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M.L. King Celebrations Planned

In Durham

N. C. Central University will observe Thursday, Jan. 15, as Martin Luther King Day.

NCCU has scheduled morning, afternoon and evening programs in honor of the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, a former president of N. C. A & T State University, will speak at 11 a.m. in B. N. Duke Auditorium. The program is sponsored by the program board of NCCU's Alfonso Elder Student Union.

An afternoon seminar is being planned by Dr. George W. Reid, assistant dean of Central's undergraduate school.

Proctor, the morning speaker, is now professor of education in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University. Proctor holds the Martin Luther King Memorial Chair at Rutgers and has been at that university since 1969.

Proctor has been an administrator with the Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, the National Council of Churches, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Institute for Services to Education and the University of Wisconsin.

The North Carolina Central University Chapter of the NAACP will sponsor a march and candlelight service, in which 2 to 3,000 people are expected to participate, in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in B. N. Duke Auditorium tomorrow evening.

The march, which is scheduled to begin on the corner of Cornwallis and Fayetteville Sts. at 5:30 p.m., will be led by Gamma Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. King was a member of the fraternity.

Phillip Rosser, president of the NCCU Chapter of the NAACP, said the purposes of the march are to call for legislation to make King's birthday a national holiday (an effort led on the national level by the Congressional Black Caucus), to show unity in the black community, and to voice our discontent over the outcome of the Greensboro Klan-Nazi trial.

The march will end at B. N. Duke Auditorium where the candlelight service will take place at 6:30 p.m. The service will be led by Alpha Phi Alpha and by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, of which Coretta Scott King is an honorary member.

James Webb, president of the North Carolina Intercolligete chapters of the NAACP, will be the master of ceremonies.

Other fraternities, sororities and campus organizations will also participate in the ceremony.

The university's Touring and Concert Choirs are scheduled to sing, along with the Pentecostal Fellowship Choir. Guest choirs include UNC-Black Student Movement Choir, Hillside Concert Choir, Shaw University's Heritage Choir, Duke University's Black Movement Choir, and Cambell University's Black Choir.

Organizations from the Durham community that will be represented include North Carolina Prince Hall Masons, the Eastern Stars, the Durham Ministerial Alliance, and Hillside High School's Marching Band.

Chancellor Albert Whiting has given his full support for the march and the candlelight service, Rosser said.

Security for the march is being provided by 70 NAACP marshals in conjunction with Durham's Public Safety coordinator, Lt. Troupe.

The NAACP will also sponsor a disco in the women's gym tonight and a birthday party in King's honor in W.G. Pearson Cafeteria this afternoon.

In Washington

U. S. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker will join former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, S.C.L.C. President Joseph Lowery, Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, opera and concert star Leontyne Price and scores of public figures during a five-day observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 52nd birthday anniversary.

"With all of the recent activity in behalf of a January 15 holiday it is appropriate that we will have with us one of the strongest and most influential supporters of the King holiday legislation, Senator Howard Baker," said Mrs. King, President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change. "Senator Baker brings a distinguished career in public service to our January program. A leader of his party in the United States Senate, his courageous stands on a number of issues have earned him the respect of people of goodwill across the political spectrum." The Tennessee Senator became Senate Majority Leader on January 5th.

In addition to Senator Baker and Ambassador Young, Dr. Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will deliver a major speech during the King birthday celebration. Dr. Lowery will give the principal address at The Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-violent Peace Prize Award Ceremony today at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and The King Center will co-sponsor the "Tribute to King" rally and mass march on January 15th and the Ministers' Seminar on January 14th.

Other public figures confirmed to participate in the King birthday celebration include: Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson; Mrs. Coretta Scott King, President of The King Center; Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr.; Bishop Frederick Hilburn Talbot, Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. (Georgia); Dr. William Howard, President of the National Council of Churches; Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, President of the National Council of Black Churchmen; Rabbi Donal Tam, Temple Emanu-El; Rev. Otis Moss, Pastor of Mount Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Ms. Addie Wyatt, International Vice President of the United Food and Commercial Workers, AFL-CIO; Mandell DeWindt, Board Chairman of the Eaton Corporation; and Dr. Lerone Bennett, Senior Editor, Johnson Publishing Company.



Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream.

Will it be deferred?

Brown: 'I should not have to beg'

Student congress still trying to meet

NCCU's Student Congress has yet to have an official meeting this school year due to its inability to establish a quorum.

The Congress, which is headed by Quinton Brown, vice-president of the SGA, held its first meeting of 1981 on January 8. Some members were present (28) but 30 were needed to establish a quorum.

