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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1984

Dear Mrs. King:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1984 to President Reagan. We are delighted to learn of the success of King Week '84 and that officials of the Administration were able to contribute. We also understand and agree with the importance of planning an early effort toward assuring that the 1986 holiday -- the first federal legal public holiday in Dr. King's honor -- be truly recognized as a national day of unity and goodwill.

Incidentally, I thought that you might be interested to know that President Reagan believed it important to speak of Dr. King in his Proclamation on National Black History Month and in his remarks at a White House ceremony in recognition of this important observance. I am enclosing a copy of both documents.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Faith Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
President
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
For Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Enclosures



**THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER
FOR NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE, INC.**

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January 18, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
Executive Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

You will be pleased to know that our observance of Martin's Fifty-fifth Birthday was one of our largest and most successful. I have enclosed our King Week '84 Program of Events for your information.

We are now beginning to plan for 1986 when Martin's birthday will be officially observed as a national holiday. We invite your recommendations and suggestions on how we can make this a national day of unity and goodwill for the American people.

I want to thank you for the participation of Secretary Samuel Pierce, Jr., HUD Assistant Secretary Stephen Bollinger and Special Assistant Melvin Bradley in our Atlanta observance program.

Sincerely Yours,

Coretta Scott King
President

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KING WEEK 84

January 8-16

*In Celebration of the Fifty-Fifth
Birthday Anniversary*

Of

The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theme:

*"Mandate for the Beloved Community:
Forging a Covenant for Jobs, Peace & Freedom"*

Sponsored by:

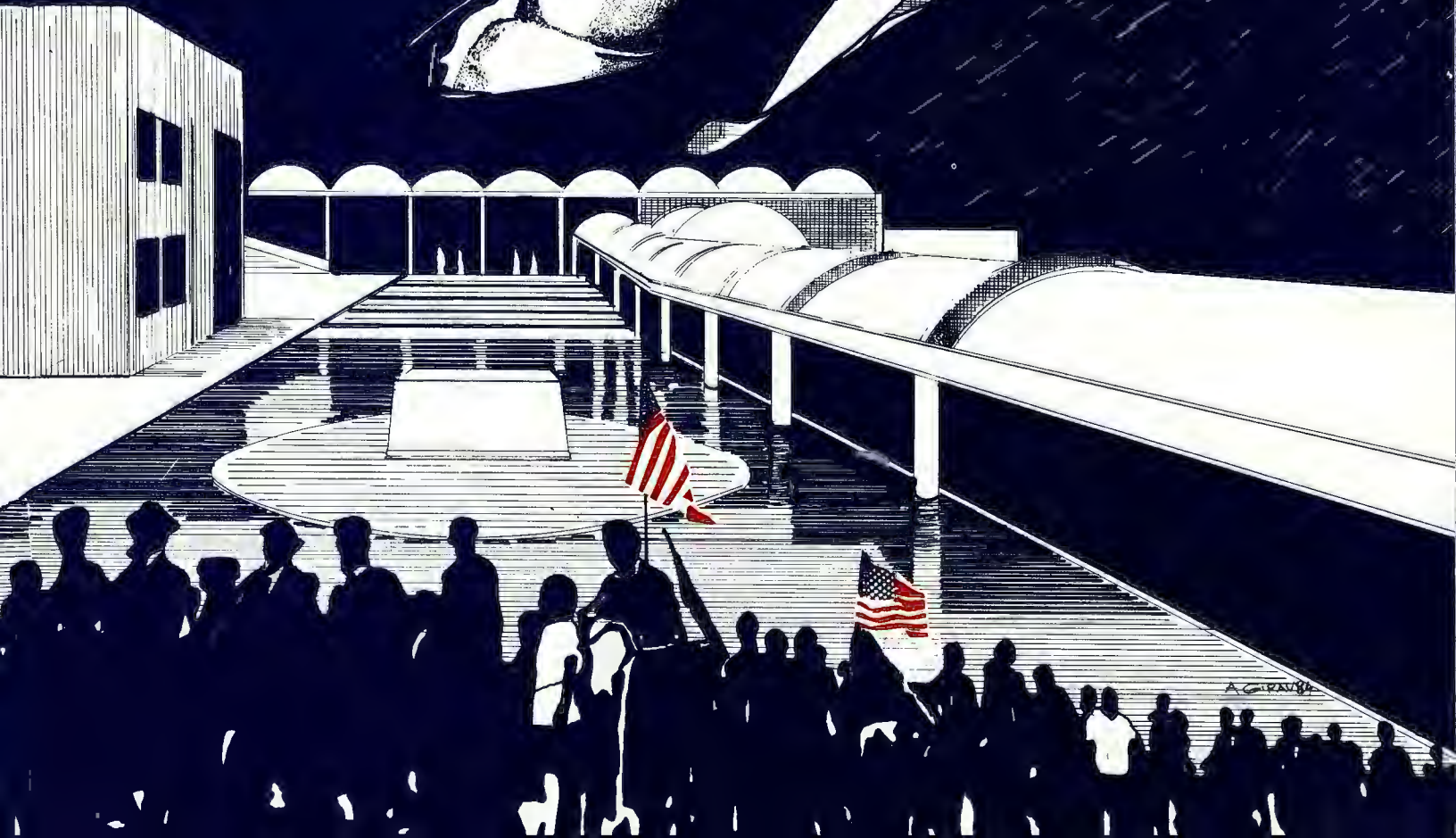
*The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.*

Jesse Hill, Jr.

Chairman
Board of Directors

Coretta Scott King

President







The Chairman's Message

As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I welcome our many guests from across the nation and around the world to the Fifty-fifth Observance of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I welcome our many friends and supporters from Atlanta and throughout the State of Georgia who have so faithfully supported our efforts to make Dr. King's Dream a living reality.

Plans for The King Center were begun in the summer of 1968 by Dr. King's family, colleagues, and close friends. The Center was conceptualized as the official education, research and living memorial to carry on Dr. King's nonviolent efforts for meaningful social change. The Center has grown from a commitment in the minds of Dr. King's family and supporters into an established institution with local, national and international presence. With developing programs of education and research on critical issues facing our nation and the world, the Center focuses particularly on those problems which bear on the poor and disadvantaged in our society.

During this fifty-fifth Birthday Observance we will have a Debt Liquidation Ceremony to celebrate and offer thanksgiving for our ability to manage and liquidate all the debt on our new Freedom Hall Complex ahead of schedule. This could only have happened because of the faithful payment of pledges and perseverance by our officers and board. There would be no King Center or Freedom Hall Complex without the faith and dogged determination of our president, Mrs. Coretta Scott King who travels constantly seeking on Dr. King's work and legacy. The King Center has no endowment. It has not sustained source of financial income and yet it must receive and accommodate 500,000 visitors annually. With the establishment of Dr. King's birthday as an official legal national holiday, the demands on The King Center for services and leadership are dramatically increasing and we must find a way to keep faith with those who have kept faith with us.

