April 4—(UPI)—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who walked with death in his nonviolent battle for racial freedom, was slain by a white sniper Thursday on the balcony of his motel.

The 39-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner's assassination swept the nation like a shock wave and violence erupted in some areas.

Rioting broke out in Memphis. Two policemen were shot and National Guard troops and highway patrolmen were called in.

Violence Flares

Violence also erupted in New York's Harlem and Brooklyn, in Oakland, Calif., Washington, D.C., Raleigh, N.C., Birmingham, Ala., Miami, Fla., Jackson, Miss., Boston, Mass. and Hartford, Conn. There was looting, window-smashing and rock-throwing in several of these areas.

Police issued a bulletin for a young white man in dark clothes who dashed out of a building across the street from the Lorraine Motel, where King was

'The King Assassination,' an editorial on Page 56.

killed. He dropped a Browning automatic rifle on the sidewalk and fled in a car. But Police Chief Frank Holloman said: "We have no definite lead we can report at this time regarding the assailant."

President Johnson appeared on nationwide television to announce he had postponed his trip to Honolulu because of the slaying. He asked "every citizen to stay away from the violence that struck Dr. King."

Guardsmen Recalled

But three hours after King's death was announced, Holloman went on television in Memphis to report "rioting has broken out in parts of the city. Looting is rampant. The National Guard is coming back into town," he said.

He referred to the 4000 troops called out after last week's rioting in Memphis. The guardsmen were sent home earlier this week. National Guard planes were fanning out over the state to pick up massive contingents of riot-trained highway patrolmen.

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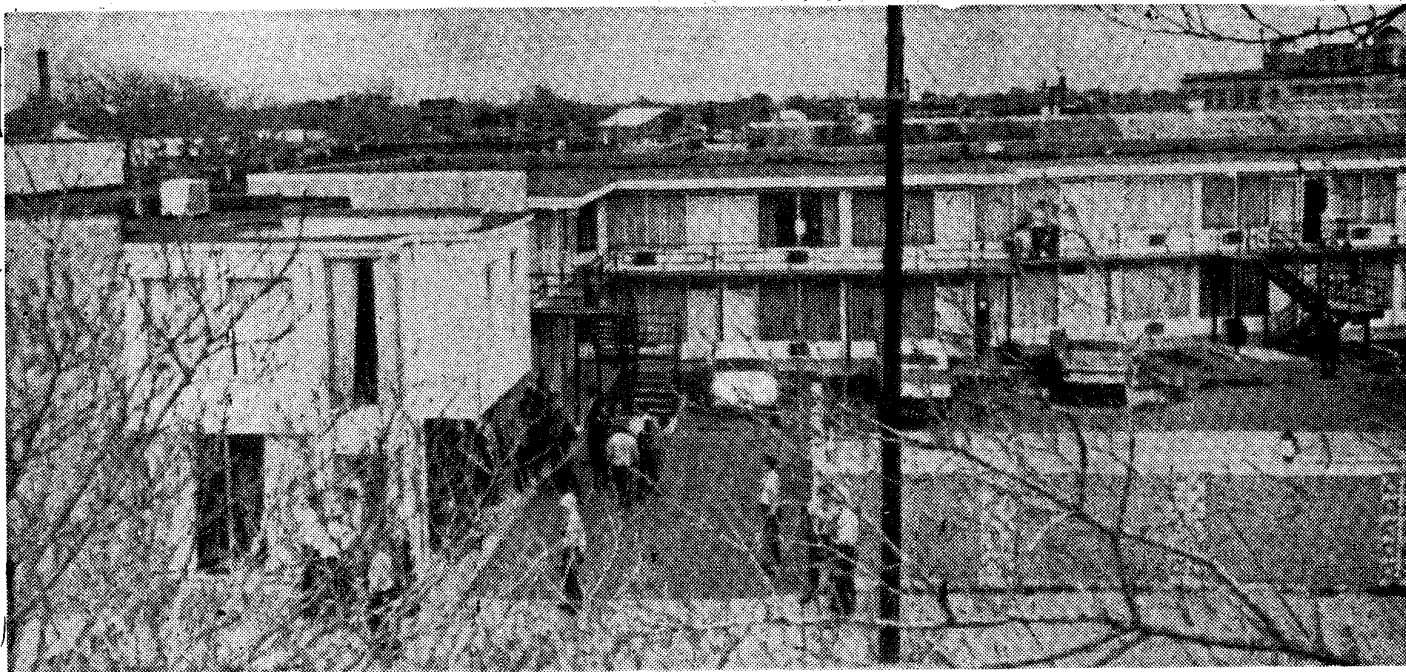
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UPI TELEPHOTO

Lorraine Motel at Memphis where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was fatally shot while standing on the balcony.

