



"We will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will meet your physical force with soul force. We will not hate you, but we cannot obey your unjust laws. We will soon wear you down by our own capacity to suffer. And in winning our freedom, we will so appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process."

—Martin Luther King Jr. to White America

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lot of little efforts by lots of people... but it cannot be truly effective without the strength of the human spirit."

On June 14, *Time* covered the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D.-N.Y., the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. In many ways, its coverage paralleled *Time's* previous coverage of King's assassination.

Time's coverage of James Earl Ray continued on June 21. The three-page article, "Ray's Odd Odyssey," explained in detail how Ray escaped Memphis on April 4 with the use of falsified calls to the police. He also used four different aliases to help him escape to London and Canada successfully.

Later 1968 issues of *Time* covered more of the riot situation and how the civil rights movement was proceeding without King. These articles revealed that SCLC was falling apart without King's leadership and that his widow, Coretta, was continuing his fight diligently.

The *Time* essay for April 4, 1969, began: "It is a year since Martin Luther King Jr. died. Who speaks for the black American now?"

The two-page tribute, "The Future of Black Leadership," gave an exceptional comparison of America before and after King's death. The essay praised him by saying that his leadership was an example of youth to manhood, asserting strength in the passivity of nonviolence.

King wrote two years before his death that nothing could be more tragic to the civil rights movement than the attitude of the black man that he could solve his problems by himself. *Time* advised white Americans to "provide every ounce of help they can."

On April 11, 1969, *Time* reported on memorial services and public ceremonies that took place during the previous week. Directly above a photograph of Mrs. King placing a red and white cross on King's crypt, *Time* wrote that King's assassin was appealing his 99-year sentence. The judge who had sentenced Ray was found dead the week before.

At times many people thought King was the civil rights movement. He wasn't — but the movement would never have gone far without him.