The King Center belongs to each of us and we can take justifiable pride in the beauty of the physical facility; in our King Library and Archives, which contains the world's largest collection of primary resource materials on the civil rights movement and Dr. King; in the quality of our exhibits and in our programs which provide education, training, research and leadership directed at the pressing social ills of poverty, violence, racism and war. The programmatic foundation of The Center is fully underway but the great challenge in this area remains before us. We will need your support for a major capitol/endowment campaign in 1984 to help us complete our facilities; support and improve upon our programs, maintenance and staffing requirements. We will need your support in establishing King Center Support Groups in towns and cities across the nation. We will need your support in assuring that Dr. King's birthday becomes a day for sober reflection on the needs of our society and an occasion for recommitment and affirmation.

Welcome to Atlanta and The King Center.

Jesse Hill, Jr., Chairman of the Board
The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.



Presidents Message

I want to welcome all of you to the 16th Annual Birthday Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. We want each of you to become an active member of The King Center family. The theme for our 1984 Observance is **"Mandate For The Beloved Community: Forging A Covenant For Jobs, Peace & Freedom."** Nineteen eighty-three was a year in which The King Center reached a new plateau of institutional maturity and leadership. The establishment of the new Coalition of Conscience and the successful August 27th March on Washington in which 500,000 persons from across the United States came to reaffirm their commitment to Martin's Dream was indeed a glorious day in which we can all take pride and satisfaction.

Millions of peace and freedom loving people around the world through the mass media witnessed the signing of the King Holiday Bill on November 2nd at The White House. No other holiday serves as a focal point for encouraging improved race relations and Martin's Day must be a means of unifying America in his spirit and nonviolent tradition. The holiday must have special meaning for our young people. I believe they will be inspired by the courageous example of a man who began to lead a historic reform movement at the age of 26 and who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35. Our young people must be convinced that you don't have to carry a gun to change history, and Martin's life and work provided the preeminent example that demonstrated this profound truth.

Nineteen eighty-three demonstrated that voter education, registration and the use of the vote remain our most powerful nonviolent weapons in the struggle for constructive social change. The King Center continues to monitor and challenge regressive public policy and has now become an active non-governmental organization member of the United Nations in order to impact upon international affairs and strengthen human rights.

Our 1984 King Week observance in Atlanta, across the nation and around the world promises to be the largest and most exciting yet held. Our Atlanta Observance will not only involve many of our traditional events but it will feature two important national conferences. The first is "Implementing the People's Platform - Voter Registration/Education/Participation," which grew out of concern for the many issues affecting minorities, women, youth and the poor in general. The second is "World Peace and Global Justice Through Nonviolence," which continues The Center's leadership in the study, analysis and pursuit of world peace and global justice through nonviolent means. The King Center will soon put forth a major "peace agenda."

Finally, we gather during this observance on Saturday evening, January 14, to honor one of our own who has been a true disciple of Martin and who pursued his Dream not only as Mayor of Atlanta, but as a former Ambassador to the United Nations and citizen of the world, Mayor Andrew Young.

We hope you will leave Atlanta and the 55th Birthday Observance renewed with the firm conviction that each of us can control our own destiny and that what each of us does individually and collectively can indeed impact positively upon the times in which we now live.

Coretta Scott King, President and Chief Executive Officer
The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Ninety-eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the third day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three*

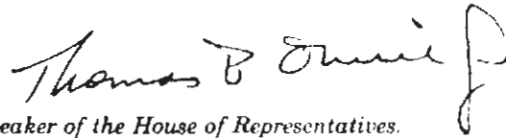
An Act

To amend title 5, United States Code, to make the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., a legal public holiday.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately below the item relating to New Year's Day the following:

"Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January."

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on the first January 1 that occurs after the two-year period following the date of the enactment of this Act.



Speaker of the House of Representatives.



*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

APPROVED

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1983

Dear Mrs. King:

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King is a fitting time for all of us to reflect on the man, his vision for America, and the accomplishments his life and work made possible. His legacy will endure through the ages.

On this anniversary, all who cherish the goals of harmony and equality he sought for the people of our nation celebrate his life and renew their commitment to Dr. King's dream for a better world.

Nancy and I send you our warmest greetings and best wishes for every happiness on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Coretta Scott King
President
Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312



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United States Senate
 COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 1, 1984

Mrs. Coretta Scott King
 The Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
 449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mrs. King:

The fifty-fifth anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth should be an occasion for all Americans to reaffirm the traditional values that bind our nation of diversity together -- equal justice and equal opportunity.

Dr. King made a significant and lasting contribution both to our country and to all of humanity. The week of January 8-15 provides an excellent opportunity for Americans to celebrate the freedoms we all cherish and to rededicate our nation to equality under the law.

Dr. King offered a message of hope and encouragement to millions of people around the world. For the past sixteen years, his work has been continued by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Through the King Center's programs, we are reminded of Dr. King's indelible legacy as well as the ideals he exemplified. I know that I speak for many others in congratulating the King Center on an outstanding record of achievement and leadership.

The King Center has my best wishes for a successful observance. I am confident that the program of events will help to highlight our national commitment to advancing the cause of equality and opportunity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

 Sam Nunn

MACK MATTINGLY
 GEORGIA



UNITED STATES SENATE
 WASHINGTON D. C. 20510

January 1, 1984

The Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Center for Nonviolent Social
 Change, Inc.
 449 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Coretta:

I would like to extend to you my congratulations on the sixteenth year anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Under your stewardship the King Center has raised the level of consciousness that cuts across all racial and socioeconomic lines.

Also through your initiative you have enabled others to understand the achievements and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

 Mack





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

Joe Frank Harris
GOVERNOR

January 1, 1984

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, President
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
449 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mrs. King:

It gives me great pleasure to join with you in observance of the 55th anniversary of the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to congratulate you on the outstanding accomplishments of the Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

The Center has become an attraction for thousands coming to our city each year and is a true memorial to Dr. King. It continues to be a guiding force in the improvement of life for our citizens and to the fulfillment of Dr. King's dream for jobs, peace and freedom for all Americans.

I am proud to commend those who have made the Center a reality and to wish you continued success in all of your future endeavors.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Joe Frank Harris

JFH/rp



CITY OF ATLANTA

ANDREW YOUNG
MAYOR

December 15, 1983

Greetings:

It is a personal pleasure for me to take this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to all who will be participating in "King Week '84" in Atlanta.

This week's full range of activities will enable us to celebrate the 55th birthday anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to recommit ourselves to the fulfillment of his ideals. The theme provides a sense of direction for the coming year: "Mandate for the Beloved Community: Forging a Covenant for Jobs, Peace and Freedom."