Dr. King As sassinated in Memphis

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Units of the Arkansas State Patrol were de-utized and rushed across the Mississippi River into Memphis.

Charles Stephens, who lives near the hotel, said he heard a shot and a scream at about 7 p.m. He saw a white man run out of the building facing the motel.

King was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and wheeled into the emergency room, a bloody white towel around his neck and an oxygen mask on his face. He appeared to be breathing. He died, doctors said, at 8:05 p.m.

Only Wednesday night, King told a rally near the spot where he died that "like anybody, I would like to live a long life ... but I'm not concerned about that."

"I just want to do God's will, and He has allowed me to go up the mountain, and I've looked over and I've seen the promised land."

"I may not get there with you," he told his followers, "but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything."

White reporters who tried to reach the area, where King was to have addressed a rally Thursday night, turned back. "It's like a jungle out there," one said.

Former Alabama Gov. George Wallace called the assassination a "senseless, regrettable and tragic act."

King met death in an attempt to prove he could bring off what he had planned to be the biggest demonstration of his life. His planned poor people's march on Washington later this

month was under fire because a march he led here last week erupted in a riot. King insisted he could lead a massive demonstration and keep it nonviolent, and he returned here to prove it. The Memphis march was set for Monday.

King had survived virtually every civil rights campaign mounted in the nation, and led most of them.

Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb clamped on a curfew.

In Birmingham, police reported rocks and garbage cans were being hurled into the streets in one Negro section. Miami police rushed to answer a report of looting at a furniture store and were pelted by rocks.

St. Joseph's hospital officials said King "received a gunshot wound on the right side of the neck, at the root of the neck, a gaping wound."

"Doctors did everything humanly possible, to save him," Hess said.

Car Pickup Ordered

Police issued a lookout for a white, late model car. Unconfirmed reports swept West Tennessee and Arkansas of running gunbattles between police and cars fitting the description.

Police threw a cordon around a 5-block area of the Negro district that contained the Lorraine Motel, where King was slain.

Chauncey Eskridge, King's legal adviser, sobbed outside the emergency room when word came out of King's death.

He said it "ought to have a shocking effect on the whole World. A man full of life, full of love, and he was shot. He had always lived with that expectation (of assassination) but nobody ever expected it to happen."

King's driver, Solomon Jones Jr., said he was standing in the street when the civil rights leader strolled onto the balcony and ordered him to start the car and take him to dinner.

'I Heard the Gun'

"I said 'it's cold outside, Dr. King. Put your topcoat on,' and he said 'okay, I will' and he smiled. Those were his last words. I heard the gun."

He said King wheeled and fell on his back. After the shot, Jones said, he saw a man "with something white on his face" creep away from a thicket across the street.

King died in the same emergency room where James Meredith was rushed in June 1965, after he was shot down in ambush a few miles south of here at Hernando, Miss. Meredith, however, was not seriously injured.

King was the first major civil rights leader to be slain since the ambush killing of Medgar Evers outside his home in Jackson, Miss., in 1962.

AFTERMATH OF KING'S DEATH *THE DENVER POST Friday, April 5, 1968 3

5 Denver Schools Closed

By CHARLES CARTER
Denver Post Staff Writer

Five Denver secondary schools with substantial Negro enrollments closed Friday as an aftermath to the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The schools were conducting their own programs in memory of the civil rights leader. The schools were closed partly because it became impossible to operate and in response to requests from Negro adults.

Manual High School, 1700 E. 28th Ave., was the first to close. Principal James D. Ward said many students and a number of persons living in the neighborhood asked if school could be dismissed out of reverence to King.

He said the students were stunned by the assassination. "Our youngsters here have lived the life that Dr. King pro-

fessed," he said, "a life of harmony. Then when the adult world turns to acts of violence they don't know in which direction to go."

A false fire alarm was turned in from the school moments after it opened at 8 a.m. Ward noted that when it had been determined there was no fire, the students returned to their classrooms.

Ward said it would have been "very difficult" to conduct school at Manual, which is 70 per cent Negro. It is the only Denver high school more than 50 per cent Negro.

The school was dismissed shortly after 9 a.m. after Ward sought and got permission from Dr. Robert D. Gilberts, school superintendent.

Howard Johnson, assistant superintendent for personnel, later informed the secondary

principals they could dismiss school if they wished.

Those doing so were:

—East High School, 1545 Detroit St., which is 36 per cent Negro.

