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In Memoriam

Martin Luther King



Born January 15, 1929 - Died April 4, 1968

Seattleites Remember Dream



Marchers in tribute to Martin Luther King, assassinated Negro leader, moved down Denny Way at Dexter Avenue North on their way to the Seattle Center for a massive memorial service.

SEE STORY OF DR. KING'S HISTORIC MARCH TO FREEDOM ON PAGE 4

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

1929-1968

FREE AT LAST, FREE AT

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WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR DAN EVANS WAS AMONG THE SPEAKERS AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DR. KING HELD IN THE SEATTLE CENTER LAST SUNDAY

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND WHO BELIEVED IN JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL MEN

THE BELLS OF DEATH RING ONCE MORE

By Leo Lipp

Ring! Ring, you silver bells!
Let the echoes be heard afar today,
Across the oceans in foreign lands
And in our homes in the U.S.A.

Ring, ring loud, you bells of death! Let each stroke
Pierce through the hearts of men today.
A life was extinguished like an altar candle.
Of a courageous, noble man in the U.S.A.

Martin Luther King fell martyr for a cause,
They feared his tongue and feared his pen.
A bigot through his rifle sent the bullet
Which killed instantly that saintly man.

Grieving hearts and feet are marching
On city and country streets today,
Carrying banners with large inscriptions:
Justice for all: Justice must come in the U.S.A.

Ring you bells! and tell the world that
The assassin killed the man but not the desire
To bring Equality to all Negro people --
His idea will gain momentum like a prairie fire.

Martin Luther King, in life you walked with dignity,
Like a saintly man, with courage and grace.
On the road of life you fell a martyr
For your fellow men -- your footsteps to freedom
we embrace.

Carrying the torch which will light the way
To human dignity and to human rights.

With streaming tears and bleeding hearts
In silence are marching men, women, and children
too,
What next will the bigots do?

Ring! Ring louder, you silver bells!
Awake mankind who slumber in pain,
To keep on marching until the goal is reached --
That the martyr's efforts will not be in vain.

Dedicated to the memory of the late Martin Luther King.

EQUALITY

By Larson

Out of a nightmare of indignities rise the souls of
man to shake his shackles-like claren bells to ring
and swell across the land. To ask for rights on every
hand of pursuit and purpose to make life whole as it
is known to inhale the fragrance long denied. To walk
in pride with upraised heads. To say what seems to be
unsaid. Shake you bastions of power and greed seedy
champions that rifts. Naive people or cringing white
exposed are they in startling drabness cornered and
badgered by facts of life, run you fearful while you
might slowly the stable doors close forever on all
who feed on the indignities of humanity.

By Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a fighter for equality
and racial justice -- but he lived in a nation in which racism
is rampant. And so he became still another martyr to
racism and hate.

We will all cherish our memories of this great man. I
recall marching with him in Selma and in Mississippi, and I
worked with him for years. Most of us will always keep
the memory of his "I Have a Dream" speech at the 1963
March on Washington.

He had a dream of a democratic society in which white
people and Negroes worked together for peace and
justice. He had a dream of hope and beauty, and he had a
vision of what we could all become when we free ourselves
from hate.

But our society is too sick to share that dream, and he
was brutally struck down by an assassin.

We weep for him and for his family. But the pain that
eats away at us should not obscure the message he left us.

He preached non-violence. It was his creed, and he was
its symbol. It would be a tragic betrayal to turn our backs
on this philosophy today. His death brought anger and
disgust to the hearts of all men of good will, but these
emotions must be repressed and channeled into other
avenues.

If we do otherwise, he will have died in vain.
Non-violence gave his life its meaning, and we've got to
resist those among us who wish to get down to the level of
his murderer. He lived by words and actions of peace, and
we can't betray his memory by worshiping the gods of
vengeance and hatred.

We must instead, rededicate ourselves to the ideals for
which he fought. We who believe with him in non-violence
have been dealt a mortal blow, but we've got to redouble
our efforts to prove that it can work.

Negroes were united that day in pain and in a sense of
personal loss. There were others too -- those who used his
death to loot and to vent their anger in the streets. Their
actions were committed in his name, but were acts against
his memory.

But he must not have died in vain. We -- Negroes and
whites -- must create a living memorial to his memory. We
have to stamp out the racism that took his life.

I fear for this nation. It is divided; it is racist; it lives by
the gun and the bullet. A Civil Rights Bill is held up in
Congress. A Riot Commission Report pointing to white
racism and the terrible economic and social deprivations
faced by Negroes as being the causes of our domestic crisis
is ignored. Nothing has happened to change things.

A white reporter tried to assure me the night of the
murder that the vast majority of whites bear no ill-will for
Negroes. But I told him that that wasn't the problem. The
problem is that they have no will. They do nothing. They
just watch while Negroes are beaten, killed, and exploited.

Dr. King will not have died in vain if his tragic death
moves Americans from seeing race relations as a spectator
sport to becoming involved in the fight for justice.
They've got to fight for the things Dr. King fought for --
open housing, anti-poverty measures, a national
rededication and reconstruction, and, as his death so
tragically demonstrated the need, federal protection for
civil rights workers.

His death must be given a meaning. We can't allow it to
become just another example of the results of the
senseless and sick racism that permeates our society. The
man who pulled the trigger committed an insane act, but
he functioned in a society whose racism implicitly
condoned and fostered it.

His death must be the occasion for a great upsurge of
immediate and continued action by all Americans. The
decent people can't remain silent. A great void has been
created. The moral and spiritual leader of this nation is
dead, and while no single man can take Dr. King's place, a
resurgence of national morality and a rededication to his
principles can help to fill the void.

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