I commend Mrs. Coretta Scott King and The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change for taking the lead in organizing a King Week program which will be exciting, inspiring, informative and challenging.

Dr. King would be proud of you for participating in these activities, which permit us to celebrate his life and work, and prepare us for continuing this work in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Andrew Young



Sunday, January 8, 1984
EIGHTH ANNUAL ATLANTA INTERFAITH SERVICE



The Reverend Doctor Wyatt Tee Walker

&
MUSIC CELEBRATION
5:00 P.M.

Big Bethel A.M.E. Church
 The Reverend McKinley Young, *Pastor*

Presiding
The Reverend Walter L. Kimbrough
Pastor, Cascade United Methodist Church

Processional of Clergy — "A Mighty Fortress" **Martin Luther**
 Call to Celebration **The Reverend Walter Kimbrough**
 Welcome & Invocation **The Reverend McKinley Young**
 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" **James Weldon Johnson**
 Audience

Greetings **The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Sr.**
Honorary President
 The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
The Right Reverend Bishop Frederick Tolbert
Presiding Bishop
 African Methodist Episcopal Church

Choral Music — "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" **arr. Julia Ward Howe**
 Interfaith Mass Choir

The Appeal **Dr. James H. Costen**
President
 Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Special Testimony by
Ms. Gloria Jones
 Parent of child at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Learning Center

The Litany of Commemoration **The Reverend Hezekiah Benton**
Pastor
 Bethlehem Baptist Church, Covington, Georgia

Sacred Writings:
 The Upanishads **Swami Yogeshananda**
Minister
 Vedanta Society of Atlanta

The Torah **Rabbi Robert Kravitz**
Assistant Area Director
 American Jewish Committee

The Epistle **The Reverend H.J. Taylor**
President
 Atlanta Baptist Minister's Union

The Gospel **Reverend Doctor Rita Dixon**
Staff Associate for Racial Ethnic Educational Ministries
 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The Koran **Imam Ibrahim Pasha**
Southern Region/Resident Imam of the Atlanta Masjid

Introduction of Speaker **The Reverend Doctor Joseph L. Roberts, Jr.**
Pastor
Ebenezer Baptist Church

"I Wanna Be Ready" **A Negro Spiritual**
Interfaith Mass Choir

The Sermon **The Reverend Doctor Wyatt Tee Walker**
Pastor
Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, New York, New York

Recognition & Awards **Rabbi Marc Wilson**

Anthem of the Movement ' "We Shall Overcome" **trad.**
Led by **Cantor Isaac Goodfriend**

The Benediction **The Reverend Paul A. Anderson**
Pastor
White Oaks Baptist Church, Winder, Georgia

INTERFAITH SERVICE & MUSIC CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairperson
The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Sr.
Honorary President

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

Chairpersons & Executive Committee

The Reverend Walter L. Kimbrough

Pastor

Cascade United Methodist Church

Doctor James H. Costen

President

The Interdenominational Theological Center

Rabbi Marc H. Wilson

Congregation Shearith Israel

The Reverend Joseph L. Roberts, Jr.

Pastor

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Committee Members

Reverend Paul Anderson
Reverend Hezekiah Benton, Jr.
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Reverend Robert Ducksworth
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Cantor Isaac Goodfriend
Reverend Cornelius Henderson
Rabbi Robert Kravitz

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Reverend Timothy McDonald
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Ms. Peggy Mayer
Reverend Robert Melson
Reverend Vince Miller
Reverend Marvin Morgan
Reverend Neal Ponder, Jr.
Reverend William Potter

Reverend Eugene Powell
Reverend Joseph Roberts
Reverend Kenneth Samuel
Reverend Dorothy Sims
Reverend Robert Stovall
Reverend H.J. Taylor
Reverend A.L. Thomas, Jr.
Reverend John Thompson
Reverend Jack Vaughn

Music

Mr. Allen Green, *Director of Music*, Cascade United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill Harvester Church, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Cascade United Methodist Church and Cantor Isaac Goodfriend.

Staff Coordinator

Reverend Leslie H. Carter

Director Nonviolent Training Programs

The King Center

Assistant Coordinator

Reverend Byron Long

Sunday, January 8, 1984

7:30 P.M.

**"A SALUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:
AN ENTERTAINMENT SPECIAL"**

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Washington, D.C.

Produced By:

Televancers, Inc.

In Cooperation with The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Created By:

Cindy L. Walker

Technical Advisor:

Ms. Yolanda King

Co-Hosts:

Ms. Cicely Tyson

Mr. Louis Gossett, Jr.

Mr. Patrick Duffy

Guest Artists

George Kirby

Robert Hooks

Ray Charles

Peabo Bryson

Patti La Belle

Tramaine Hawkins

Bill Bixby

Ben Kingsley

Roberta Flack

LaVar Burton

Michael Warren

Monday, January 9, 1984
CEREMONIAL TREE PLANTING

12:00 Noon

United States Capitol

Southeastern Lawn
Washington, D.C.

Sponsored By:

The United States Department of Agriculture
The Congress of the United States
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for
Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

R. Max Peterson

Chief

U.S. Forest Service

- Prelude **United States Navy Military Band**
- Invocation **Bishop Eugene A. Marino**
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C.
Archdiocese of Washington
- National Anthem **United States Military Band**
- Introduction of Guests **R. Max Peterson**
Chief
Forest Service
- Nationwide Tree Planting **Honorable John B. Crowell, Jr.**
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture For Natural Resources and Environment
- Music **Cardozo High School Concert Choir**
- Presentation of Tree **Honorable Richard E. Lyng**
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
- Response **Coretta Scott King**
President
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
- Planting of Tree **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
Deputy Secretary Lyng
Assistant Secretary Crowell
- Anthem of the Movement — *We Shall Overcome*” **trad.**
Cardozo High School Concert Choir
- Benediction **Reverend Robert L. Pruitt**
Pastor, Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church
Washington, D.C.
- Postlude **United States Navy Military Band**

CEREMONY WILL BE HELD CONCURRENTLY IN FORTY STATES BY GOVERNORS
AND ON EIGHTEEN 1890 LAND GRANT COLLEGES

Tuesday, January 10, 1984

In Celebration of the Fifty-Fifth Birthday of
THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR .
and the Sixteenth Anniversary of
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "TEACH-IN DAY PROGRAM"

The goal of the "Teach-Ins" is to raise, enhance and broaden the awareness and knowledge levels of students about the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and about the significance and application of the major themes and tenets of nonviolence.

