

Rally for Dr. King, Jr. Planned in Atlanta

The memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the quest for full employment are the rallying points for a five-day observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday in Atlanta from January 12-16.

Sponsoring the program is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, announced center president Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

"This January's observance is particularly significant," Mrs. King said, "since it will be the tenth annual celebration we have held since my husband's death."

Theme for the birthday celebration is "An Agenda for the Nation -- The Quest for Human Rights in a Full Employment Economy."

"No issue today needs more attention than that of full employment," said Mrs. King. "There will never be full equality of opportunity for everyone until our society considers it a moral obligation to take whatever steps are necessary to guarantee a decent job to everyone who wants a job."

"As the more blatant discrimination barriers were knocked down in the Fifties and Sixties by the Movement, Martin focused more and more attention on the real problem which has deprived Blacks of full equality: economic opportunity and security."

Events Include:

***A Kickoff Rally Thursday evening, January 12, at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Vernon Jordan, executive director of the National Urban League, will be the featured speaker.

***The Labor/Management/Government Awards Breakfast Friday morning, January 13, during which key leaders will be honored with Social Responsibility Awards.

***Also Friday, a day-long conference on full employment with speakers addressing the issue of rising unemployment, especially among the young and minorities. Keynote speaker is Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif.

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ral Night featuring Ossie Davis, Alex Haley, author of "Roots," historian Lerone Bennett, and Stephanie Mills, star of the Broadway show, "The Wiz."

***A theological seminar of Dr. King and the Social Ministry.

***A midnight candlelight pilgrimage to Dr. King's crypt, located adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church, where there will be a reaffirmation service, sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Saturday, January 14.

activities include:

***Ecumenical Service with Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., pastor emeritus of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

***Nonviolent Peace Prize Luncheon to be awarded to a person, persons or organization "for a struggle or contribution to nonviolent struggle which is so basically just that it is beyond surrender, so essentially nonviolent that it cannot countenance hate, so elemental in its human purpose that all people are the ultimate

beneficiaries of its quest."

***Tribute to Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey Sunday activities include:

***Church services around the world, commemorating the day as Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday.

***Interfaith Service at Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, with Dr. Benjamin Mays as main speaker.

***Benefit Concert at the Omni, sponsored by CBS Records.

Monday, January 16, activities:

***Youth rally at noon in the Atlanta University complex.

***Community rally at 3:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center on Auburn Avenue during which Martin Luther King Community Service Awards will be given Atlanta residents for their work in civic affairs.

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