

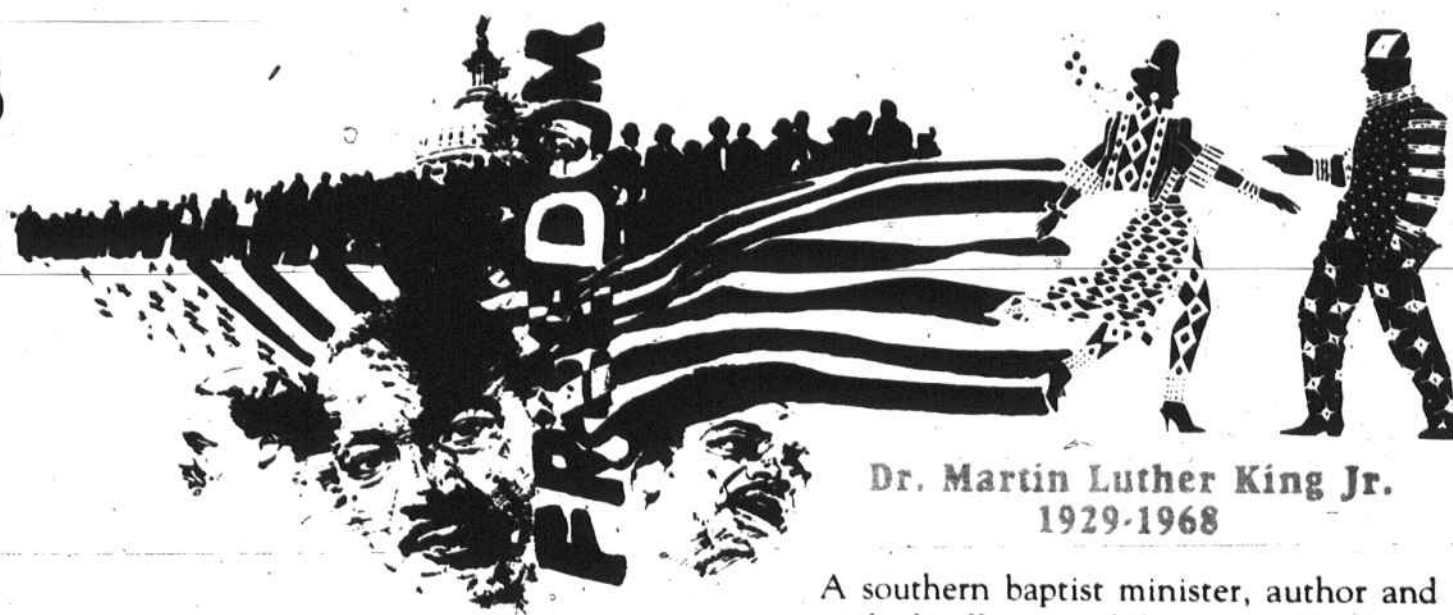
CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS

Dr. George Edmund Haynes
1880-1960

George E. Haynes, Ph.D, a noted sociologist and founder of the National Urban League devoted his life to the betterment of Blacks through the establishment of socioeconomic programs. A graduate from Yale University in 1904. Haynes sought to help Blacks make the transition from a rural environment to the city life of the North. Haynes created the committee on Urban conditions among Negroes in 1910, and out of this sprang the National Urban League.

Fannie Lou Hamer
1917-1977

Fannie Lou Hamer was the founder and vice-chairwoman of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party(MFDP), which was successful in unseating the all-white Democratic Party in 1968 earning Mrs. Hamer the distinction of the 'First Lady of Civil Rights.' Fannie Lou was an articulate and forceful speaker which led her to become the first black woman to run for Congress.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
1929-1968

A southern baptist minister, author and undoubtedly one of the most effective civil rights leaders. Dr. King preached universal love and brotherhood while leading non-violent demonstrations and sit-ins all over the country for racial equality. When King preached love for the oppressor, walking hand-in-hand with the poor and the abused, people grew to love and respect him, and thousands supported him and the Black cause.

Malcolm X
1925-1965

Malcolm X (Little) admired for his bare honesty, fiery personality and dramatic speeches, raised himself from the core of the Black ghetto and lashed out against the forces which perpetuated segregation, oppression and denial of Black worth. Malcolm stood in opposition to the non-violent movement and believed it was a crime for any race to accept brutality without exercising measures of self defense.