TEACH-IN DAY PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Christine King Farris
Senior Vice President, Treasurer
The King Center
Associate Professor of Education
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

**SPECIAL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Dr. Alonzo A. Crim
Superintendent
Atlanta Public Schools

Samuel Howard Archer High School
Elise Gilham, Project Director

Ralph Bunche Middle School
Jeanette Wilson, Project Director

Benjamin E. Mays High School
Martha S. Dennis, Project Director

Samuel Inman Middle School
Brenda E. Carter, Project Director

Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
Reanne Ivey, Project Director

John Carey Elementary School
Rhudine Crawford, Project Director

PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Dr. Sidney H. Estes
Assistant of Instructional Planning and Development
Atlanta Public Schools

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Department of General Education
Office of Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Planning
Atlanta Public Schools

Dr. Chuck Fuller
Director of Staff Development
Office of the Assistant Superintendent for
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Reverend Leslie H. Carter
Director
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Ms. Yolanda King
Director
Institute on Cultural Affairs

Ms. Liliane Baxter
Director
Scholars Internship Program

Mr. Stoney Johnson
Technical Director
King Center Audio/Visual Productions

The King Center has assembled authentic materials on Dr. King in *Teaching Units*, a slide/tape presentation on the life and works of Dr. King, a video production and an accompanying guide on "Nonviolence: The Building Blocks of Character." The ultimate goal is to develop a curriculum on Dr. King to be used by school systems *throughout the United States*.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

WETV
Channel 30 for televising special slide and video productions

DEDICATION OF THE SELF HELP HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Freedom Hall Auditorium
Tuesday, January 10, 1984
12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Pre-Ceremony Music **The U.S. FORSCOM Concert Band**

Presiding
Mr. J.W. Robinson, Architect
Vice Chairman
Historic District Development Corporation

Invocation **The Reverend Timothy McDonald**

Director
Operation Breadbasket, S.C.L.C.

The National Anthem **U.S. FORSCOM Concert Band**

REMARKS

Mrs. Alice Range Richardson
Area Resident

The Honorable William Campbell
City Councilman

Mr. Gary Holmes
Director, City Housing and Physical Development

Mr. Bob Wright
NPU Chairperson

The Honorable Robb Pitts
City Councilman

Mr. Richard Dagenhart
Architect

Mr. Norman Koplan
Acting Director, Bureau of Building, City of Atlanta

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION RALLY

7:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

Freedom Hall Auditorium

Tuesday, January 10, 1984

Presiding

Mrs. Evelyn Hood

Past Grand Basileus

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The Invocation The Reverend Zachery Easterly
Student, Associate Minister
West Mitchell Street C.M.E. Church

Musical Selection Grady High School Chorus
Director
Alfred Campbell

The Occasion Mrs. Evelyn Hood

GREETINGS:

The Honorable Michael Lomax

Chairman

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Reverend Jackie Beavers

Governor's Office

Musical Selection — "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Liz Spraggins

Appeal Mr. John Cox
Secretary, Board of Directors
The King Center
Assistant Vice President
Delta Airlines

Special Presentation to The King Center The Honorable Max Cleland
Secretary of State, Georgia

Dance Presentation Jacobs School of Dance

Presentation of Community Service Awards Mrs. Coretta Scott King
President
The King Center

CATEGORY

Human Relations
Youth Development
Community Service
Senior Citizens
Voter Registration
Peace & Justice

PRESENTER

Ms. Robin Jones
Ms. Schuyler Broughton
Ms. Carole Midgett
Mrs. Ameila Long
Mr. Joseph McCoy
Mr. Jerry Powell

RECIPIENT

Ms. Leola Faust
Ms. Antionette Wilson
Mr. Chip Henry
Mrs. Fannie Carmichael
Ms. Cynthia Williams
Attorney Charles Johnson III

Dance Presentation **Brehon Performing Arts Troupe**
Musical Selection **Grady High School Chorus**
The Anthem of the Movement — “*We Shall Overcome*” **trad.**
The Benediction **The Reverend Zachery Easterly**

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROGRAM
Grand Foyer of Freedom hall

Sponsored By:
Danneman's Supermarket

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION RALLY COMMITTEE
Mrs. Evelyn Hood, Chairman

Mrs. Cynthia Williams
Mrs. Jerry Powell
Mrs. Carol Midgett
Mrs. Amelia Long
Ms. Schuyler Broughton
West Mitchell Street Junior Ushers

Rhoer Club of Sigma Gammo Rho
Ms. Ora Bell Sherman
Ms. Robin Jones
Mrs. Mona Robinson
Mr. Joseph McCoy

STAFF SUPPORT
Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy

Wednesday, January 11, 1984
Conference For The Southern Region
IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM -
VOTER REGISTRATION/EDUCATION PARTICIPATION

Freedom Hall Auditorium

Morning Session: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Welcome and Purpose **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
President

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

Introduction of Keynote Speaker **Mrs. Geraldine Thompson**
Executive Director

Voter Registration Project

Keynote Speaker **Dr. Joseph E. Lowery**
President

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

UNVEILING OF THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

The Honorable Walter Fauntroy

Congressional Black Caucus

Vice President Governmental Affairs

The King Center

Chairman of the Board, S.C.L.C.

Assisted by

Mrs. Fran Farmer

Policy Coordinator

Office of Congressman Walter Fauntroy

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

President

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

The Honorable Andrew J. Young

Mayor

City of Atlanta

Dr. Joseph E. Lowery

President

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Mr. Carl Holman

National Urban Coalition

DISCUSSION

Luncheon Session: 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Hungry Club Forum

Butler Street YMCA

Address by: **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**

Afternoon Session: 2:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Freedom Hall Auditorium

"THE PEOPLE'S MANDATE - VOTER EMPOWERMENT"

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Joseph Madison NAACP National Director for Voter Registration

"Creative Approaches To Voter Registration"

Mrs. Ella Mae Brayboy Director, Voter Registration and Community Outreach
The King Center

"Neighborhood Registration - The Sixties to the Present"

Mr. James Andrews State Outreach Director
North Carolina - AFL-CIO

"Organizing for Voter Registration and Getting Out The Vote"

The Honorable Edith Ingram Probate Judge
Hancock County
Sparta, Georgia

"The Responsibility of Government for Voter Registration and Education"

Mr. Don Seigelman Secretary of State
Alabama

DISCUSSION

Audience

Break: 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Evening Session: 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall - Ebenezer Baptist Church

Presiding

Reverend Eddie Osborn

Special Assistant to The President

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Introduction of Presenters

Mr. Joseph McCoy Fulton County
Chief Registrar

"The Role of Registrars and Deputy Registrars"

"Absentee Voting - Applications and Ballot"

Mr. Jerry Wilson Director, Voting Rights Project
Southern Regional Council

"Voting Rights Act - Bail Out and Federal Voting Assistance Act"

Mr. Tom Malone Fulton County Election
Supervisor

Mr. Mack Dennis Assistant Fulton County
Elections Supervisor

"Basic Elections and Presidential Preference Primary"

