

Vast Hunt for King's Slayer



Memphis police say the shot that killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last night was fired from an open window to right of stairway in back of an old hotel overlooking hotel where King was staying



Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. enroute to her Atlanta home last night, with Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen holding umbrella

LBJ Leads Nation In Grief, Tribute

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities pressed a manhunt today for the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose assassination Thursday touched off Negro violence in a number of American cities and brought a national outpouring of grief and sorrow.

King, 39, leading advocate of nonviolence and Nobel Prize winner, died in a Memphis hospital Thursday night less than an hour after he was shot in the neck by a white gunman while standing on the balcony of his motel.

President Johnson led the nation in mourning and tribute. In a nationwide television and radio appearance he called upon "every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck down Dr. Martin Luther King."

But violence flared in Memphis and the convulsive reaction reared also in Nashville, Newark, Washington, Boston, New York's Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant and more than a half dozen smaller towns and cities.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, in Memphis, meanwhile, was named quickly to succeed King as director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which he helped King found.

He called for silent marches Sunday around the nation in King's memory—and said he and other SCLC officials will return here Monday to lead a silent march in King's memory.

Gov. Buford Ellington alerted the Army and Air National Guard of Tennessee and ordered 4,000 troops into Memphis and the same number into Nashville.



Dr. King

A curfew, first clamped on Memphis after a King-led march turned into a riot last week, was reimposed.

King was in the city preparing to lead another march in support of the city's 1,300 striking garbage collectors, most of whom are Negroes. His party was about to go out for dinner when King walked onto the motel balcony.

"And then we heard what sounded like a shot," said the Rev. Andrew Young. "I thought it was a firecracker."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was standing beside King, said the civil right leader's only utterance after the shot was, "Oh!"

"The bullet exploded in his face," said Ben Branch. "It knocked him off his feet." Solomon Jones, King's chauffeur, said a "man in white clothes" ran from the scene. Police in Tennessee and Arkansas Continued on Page 2

Khe Sanh Is Freed, But No Linkup Yet

SAIGON (AP) — The siege of Khe Sanh was lifted today, U.S. officers said, but spearheads of a big relief force less than a mile away made no attempt to enter the Marine combat base.

The 6,000 Marines at Khe Sanh were still under fire from North Vietnamese gunners, who pounded the base in the northwest corner of Vietnam with 100 rounds. This was one reason for keeping any of the relief forces out of Khe Sanh.

And members of the garrison sallied out two miles for the first time since the siege began nearly three months ago and beat back an attack by 400 North Vietnamese with heavy losses.

With the North Vietnamese force around Khe Sanh base—once estimated at 20,000—reduced to about 7,000 by official estimate, the possibility of a big, decisive battle went glimmering.

Khe Sanh stands astride one of the invasion routes from Laos. North Vietnamese captives early in the siege said they were told the coming battle for Khe Sanh would be the last battle of the war, if won.

Now that the siege has been declared lifted, the U.S. objective is to seek out the North Vietnamese around Khe Sanh.

"We've moved out and taken territory," a senior officer said. "The basic concept of the enemy besieging Khe Sanh is over. There's no particular value

in a hookup. They're within a kilometer and a half of each other. It would be no effort to march together and to shake hands. The important thing now is that we're moving and we have other objectives."

Hanoi Doubts U.S. Intent

TOKYO (AP) — Hanoi said today the partial cessation of bombing of North Vietnam is not sufficient to show that the United States wants a peaceful settlement.

The statement was contained in a commentary of Nhan Dan, the organ of the North Vietnamese Workers (Communist) party, which was distributed by Radio Hanoi in a Japanese-language broadcast monitored here.

The article was entitled: "The U.S. has not given up its aggressive design," the broadcast said.

Nhan Dan said the fact that President Johnson promised the Saigon regime protection in his address of March 31 proved that the U.S. government had not abandoned its intent of aggression.

Johnson Stays On In Capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson held a hastily called conference today with civil rights leaders and government officials in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Johnson, who called on all Americans to reject violence following the murder of King Thursday night, postponed until at least later today plans to fly to Honolulu for Vietnam policy talks.

Johnson's initial uncertainty appeared to be dictated by at least three considerations: —If the President immediately announced outright cancellation of the Hawaii conferences, this could be interpreted as a sign of panic and perhaps the very violence he was inveighing against.

—Equally important, Johnson apparently did not feel he should carry on business as usual lest he seem callous in the face of an act which Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said "brings shame to our country."

—Perhaps most important, Johnson could not be certain whether the King slaying would produce serious racial violence that would make his continued presence in Washington prudent.

Riots in South, East

By the Associated Press

Violence burst out in cities across the country in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as bands of Negroes smashed windows, looted stores, threw firebombs and attacked police with guns, stones and bottles.

A white man was stabbed to death in the midst of violence in

Washington, and a Negro died of stab wounds in New York, although it was not known if the latter death was related to the violence.

A white youth died in a fire at Tallahassee, Fla., which police said was started by a firebomb.

Scores were injured, including about 50 in Washington, and several score in New York.

Two Negro students of Mississippi Valley State College at Itta Bena, Miss., were wounded by pellets from shotguns fired by highway patrolmen trying to halt 300 student marchers. Police said shots had been fired from the crowd.

Snipers used guns and bows and arrows against police on the campus of Florida A. & M. University at Tallahassee, but no policemen were hurt.

Tallahassee Mayor Eugene Berkowitz and another city official were treated for minor cuts after rocks shattered the windows of their car.

In Detroit, two policemen were shot and wounded as they patrolled a Negro section, but that city escaped the street violence that erupted elsewhere.

