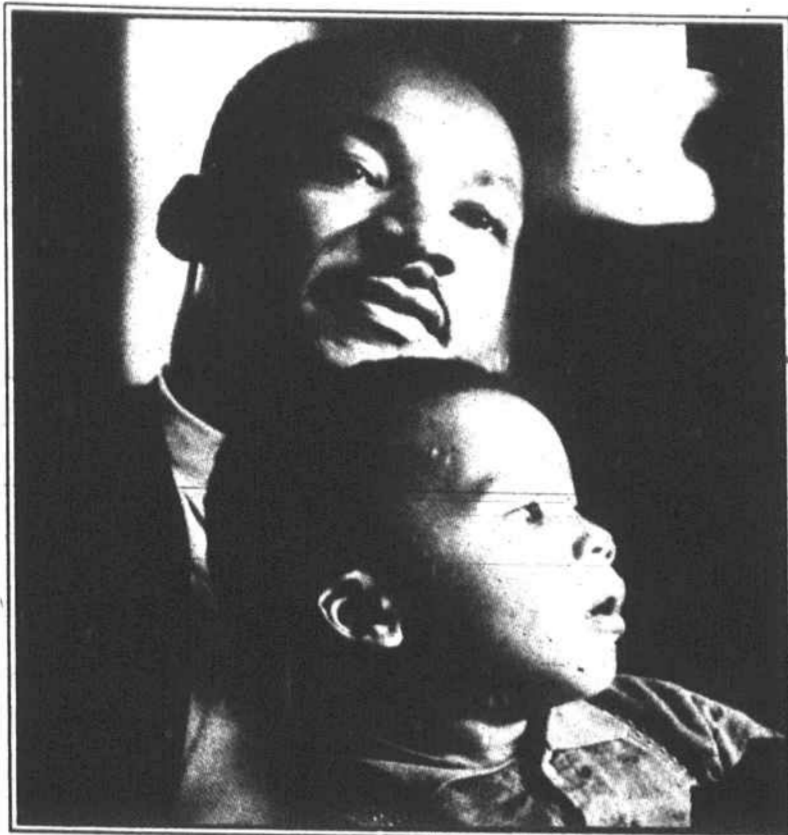


# Selected Moments from King's Life

*\* King responded to the continuing violence in 1964—the deaths of the three civil rights workers in Mississippi, the ghetto riots in Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Philadelphia—his speech at Oslo, where in December he became the youngest person, at 35, to win the Nobel Peace Prize:*



Martin Luther King with one of his children.

I am mindful that only yesterday in Birmingham, Ala., our children, crying out for brotherhood, were answered with fire hoses, snarling dogs and even death. I am mindful that only yesterday in Philadelphia, Miss., young people seeking to secure the right to vote were brutalized and murdered. . . . Therefore, I must ask why this prize is awarded to a movement which is beleaguered. . . which has not won the very peace and brotherhood which is the essence of the Nobel Prize.

After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I received on behalf of that movement is profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time—the need for many to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.

*\*In March 1965, when he spoke on the steps of the Alabama State Capitol following the tear gas, clubbings and violent deaths in the Selma voter registration campaign and the successful march to Montgomery, he reaffirmed his faith in the nonviolent movement:*

Last Sunday we started on a mighty walk from Selma, Ala. . . . They told us we wouldn't get here. And there were those who said that we would get here only over their dead bodies, but all the world today knows that we are here and that we are standing before the forces of power in the state of Alabama saying, "We ain't goin' to let nobody turn us around."

There never was a moment in American history more honorable and more inspiring than the pilgrimage of clergymen and laymen of every race and faith pouring into Selma to face danger at the side of its embattled Negroes. Our whole campaign in Alabama has been centered around the right to vote.

We are on the move now. The burning of our churches will not deter us. . . . We are on the move now. The beating

they returned to Memphis determined to lead a nonviolent demonstration. There were rumors of threats on King's life, but such rumors were not unfamiliar and had shadowed the man since the days and nights of the Montgomery bus boycott 13 years earlier. On April 3, 1968, King delivered his last speech to 2,000 cheering supporters in the Mason Temple of

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Let us therefore continue our triumph and march. . . . Let us march on segregated housing. . . . Let us march on segregated schools. . . . Let us march on poverty. . . . Let us march on ballot boxes.

I know you are asking today, "How long will it take?" I come to say to you this afternoon, however difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long because truth pressed to earth will rise again.

How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever.

How long? Not long, because you still reap what you sow.

How long? Not long, because the arm of the moral

**Memphis:**

I'm just happy that God has allowed me to live in this period, to see what is unfolding. And I'm happy he's allowed me to be in Memphis. . . . We mean business now and we are determined to gain our rightful place in God's world. And that's all this whole thing is about.

We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people.

We are saying that we are God's children. And that we don't have to live like we are forced to live.

Now, what does all of this mean in this great period of history? It means that we've got to stay together and maintain unity.

*\* The issue is injustice. The issue is the refusal of Memphis to be fair and honest in its dealings . . . I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop.*

*And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life.*

*. . . But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will, and He's allowed me to go up to the mountaintop.*

*And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you.*

*But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.*

**"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."**

**-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

universe. . . bends toward justice.

*\* On March 28, 1968, King agreed to lead a march in Memphis of black sanitation workers who went out on strike when they received wages for only two hours on a day when work was canceled because of rain, while white workers received a full day's pay.*

*Black militants disrupted the march, to the distress of King and SCLC leaders, but*

prominent black leaders call for an end to the riots.