Mrs. Geraldine Thompson Director
Voter Education Project
The Electoral College Process

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Summary **The Reverend Eddie Osborn**

Thursday, January 12, 1984
WORLD PEACE AND GLOBAL JUSTICE THROUGH NONVIOLENCE

OPENING SESSION - SESSION I
9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

THEME: "Foundation for The World House: Nonviolent Coexistence"

Presiding

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., Dean
School of Graduate Studies & College of Continuing Education
Alabama State University

Chairperson, Planning Committee for Peace Conference

- Introduction of Chairperson **Rev. Leslie Carter**
Director, Nonviolent Training Programs
The King Center
- Welcome and Introduction of Conference Theme **Dr. Bernard LaFayette**
- Invocation **Dr. Joseph L. Roberts**
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Member, Board of Directors, The King Center
- Remarks **Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.**
President, Atlanta Life Insurance Company
Chairman, Board of Directors, The King Center
- Presentation of Keynote Speaker **Dr. Donald Stewart**
President, Spelman College
Member, Board of Trustees, The King Center
- Keynote Address **Coretta Scott King**
President & Chief Executive Officer, The King Center

"Forging a Covenant for Peace: Dr. King's Vision of The World House"

SESSION II

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

**THEME: "Cornerstone of The World House: Eradicating Racism
and Economic Exploitation"**

Presiding

Mr. Harold Sims
President, Sims International, Ltd.
Member, Board of Directors
The King Center

- Introduction of Speaker **Mr. Harold Sims**
- Address **The Honorable William Gray**
U.S. Congress, 2nd District, Pennsylvania

"The Role of U.S. & Foreign Trade Policy in the Struggle Against Global Racism"

- Introduction of Respondents **Ms. Pola M. Cooper**
President, Women's Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta

Panel of Respondents
Ms. Judy Goldsmith
President, National Organization for Women

The Honorable Siteke Mwale
Special Assistant to President Kaunda
Republic of Zambia
Member, Board of Trustees, The King Center

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LUNCH
12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.
Ebenezer Baptist Church

SESSION III
1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

THEME: "Framing The World House: Peace With Justice"

Presiding
Mr. David Ramage
Executive Director
New World Foundation
New York, New York

Introduction of Speaker **Mr. David Ramage**

Address **Mayor Andrew J. Young**
Atlanta; Vice President, International Affairs, The King Center

"Asking the Right Questions for the '84 Elections: Raising Peace and Human Rights Issues"

Introduction of Respondent **Ms. Nan Pendergrast**
Former National Board Member, Fellowship of Reconciliation

Respondent's Address **Mr. Richard Baggett Deats**
Executive Secretary, Fellowship of Reconciliation

"Global Peace and Justice: The Building for 1984 and Beyond"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SESSION IV
3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

THEME: "Securing The World House: Dismantling the Machinery of Militarism"

Presiding
Dr. James Laue
Former Deputy Chairman
The United States Peace Academy Commission

Introduction of Speaker **Dr. James Laue**

Address **The Honorable Ronald Dellums**
U.S. Congress, 8th District, California

"Demilitarizing the World Economy"

Introduction of Respondents **Dr. James Laue**

Panel of Respondents

Cleveland Robinson

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*King Center Intern Alumni
A.C.S.L.; M.A.; Indiana University*

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

SESSION V - CLOSING SESSION

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

THEME: "Building The World House: Mandate for The Beloved Community"

Presiding

Ms. Dorothy Cotton

*Director of Student Activities
Cornell University
Member, Board of Trustees, The King Center*

Introduction of Speaker **Ms. Dorothy Cotton**

Address **The Honorable Ramsey Clark**

Former United States Attorney General

**"Forging a New Revolution of Values: The Final Challenge of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."**

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Benediction **Emory Searcy, Jr.**

*Clergy and Laity Concerned, Coordinator
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Anthem of the Movement — "We Shall Overcome" trad.

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TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STUDENT RALLY
Atlanta Civic Center

Thursday, January 12, 1984
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Presiding
Mr. Marque Rosser
Senior
Fulton High School

- Introduction of Presiding Officer **Mrs. Christine King Farris**
Senior Vice President/Treasurer, The King Center
- Opening Remarks **Mr. Marque Rosser**
- Invocation **Miss Amy Craddock**
Student Government Association President
North Fulton High School
- Occasion **Mr. Jarrett Ellis-Beal**
Inman Middle School
- Welcome **Mr. Richard E. Raymer**
President, Atlanta Board of Education
- Musical Selections **Tougaloo College Gospel Choir**
Tougaloo, Mississippi
- Dance South Youth Ensemble **Anthony Ferro, Director**
Annette Lewis, Choreographer
Accompanied by Decatur High School Chorus
Glenn Halsey, Director
- Introduction of **Miss Vanessa Williams (Miss America)** **Miss Kimberly Miller**
- Remarks **Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, Jr.**
- Introduction of **Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, Jr. (Astronaut)** **Mr. Robert White**
Senior, Benjamin E. Mays High School Math & Science Academy
- Remarks **Miss Vanessa Williams**
- Litany of Commemoration **Mr. Derrick Lockett**
Senior, Murphy High School
- Response **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
President, The King Center
- Anthem of the Movement — “We Shall Overcome” **trad.**
- The Benediction

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Thursday, January 12, 1984
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Freedom Hall Auditorium

Presiding
Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors
The King Center

The Invocation **Father Frank J. Giusta**
Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Musical Selection **Tougaloo College Gospel Choir**
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Welcome and Introductions **Mr. John Cox**
Board of Directors, The King Center

Greetings:

The Honorable Thomas Murphy
Speaker, Georgia State House of Representatives

Special Presentations **Mrs. Coretta Scott King & Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.**

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
United States Representative
First Congressional District, Michigan

The Honorable Katie Hall
United States Representative
First Congressional District, Indiana

Musical Selection **Tougaloo College Gospel Choir**
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Introduction of **Mrs. Coretta Scott King** **Dr. Marvin Goldstein**
Member, Board of Directors
The King Center

President's Annual Address **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
President
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Anthem of the Movement — "We Shall Overcome" **trad.**
Audience

FIVE MINUTE INTERMISSION

Performance **Northside School for the Arts**
William Densmore, Director

THE PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION RECEPTION

APA Building

9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Sponsored By:

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Thursday, January 12, 1984

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

9:30 P.M.