—Smiley Junior High School, 2540 Holly St., 66 per cent Negro.

—Cole Junior High School, 3240 Humboldt St., 65 per cent Negro.

—Morey Junior High School, 840 E. 14th Ave., 53 per cent Negro.

SOME FIGHTS

Adults from outside visited schools and demanded they be closed. There were some fights between students of different races, and some fire alarms were pulled.

Philip G. Serafini, principal at Cole, said he had discussed closing with the downtown office and made the final decision when seven or eight Negro

adults visited his office and demanded that he do so.

Asked if threats were made, he replied, "Well, they were very firm."

At East, a group of adults walked into the auditorium at the close of a memorial assembly for King. Some Negro youngsters were forcibly dragged from the seats and told they should attend a rally in Curtis Park, said Principal Robert G. Colwell.

The adults said schools were closed when President John F. Kennedy was murdered in 1963 and should be closed for King's death, Colwell said.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE

He called the atmosphere at the racially integrated school tense.

"There's a great deal of ambivalence among the kids," he said. "They've worked very hard on an ideal. Yet there is a tremendous desire to pull together racially. It pulls them away from their white brothers."

"But we hope it's temporary."

A check with the principals of seven elementary schools in Denver's Negro area turned up no discernible unrest among the students Friday morning.

All seven principals said school was going on as normal and that no one had asked them to close for the day. No false fire alarms were turned in at the seven schools.

Students and teachers in several of the schools observed a moment of silence in the classroom in memory of Dr. King.

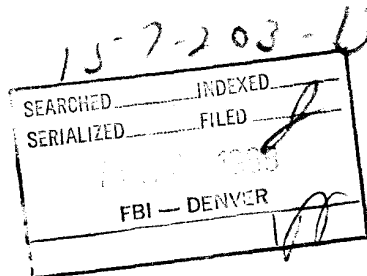
20-MINUTE SHOW

At 11 a.m., most of the students and teachers across the city watched a 20-minute telecast on the school district's station, KRMA-TV. The program, in honor of the slain civil rights leader, included presentations by Gilberts and members of the Denver School Board.

Johnson sent a message to elementary principals asking that teachers lead discussions after the program "insofar as children can understand and develop positive attitudes."

Johnson added that principals should cancel any outside engagements they had so they could stay in control at their buildings.

"If adults appear around the building to ask children to return home, they are not to be interfered with. Our responsibility is to conduct school as quietly and constructively as possible," the message added.



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DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS NEGRO STUDENTS AT MANUAL HIGH AND EAST DENVER HIGH SCHOOLS ARE ROAMING THROUGH EAST DENVER AREA, ENGAGING IN VANDALISM, *and throwing fire bombs.*

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REVEREND C. B. WOODRICH, ASSISTANT PASTOR, ANNUNCIATION
CHURCH, DENVER, ADVISED THIS PM HE LEARNED THROUGH SOURCES [REDACTED]
"MILITANT NEGRO LEADERS" ARE ENDEAVORING TO ORGANIZE HIGH SCHOOL
AND YOUNG NEGRO ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME TYPE OF VIOLENT
DEMONSTRATION AND DAMAGE IN DENVER THIS PM.

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED DURING PM THIS DATE THERE
HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS FALSE FIRE ALARMS AND SOME VANDALISM COMMITTED
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF DENVER BY NEGRO YOUTH.

DENVER POST THIS DATE REPORTS [REDACTED] NEGRO MILITANT LAUREN
WATSON AND RUDOLPH "CORKY" GONZALES, MEXICAN-AMERICAN MILITANT,
PLAN TO LEAD MARCH FROM NEGRO AREA TO DENVER CIVIC CENTER AT
TEN AM APRIL SIX NEXT IN HONOR OF DR. KING. *

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~~REVEREND CRAIG HART IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE MARCHES WERE PLANNED PRIMARILY FOR WHITE CITIZENS BECAUSE WE FEEL THE WHITE COMMUNITY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S DEATH".~~

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~~FBI PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO REPORT ANY INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER WHICH MIGHT OCCUR IN DENVER DIVISION.~~

ALL RACIAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS ALERTED
~~IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY THIS PM ADEQUATE AGENT PERSONNEL REMAINING ON DUTY AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. P END.~~

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VISIT OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, DENVER, COLORADO, APRIL FIVE,
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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES ADVISED THIS DATE
THAT TWO MEMBERS, DENVER DRAFT RESISTANCE UNION, PLANNED TO
CONDUCT ANTI-VIETNAM DEMONSTRATION FIVE PM THIS DATE, HILTON
HOTEL, WHERE SENATOR KENNEDY WILL BE HOLDING MEETINGS OF
COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