■ **October**—Supreme Court upholds the contempt of court convictions of Dr. King and other black leaders who led the 1963 marches in Birmingham, Ala.

■ **November**—King announces the formation of a Poor People's Campaign by SCLC to address the problems of the poor—black and white.

**1968**

■ **March**—King lead 6,000 protesters on a march through downtown Memphis in support of striking sanitation workers.

■ **April**—King delivers his last speech "I've Been to the Mountain Top," at the Memphis Masonic Temple. On the 4th, Dr. King is assassinated. He dies in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Chicago while leading a march through crowds of angry whites.

■ **September**—SCLC launches a project to integrate the public schools of Grenda, Mississippi and initiates the Alabama Citizen Education Project in Wilcox County.

**1967**

■ **January**—King writes "Where Do We Go From Here?"

■ **March**—The desegregation of public schools is ordered in Alabama. Dr. King attacks U.S. policy in Vietnam in Chicago speech.

■ **April**—King makes "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City.

■ **July**—Riots in Newark, New Jersey and Detroit, Michigan. Dr. King and other

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**1966**

■ **March**—U.S. Supreme court rules poll tax unconstitutional.

■ **Spring**—King tours Alabama to help elect black candidates. For first time since Reconstruction a number of blacks vote in the Alabama primary.

■ **May**—A King antiwar statements is read at a Washington rally to protest the war in Vietnam. King agrees to serve as co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

■ **July**—King launches a drive to make Chicago an "open city" in regard to housing.

■ **August**—King is stoned in

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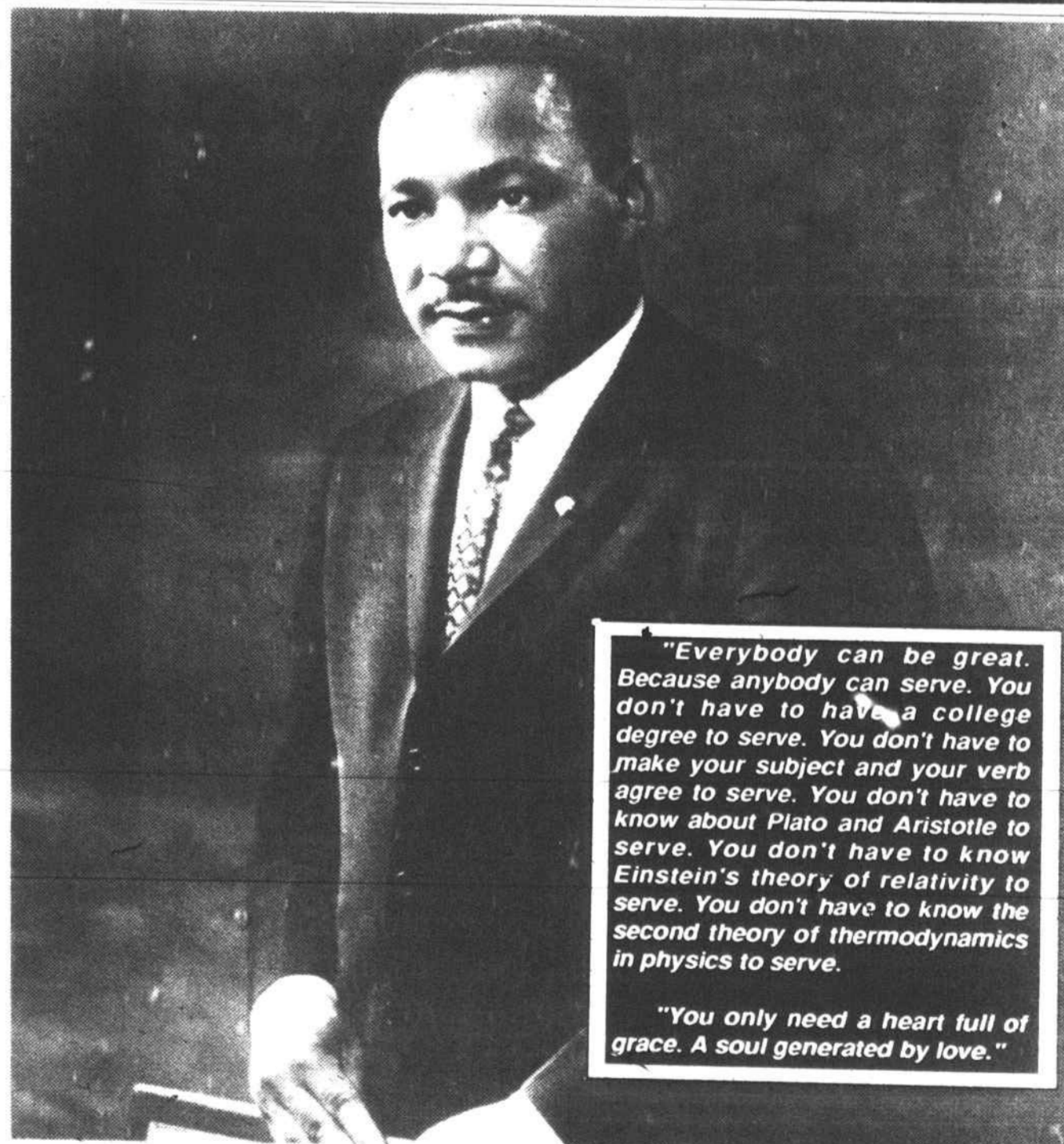


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