Hosted By:

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

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Ms. Vanessa Williams

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Friday, January 13, 1984

In Celebration of the Fifty-fifth Birthday of
THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
and
the Sixteenth Anniversary of
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

**NINTH ANNUAL
LABOR/MANAGEMENT/GOVERNMENT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
AWARDS BREAKFAST**

8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
Atlanta Hilton Grand Ballroom

Presiding

Mr. Joe T. LaBoon
President, Atlanta Gas Light Company

Mr. Melvin L. Bradley
Special Assistant to the President of the United States

Mr. Thomas W. Gleason
President, International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO

Introduction of Co-Chairpersons & Coordinators **Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.**
President and CEO, The Atlanta Life Insurance Company
Chairman, Board of Directors, The King Center

Invocation **Reverend Charles Sargent, Jr.**
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church
College Park, Georgia

Breakfast

Welcome and Occasion **Mr. Joe T. LaBoon**

Greetings

The Honorable Zell Miller
Lt. Governor, State of Georgia

The Honorable Marvin Arrington
President, Atlanta City Council

Introductions and Remarks on Behalf of Labor **Mr. Herb Mabry**
President, Georgia State AFL-CIO

Introduction and Remarks on Behalf of Management

Mr. Lyn Johnston
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Introduction and Remarks on Behalf
of Government **Representative Calvin Smyre**
President, Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials

Greetings **Representative of Co-Sponsoring Organizations**

Special Recognition and Appeal **Mr. John Cox**
Assistant Vice President, Delta Air Lines
Secretary, Board of Directors, The King Center

Musical Selection **Reverend Harold Moore**

Presentation of Social Responsibility Awards **Coretta Scott King**
Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

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Musical Selection **Reverend Harold Moore**

Special Presentations **Coretta Scott King and**
Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

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The Honorable Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.
Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Announcements

Anthem of the Movement — “We Shall Overcome” **trad.**

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Friday, January 13, 1984

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Salon Room
Atlanta Hilton Hotel

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SEMINAR

Moderator

Mr. Sam Williams

*General Manager, Atlanta Merchandise Center
Chairman of the Board, Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau*

*"The Role of Labor/Management/Government in Meeting the New Challenges for Full Employment,
Jobs and Economic Growth through Creative Nonviolent Methods."*

Welcome and Introduction of Moderator **Mr. Richard Ray**
President, The Atlanta Labor Council

Remarks and Introduction of Presenters **Mr. Melvin L. Bradley**

PRESENTERS

The Honorable Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.

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*The Coca Cola Company
Atlanta, Georgia*

Exchange of Views **Presenters and Audience**

Summary by Presenters

Response **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
President, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

Closing Comments **Mr. James Harrison**
Vice President, The Atlanta Life Insurance Company

Friday, January 13, 1984

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.
DEBT LIQUIDATION CEREMONY

Freedom Hall Complex

12:00 Noon - 1:45 P.M.

PROGRAM

Presiding

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

Chairman of the Board

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

The Invocation **The Reverend L.V. Booth**

Vice President, Hamilton County State Bank

Member, Board of Directors, The King Center

The Occasion **Mrs. Christine King Farris**

Senior Vice President/Treasurer, The King Center

The King Center **Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.**

Chairman, Board of Directors, The King Center

Introduction of Members of Freedom Hall Contributors

Presentation of Gifts of Appreciation **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

Ms. Carole F. Hoover

Chair for Celebration

Member, King Center Board

Symbolic Burning Ceremony

Participants:

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

Mr. C.W. Day

Mr. Virgil Byerly

Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr.

Mrs. Christine King Farris

Mr. Cleveland Robinson

Remarks **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**

President, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

The Benediction **Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr.**

Reception - APA Building

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Friday, January 13, 1984

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MOTIVATION RALLY

The Martin Luther King, Jr. International Peace Chapel
Morehouse College

Presiding

Ms. Marcia Gibson
Clark College

Mr. Dewayne Redding
Georgia State University

Freedom Songs of the Civil Rights Movement Led by

Reverend James Orange
Reverend Fred Taylor
Mr. Gordon Sellers

Music and Dance **Jacobs School of Dance**

Invocation **Reverend Rodney Cash**

Musical Selection *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Musical Selections **Tougaloo College Gospel Choir**
Tougaloo, Mississippi

Welcome **Dr. Hugh Gloster**
President, Morehouse College

Greetings

Ms. Barbara Hutchinson
Mr. Walt Bellamy
Mr. Gibran K. Brown

Litany of Commemoration **Ms. Bernice King**

Introduction of Speaker **Mr Dewayne Redding**

Speaker **Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, Jr.**

Musical Selection **Gospel Voices of Frostburg**

Remarks **S.G.A. Representatives**

Solo **Mr. Rodney Maxwell**

Introduction of Speaker **Ms. Bernice King**

Speaker **Mr. Dick Gregroy**

Music and Dance **Hillcrest Enrichment Center**

Closing Remarks **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**

Benediction **Reverend Lawrence Carter**

Anthem of the Movement — *"We Shall Overcome"* **trad.**
Audience

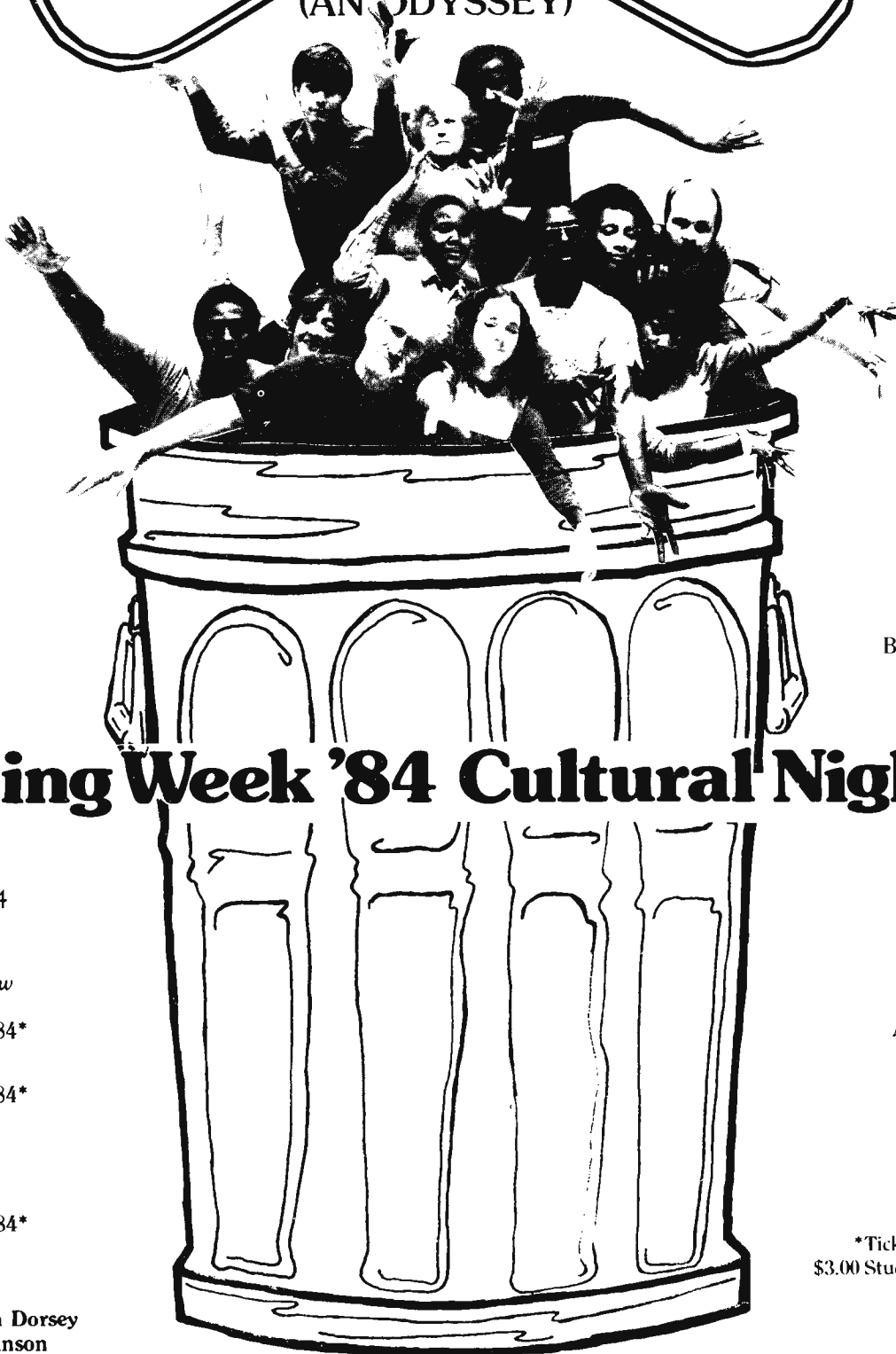
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TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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King Week '84 Cultural Night

