

In Memory Of The Dreamer 1929-1968

January 15 marked the 51st birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. who was killed by an assassin's bullet April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. Today his work and dedication continues in the minds and hearts of the American people.

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Ga. His crusade based on the Christian philosophy and non-violent tactics of Mahatma Gandhi, won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. He grew up in Atlanta and attended Morehouse College. He also graduated from predominantly white Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and attended Boston College for graduate studies.

While at Boston College he met Coretta Scott, a voice major at the New England Conservatory. They married in June 1953 by Martin Luther King, Sr. That union later produced four children.

In 1954, King became the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. It was in Montgomery that the heart of the civil rights movement began.

On Dec. 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Rosa Parks, a seamstress refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. She was arrested and because of her arrest blacks of Montgomery began a year long boycott of the city's buses. The boycott continued until city officials agreed to their demands.

The bus boycott was followed by the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom at which 37,000 marchers from all over the country assembled at the Lincoln Memorial, rallying to the slogan, "Give us the ballot."



photo by C.E. Nottingham

Dr. Martin Luther King

Excerpts From 'I Have A Dream' Speech

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free; one hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination; one hundred years later,

the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity; one hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will

be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. 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.

I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day down in Alabama - with its vicious racists, with its Governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification - one day right there in Alabama, little

black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, We are free at last."

Speech courtesy of Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change, Atlanta, Ga. Reprints available from the center.

naomi's view

There is a time for some things and a time for other things; a time for great things and a time for small things. There are mountains and there are valleys; there are little streams and there are great oceans; there are small islands and there are great continents surrounded by oceans.

No matter where we look there are contrasts. To the degree that we bring the principle of contrast to bear on our own way of life, to that degree we shall enjoy the favor of life. We need to know how to use the principle of contrast in such a wholesome way that it will contribute toward the development of all our powers.

It seems the only sane way of living is to do in the present what needs to be done - and do it in the most intelligent and constructive way possible.

There is one thing about this world in which we live, it never quits business but keeps on moving, no matter what the weather may be, and if you do not keep up with it you are left behind. You cannot go forward by looking back. The loss of one day seems trifling, so does the loss of one hair from your head, but the trouble is that the slighting of the work of the day becomes a habit, the hairs come out faster and faster, the next thing you know you are bald.

To achieve something worthwhile, a person must have the human touch, and the ability to delegate responsibility is an acquired characteristic. Set up a definite goal for yourself that is not too far in the future; then do whatever is called for day by day to reach that goal. You will find that when you do your work today in the way it ought to be done, the door of opportunity will open for you.



Naomi McLean

Few people realize how much of their happiness is dependent upon their work, upon the fact that they are kept busy. Happiness comes most to people who seek it least and think least about it. It is not an object to be sought; it is a state to be induced. It must overtake you, and not you overtake it.

"Blessed is the man who has some congenial work, some occupation into which he can put his heart and which affords a complete outlet to all the forces in him."

Trying for superiority in any one thing means only that you are going up, and if you are not going up you are going down. You are either progressing or retrograding; you cannot stand still. The moment you begin to lose your interest in that one thing, first you go down and then you go out.

It is practical to say that we have to look below the surface if we want find the real meaning of life. Life need not be commonplace and routine to anybody. Everybody can make his life flow with meaning and beauty. Common things can be made stimulating and uncommon. Dull facts can be invested with the lilt and lift of vision.

The fullness of life grows out of a combination of idealism and realism, emphasizing strongly for our daily bread and the necessities of life-work is important.

There are too many young people who fall back on the stale statement "the world owes me a living anyhow so what is the use of worrying about work?"

Chronicle Letters

Congratulations On Audit

Dear Editor:

Certainly, I wish to offer you and your staff my sincere congratulations on successfully completing the requirements for and obtaining your ABC Audit Report.

In a conversation with you several months ago you stated that you were determined to establish your paper so that the paper could compete in the market place on an equal basis. Your ABC Audit Report will without doubt give your paper the credibility you need.

It was good to learn that your paper is now a member of ABC. You and your staff are to be congratulated.

Next time I am in Winston other than on a week-

end, I will drop by your office.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

T.C. Jervay
Owner-Editor
Wilmington Journal

Thanks For Help

Dear Editor:

The U.S. Postal Service has just completed another successful Christmas mailing period. The entire staff here at the Winston-Salem Post Office is extremely pleased with the cooperation we received from your newspaper in helping to urge the public to shop and mail early during the past couple of months.

Our "shop-mail early" campaign generated an excellent response from area residents this year and we were able to handle the

holiday mail volume without difficulty. Much of our success also was due to our dedicated postal employees who worked long hours to clear our offices of all mail in time for Christmas.

Again, I want to personally thank you and your staff for helping to make 1979 one of the best holiday mailing seasons ever.

Sincerely,

John R. Schoolfield
Postmaster
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

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rights area. The executive branch has not mounted an all-out vigorous enforcement program and Congress has not corrected the weakness of the Fair Housing Act."

According to the chairperson of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Jay Janis, only the "privileged few" can afford to buy new homes in metropolitan or urban areas. Mortgage rates for new homes have increased from 11 percent to 14 percent since this summer, and construction loan rates to homebuilders exceed 16 percent in most states. Only ten years ago, most people spent about 18 percent of their disposable income for housing. Today the figure has jumped to 36 percent, and continues to climb. Janis stated that only one American family out of six could even qualify to purchase a medium-priced, new home.

Let's look at the problem of rising mortgage rates in human terms. The difference each month between a \$55,000, 30-year mortgage at 9 percent interest vs. 13 percent is \$160, or almost \$2,000 per year. A home costing \$65,000 that carries a 14 percent mortgage would cost the consumer \$732 per month, or \$8,784 per year. The median annual income for a black family today is less than \$12,000. Only one black family intwenty earns more than \$36,000 annually.

How many of our people, living in the innercity, could afford to pay even half of \$8,784 towards a new home mortgage? How many black families will never be able to afford decent housing of any kind?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Community Development Block Grant program for fiscal year 1980-1981. The Board will be available to discuss the program and receive comments.

DATE: Monday, January 21, 1980

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Council Chambers - City Hall

Your participation is encouraged.

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