In Memphis, where King died, police shot and critically wounded a man they said had been caught behind a store with a rifle.

More than 90 persons were arrested in Memphis and a like number in New York, and scores in other cities in the midst of the violence.

There were disturbances in Hartford, Conn., Tallahassee, Fla., and Monticello and Greenburgh, N.Y.

North Carolina Gov. Dan

LA Lab Is Seeking To Open Up 80 Jobs

By MARY REGAN

LOS ALAMOS — Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory hopes to provide 80 jobs this year for members of underprivileged or minority groups from northern New Mexico.

The effort was disclosed Thursday night by Dr. Roemer E. Schreiber, LASL technical associate director, at the close of the 1968 Lenten Lecture Series of the United Church.

Schreiber said 50 of the jobs would be for summer employment and 30 would be fulltime positions held on an experimental basis by individuals recommended by local welfare offices.

The director said his staff had been encouraged to recruit such workers from surrounding counties as part of a "deliberate effort" by the laboratory to hire the unemployed.

Schreiber expressed hopes the employment would aid the state's economy, noting: "Next to politics, LASL is the biggest industry in New Mexico."

The laboratory employs 4,000 persons and its annual budget is about \$100 million.

On another topic brought up by a question from the audience on how LASL scientists can have a "clear conscience" while developing nuclear weapons, Schreiber replied:

"If a miracle made it impossible for anyone to create a nuclear explosion, we'd all rejoice. But it's the responsibility of LASL with the other laboratories to keep this country out in front. It would do no good to chuck the job and could cause immeasurable harm."

Schreiber noted that 40 percent of LASL resources are now applied to peaceful uses of nuclear energy. He has served with LASL since its 1943 beginning.

Jaramillo Is 8th To Enter Demo Governor Race

A 59-year-old retired Albuquerque school teacher yesterday tossed his hat in the much contested race for the Democratic nomination for governor.

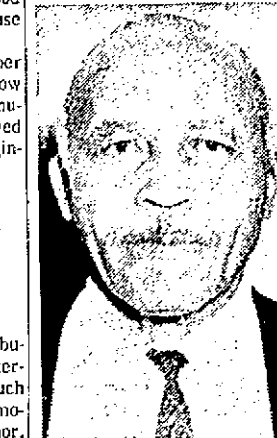
Filberto Alvarez y Jaramillo, a native of Socorro, announced in Albuquerque that he will seek the nomination. Seven other men have announced their candidacies.

Jaramillo has taught school in Socorro, Belen and East San Jose School in Albuquerque.

He retired from teaching in 1946 and until recently operated a used car business.

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Shock, Fear Among NM Leaders



Harold Banks



Gov. David F. Cargo



Fabian Chavez

By BOB KNIGHT
Local reaction today to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ranged from shock to apprehension about the future.

King was cut down by a bullet last night as he stood on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

Gov. David F. Cargo said: "Any country that sits by and lets this happen needs to reconsider the consequences. If you

can't stand for what you believe in, then things have come to a terrible pass."

"When I heard about it, I just felt terrible," Fabian Chavez, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, said. "Dr. King was not like other civil rights leaders. He not only preached nonviolence but he practiced nonviolence."

Harold Banks, a State Land Office employee and a leader of the Santa Fe Negro communi-

ty, said, "I believe that a case like that was racist, that it showed nothing but hate for the Negro people. It showed wrong thinking all around."

Banks said he thought the murder of King could arouse more militant Negro feelings and the destruction that could follow would be a "big waste."

At the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Archbishop James Peter Davis, said, "Under the circumstances... Continued on Page 2

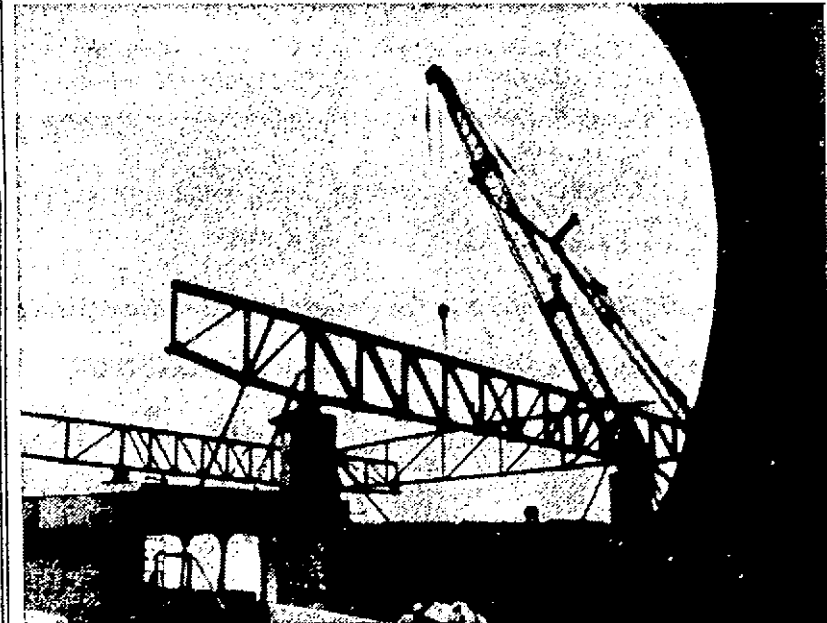


Photo by John Midyette

Cranes raise 115 tons of steel supports for stage roof canopy at the Santa Fe Opera. Opera officials said the 11,500-square-foot roof is the final stage of construction at the facility. Construction totalling \$1.3 million will be completed by July 2 for the opera's opening. Modern Construction Co. is general contractor and McHugh and Kidder are architects

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