PREMIERE

January 13, 1984

8:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$8.00

Reception to follow

January 14-15, 1984*

3:00 P.M.

January 19-21, 1984*

8:00 P.M.

January 22, 1984

6:00 P.M.

January 26-28, 1984*

8:00 P.M.

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“LET MY PEOPLE GO”

A Litany of Commemoration of
THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968

LEADER: In the grand order of the universe, our Lord God wisely has chosen men and women to serve Him in each era. Such a servant of our Lord God was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth we now commemorate. We are thankful for the life of this 20th Century prophet of freedom, who joined the prophets of history in the cry:

CONGREGATION: In the name of freedom, let my people go.

LEADER: Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned the ultimate freedom: the freedom achieved in struggle; the freedom reached in brotherhood; the freedom fired by the dream of a man; the freedom inspired by the lot of a people; the freedom *free* of hate; the freedom full of love.

CONGREGATION: In the name of this freedom of love, let my people go.

LEADER: He came into our lives when the yearning of people to be free had turned their attention to justice. For justice, and only justice, we shall follow, that we may live and inherit the land which the Lord our God gives us.

CONGREGATION: In the name of justice, let my people go.

LEADER: He reminded us that the spirit of man soars from depths of despair with the strength and belief in the promise of the Creator of the universe. We know and we testify: The Lord loves justice; He will not forsake his saints.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Lord, let my people go.

LEADER: And so he set off with us on a journey for justice. It was a journey proclaiming the words of the ancient prophet, Amos: “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.” It was a journey calling forth the modern Christian ministry—to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the prophet, Amos, and in the name of suffering people, let my people go.

LEADER: The journey went to Montgomery, to affirm human dignity and courage; to Birmingham, to defeat the sickness of separating human life; to Selma, to ensure the equality of people in human affairs; to a hundred nameless communities, to remove painful shackles of oppression and light joyous torches of liberty.

CONGREGATION: In the name of this journey toward freedom, let my people go.

LEADER: When war was encountered, the leader of this journey sang with the people: “Ain’t gonna study war no more.” When violence was met, he spurned it and said: “Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

CONGREGATION: In the name of peace and love, let my people go.

LEADER: And even when death was confronted, as the journey reached Memphis, he could say in final triumph, that in life he had found something worth dying for, something worth life itself—the Promised Land, a land of freedom with justice.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Promised Land, let my people go.

LEADER: So we are thankful that the Spirit of the Lord anointed a man who preached good news to the poor, who rejected segregation and embraced liberation, who prophesied the greatness of his people in struggle for the deliverance of all people.

CONGREGATION: In the name of the Spirit of the Lord, let my people go.

LEADER: We praise the Lord God for sending us a man of peace who resisted tyranny, a man of nonviolence who fought for liberty, a man of God who worked for people. Thank you, Lord, for Martin Luther King, Jr., who inspired us with his dream, who walked into our lives and our hearts with his marches for justice, who demanded freedom with great courage in the face of grave danger, and who has now passed on into your Promised Land, Thank you for his noble legacy to continue the journey to that land here on earth, in life for all people. Thank you, God; You have sent us one who now causes us to say:

ALL: In the name of Martin Luther King, Jr., let my people go.

Saturday, January 14, 1984

In Celebration of the Fifty-Fifth Birthday of

THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

and the Sixteenth Anniversary of

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

and the

Awarding of the Eleventh Annual

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NONVIOLENT PEACE PRIZE

10:00 A.M.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Reverend Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., Pastor

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Organ Medley of Spirituals and Freedom Songs **Mr. Russell Goode**
Musical Consultant, Chattanooga Public Schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Processional *"God Our Fathers"*

The Call to Commemoration **The Reverend Doctor Otis Moss, Jr.**
Pastor, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio

The Invocation **The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Sr.**
Pastor Emeritus, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Honorary President, The King Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Musical Invocation — *"Come By Here" (Kum Ba Yuh)* **African Folk Tune**
Ecumenical Choir and Audience

The Scriptures

Old Testament **Reverend Doctor Emory R. Searcy**
Pastor, Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

New Testament **The Reverend Doctor Nelson L. Price**
Pastor, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Georgia
President, Georgia Baptist Convention

The Litany of Commemoration **Dr. Mary Ellen Strong**
Publisher, Black Family Magazine

Greetings

The Reverend Doctor Joseph L. Roberts, Jr.
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

The Reverend Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel
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Ms. Annabelle Jaramillo
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- The Anthem — "Hallelujah" from "Messiah" G.F. Handel
- The Significance of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday . **The Honorable Andrew J. Young**
Mayor, City of Atlanta
- The Appeal **The Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Talbot**
Presiding Prelate, Sixth Episcopal District, Georgia, A.M.E. Church
- Spiritual — "He That Believeth" **arr. Whalum**
- Narration and Interpretive Dance — "I Have A Dream"
Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Narration **Miss Yolanda King**
Actress, New York City
Director, Institute on Cultural Affairs, The King Center
- The Dance **Ms. Barbara Sullivan**
Director, Atlanta Dance Theatre
- Introduction of Speaker **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**
- The Address **His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin**
Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago
- Solo..... **Mary Gurley**
Soloist, Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir
- Response on Behalf of The King Family..... **Martin Luther King, III**
- Benediction **The Reverend Carolyn Morris**
Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church
- The Anthem of the Movement ' "We Shall Overcome" **trad.**
Ecumenical Service Choir and Audience
(The Anthem will also be sung in French and Spanish)

The Ecumenical Service Choir is comprised of members from: the choruses of Morehouse and Spelman Colleges; The Atlanta University Center Community Chorus; the choirs of Ebenezer Baptist Church; and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, Callaway Professor of Music at Morehouse College and Minister of Music at Ebenezer Baptist Church, is Director of the Ecumenical Service Choir. Mr. James Jones, Instructor of Music at Clark College and Organist at Ebenezer Baptist Church is organist for the Ecumenical Service Choir.