AT MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD CIVIC CENTER, DENVER, NOON,
THIS DATE, AN UNKNOWN WHITE MINISTER URGED APPROXIMATELY TWO
HUNDRED FIFTY INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A
SILENT VIGIL AT HILTON HOTEL SEVEN PM THIS DATE IN MEMORY OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED USA LAWRENCE M. HENRY, DENVER,
WHO ADVISED HE IS MEETING SENATOR KENNEDY UPON ARRIVAL IN
DENVER AND WILL FURNISH INFORMATION TO KENNEDY AND AIDES.

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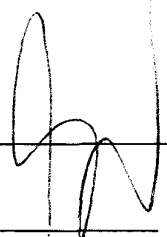
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FROM : SAS RIPPE and MALONE

SUBJECT: KING ASSASSINATION

DATE: 4-6-68

At 9:50 AM this date, agents observed activities at 28th and Williams, which is the open park across the street from Manual High School. At that time about 30 to 40 individuals were in scattered groups in the park. About 10:15 AM this group began to line up in the street, at which time police officers gave them an escort and blocked streets. The group which left the area in a disorganized group in marching order about 10:25 AM, was led by an individual, described as Negro male, very light skinned, about 23-25 years old, with a portable "bullhorn". At this point there were about 75 to 100 persons. They proceeded west on East 28th Ave. to Welton Street, down Welton to 23rd Street, over 23rd to California, over 24th to Welton, back up Welton to East 31st Avenue to York, north on York to 35th, and east on East 35th Ave. to Skyland Park, in the 33rd and Holly Shopping Center, where the march terminated in the park. At the time the march ended there were approximately 60 to 70 individuals.

Loren Watson was determined to be in the 2nd line of March, and Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales latter part of the march. It was noted there were only 4 or 5 other Spanish persons with Gonzales, and only 1 person was observed in the marching group who might have been Caucasian.

Intensive police coverage and assistance was furnished the marchers. Capt. Doral Smith of Dist. 2, in uniform, was in the forefront of the march. Numerous two man patrol cars as well as detective cars and special services units afforded area patrol. No incidents were observed by agents.

Agents terminated at 12:40 PM at Skyland Park. It was determined that detectives from Chief Cayou's Office had recorded about 35 license numbers of cars which participated in the march, particularly from downtown to Skyland.

It was also determined that the person leading the march was one ~~STANLEY LEE WILLIAMS~~, and a second leader was one Ralph Brown, both allegedly from out-of-state. Cayou's officers will have reports on this matter, and possibly photographs. During the march, Loren Watson did not exhibit leadership in the group, and it was noted the whole affair was poorly organized. Crowds varied in the march, due to curiosity from persons in neighborhoods, but it was noted the majority of Negroes along the march route paid little attention to the march.



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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

DOYLE MAY, SALES MANAGER JOHNNIE HARPER FORD, WHEATRIDGE, COLORADO, ADVISED DRAWING OF ASSASSIN OF KING CLOSELY RESEMBLES ONE BEN LYNN HART WHO RESIDES AT CANTON, MISSISSIPPI. HART DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE THIRTYTWO, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SEVENTY LBS., BLACK HAIR WHICH IS RECEDING AND COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. HART IS SHARP DRESSER, OWNED LOTS OF GUNS AND FORMERLY HAD A HARDWARE STORE BUT IS NOW A FARMER. MAY STATES HART WAS ALWAYS ROUGH WITH NEGROS AND ~~15~~ FORMER KLANSMAN. JACKSON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE ~~END~~ INVESTIGATION.

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MAY recently came from Memphis and resides at 6911 W. 26th Ave., Apt # 5, no phone and receives his mail at Box 467, Wheatridge, Colo. Business phone is 421-5350.

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TO: DIRECTOR DENVER KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD
FROM: CHICAGO (44-NEW)(P)

MURKIN. CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION ADVISE RONALD LORENZEN, MANAGING
EDITOR, TIMES DEMOCRAT, DAVENPORT, IOWA, ADVISED HE RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM EDWARD BAUMGARDNER OF NINE ONE
SEVEN SIXTH AVENUE, ERIE, ILLINOIS, ON APRIL FIVE LAST.
BAUMGARDNER ADVISED HIM THAT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DISPLAYED
ON TELEVISION OF ASSASSINATION SUSPECT APPEARS TO BE THAT OF ONE
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COMMITTED BY MEMBER OF MINUTEMEN.

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FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
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