Brown said the problem is a "lack of responsibility and misplaced priorities." He also said "I should not have to beg the representatives to come."

The congress is made up of 13 representatives from each class plus the class presidents. Each president has the right to replace the non-active congress members.

Curtis Massey, junior class president said, "If the junior congress members don't show up at the next meeting they will be replaced."

Leon Rousson, sophomore class president, said he was "annoyed with his class members that do not attend the meetings."

"Most of the congress members are elected and they should have some kind of motivation about coming to meetings."

James Webb, freshmen class president said that the freshmen representatives have participated greatly but admitted some members have "amnesia spells."

"Hopefully in the future, they will realize the importance of congress," said Webb.

Senior Class President Willie Resse, who has yet to come to a congress meeting according to Quinton Brown, was unavailable for comment.

Congress meets every first and third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held Jan. 22. The meeting place will be announced.

Black Caucus to push for M. L. King legal holiday

Washington (UPI) The Congressional Black Caucus announced Tuesday that one of its top priorities in the 97th Congress is to have the Jan. 15 birthdate of Martin Luther King Jr. declared a national legal holiday.

The 18-member caucus made the statement in announcing its support of a planned march and rally here to emphasize the need to have King's birthdate observed as a national holiday.

The march and rally, scheduled for Jan. 15-16, will culminate in a benefit concert to be given by Stevie Wonder.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, endorsed the effort. In remarks released by the caucus, Mrs. King said, "A Martin Luther King Jr. holiday would mean even more than commemorating the contributions of blacks to American society. It would serve as an annual reminder that nonviolence can make the promise of democracy a reality."

Rep. Walter Fauntroy, D-D.C., newly elected chairman of the caucus, said "Martin Luther King Jr. was not content to dream impossible dreams.

"He shall go down in history as the prophet of our age because he had a way of translating his impossible dreams into realities," Fauntroy said.

"We must never forget that he lived, and we must never forget what he lived for. We believe the nation ought to remember the principles which guided his life, which must not be buried with his death," Fauntroy said.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., noted King's birthday is honored in 13 states and most major cities.

N. C. Legislator predicts

More clout for blacks in General Assembly

Raleigh, NC (UPI) North Carolina's most experienced black legislator predicted Tuesday that the four black members of the General Assembly will have more influence than their numbers indicate.

Sen. Henry Frye, D-Guilford, also said he expected the legislature will be more frugal fiscally but no more conservative in its views on racial and sexual issues.

Frye, who in 1968 became North Carolina's first black legislator in this century, is moving from the House to the Senate this term. He will be the only black in that chamber; Fred Alexander, the sole black senator last year, died just before the May 1980 primary.

King site added to park system

On October 10, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill that added The Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site in Atlanta, Ga. to the National Park Service.

Secretary of the Interior, Cecil D. Andrus, said the Martin Luther King Historic Site will give the National Park Service a leadership role in preserving the importance and character of Atlanta's black community, and in honoring the life and work of one of modern America's most influential figures.

"It is with great pride that we recognize the many achievements of this remarkable man," Andrus said. "Dr. King truly was dedicated to insuring equal rights for all Americans seeking change without violence. In this new park, as in the hearts and minds of millions of people throughout the world, his memory and his message will live on."

The new historic site encompasses 23.5 acres and includes the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial and Center for Social Change, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. King's birthplace and gravesite, and many buildings neighboring the King family home, including Victorian and "Shotgun" row houses and an 1894 fire station. Dr. King's residence may be added to the park at a later date.

There will be three black representatives, one fewer than last year. All democrats, they are Kenneth Spaulding of Durham County, Daniel Blue of Wake County and Rev. C. Melvin Creecy of Northampton County.

"A lot of our influence is felt in committees and in influencing the nature of legislation by others," Frye said. "For example, Rep. Anne Kennedy almost singlehandedly turned around a couple of bills on the floor of the House as a freshman. And Kenneth Spaulding led two more fights in the Constitutional Amendments Committee."

The Greensboro attorney said he hasn't spoken to the others yet, so he doesn't know what particular issues the blacks will push for as a group. He said one possible fight might be for a state Human Relations Commission.

The current commission can use only persuasion and conciliation to solve discrimination complaints. In 1979, Frye pushed a bill through the House to set up a commission with powers not only to investigate discrimination cases but also order changes.

But the Senate balked last year at the idea of passing such a measure, and the legislation that came out of a subsequent committee downgrades the commission's power to the point where it must seek legal action in the courts rather than rule on its own.



Proctor to speak at Central program

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