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12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.

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from Freedom Hall Complex
to
the State Capitol

Presiding
Billy "Whiteshoes" Johnson
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Opening Prayer **Reverend Howard Creecy, Jr.**
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Welcome

Music **Tougaloo Gospel Choir**
Tougaloo, Mississippi

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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER EXPO

1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FILM SHOWING — "MONTGOMERY TO MEMPHIS: A *Filmed Documentary*"

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

This three hour film recalls the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. from the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Protest, through the several campaigns led by Dr. King and his co-workers at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the assassination of Dr. King, and the funeral. Film uses actual newsreel footage edited for use in this unusual and precedent setting film.

CULTURAL MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Freedom Hall Auditorium

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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Andrew Young
1973



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1978



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1979



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A SALUTE TO GREATNESS

Reception and Dinner

Honoree

Mayor Andrew J. Young

Peachtree Plaza Hotel

Peachtree Ballroom

6:30 P.M.

Reception

7:30 P.M.

Dinner

PROGRAM

Pre-Dinner Music **Dr. Johnson Hubert**

Chairman & Dean, Department of Music, Morris Brown College

Soloists: Mrs. Rosebud D. Greene and Ms. Karen Young

Presiding

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr.

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Remarks and Welcome **Mr. John Clendenin**

President, Chief Executive Officer

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Remarks/Proclamation **The Honorable Joe Frank Harris**

Governor, State of Georgia

Remarks **The Honorable Marvin Arrington**

President, Atlanta City Council

Vocal Solo — "Let Freedom Ring" **Ms. Robin Brown**

by Alveda King Beal

Accompanied by Mr. James Cockerham

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Dinner

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Introduction of Speaker **The Honorable Coleman A. Young**
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Speaker **President Jimmy E. Carter**

Presentation on behalf of The King Center **Ms. Bernice King**

Presentation of Honoree **Mrs. Coretta Scott King**

Response of Honoree **The Honorable Andrew J. Young**
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Benediction **Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman**
The Temple

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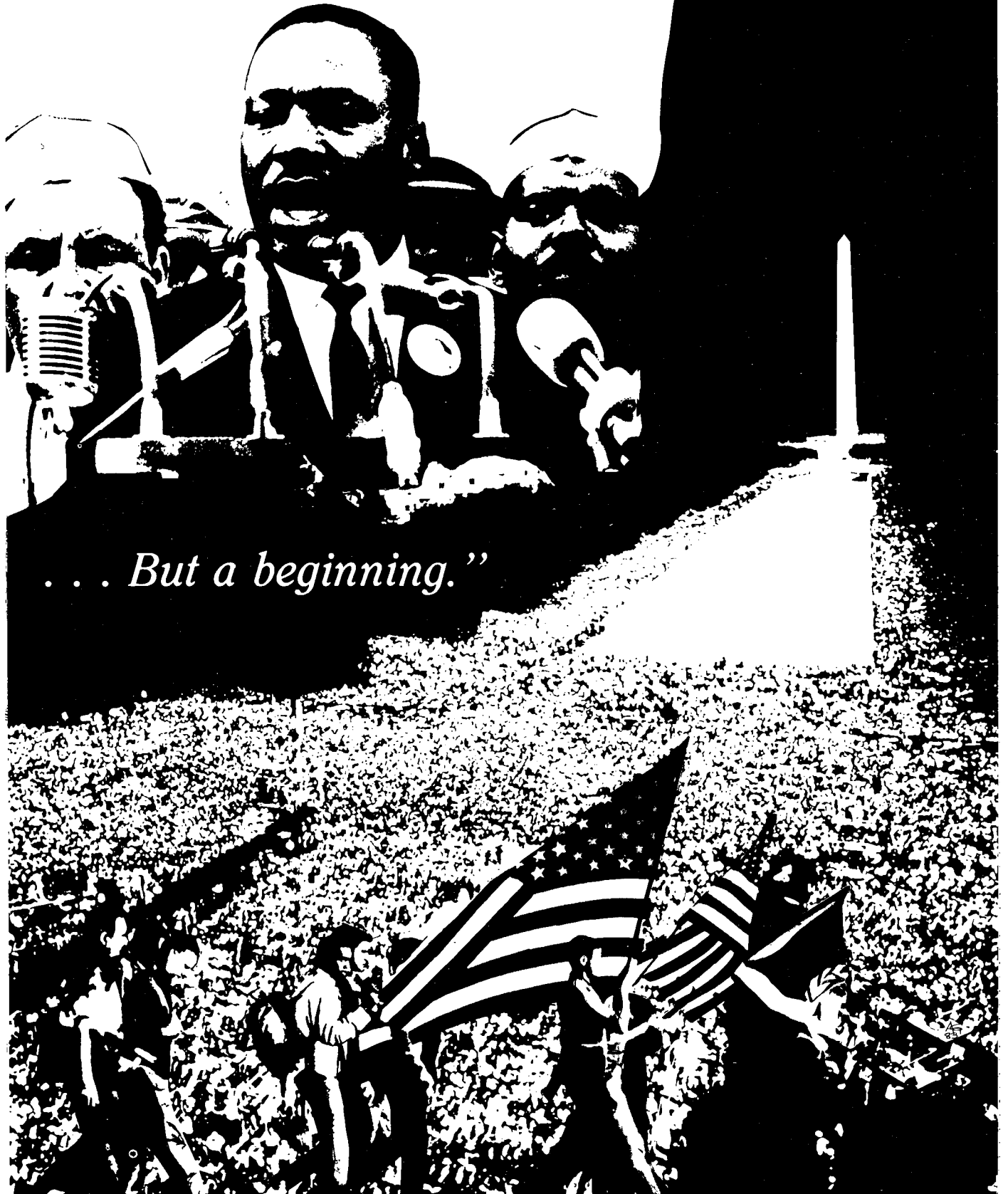
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