



Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, right, chairperson of the MLK Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, and Attorney General Janet Reno takes part in a luncheon in Washington Monday Jan. 10. Reno was the keynote speaker at the luncheon which honored the Turner Broadcasting System; The Seattle Times; The Shell Oil Co. Foundation; and Grand Haven, Mich., High School for their efforts on behalf of the King Federal Holiday.

Coretta King Asks All Adversaries to Halt Violence on MLK Day

ATLANTA (AP) — The wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is appealing for a worldwide halt to violence on Jan. 17, the federal holiday honoring her husband.

"We are asking adversaries who are engaged in personal as well as political conflicts to honor Martin Luther King Jr. on this day by reaching out to each other," Coretta Scott King said Friday.

She made her appeal the same day that the Rev. Jesse Jackson convened an anti-violence conference in Washington to arrive at solutions for a rising crime rate among black Americans.

King was assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. King, outlining plans for Atlanta's annual 10-day observance of the holiday, also suggested that people devote the day to serving

humanity with such activities as feeding a hungry family or collecting food and medical supplies for Bosnia. The main event is the Jan. 17 "State of the Dream" speech by

Mrs. King at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King and his father preached. The federal holiday commemorates the birthday of King, who was born on Jan. 15, 1929.

Upcoming King Celebration To Focus on Ayers Case

WEST POINT, Miss. (AP) — West Point's upcoming Martin Luther King Day celebration will place special emphasis on Mississippi's upcoming college desegregation case.

The lawsuit, filed in 1975 by Jake Ayers Sr. on behalf of his son and more than 20 other students, charges that Mississippi's institutions of higher learning are unfairly funded, giving predominantly white universities more money than historically black universities.

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers is set to hear Ayers vs. Fordice Feb. 1.

"Where do we go from here?" is the theme of the Jan. 17 celebration.

The city's celebration of King's life will begin with a convo-

cation at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Holmes College's Sage Gymnasium, followed by a march from the campus to Davidson Chapel CME Church on Martin Luther King Drive. Attorney Alvin Chambliss, lead plaintiffs' counsel of the Ayers case, will speak at the church at 1 p.m.

Education is vital to the growth of persons of all races and is playing a large role in this year's celebration, said Ken Stamps, a West Point legal consultant and member of the West Point MLK Holiday Committee.

A speech King gave to a Southern Christian Leadership Conference on equity in funding "is so relevant to the Ayers case," Stamps said the committee couldn't

have found a more up-to-the-minute way of applying King's philosophy.

During the Civil Rights struggle of the 1960s, "disparity existed in education primarily in the South but all over the country," Stamps said. "There were numerous inequities in appropriating money and there was waste in running two school systems, with differences in the amounts spent per pupil, on black students and white students. This was what Dr. King was speaking about."

"Ayers has been a long time coming, especially when you think of all the years there was a dual system of education in Mississippi," he said.

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