



BRIEF CHAT : Anti-segregation crusader Dr. Martin Luther King chats with Rabbi Harry J. Stern left and Alex Carsley before addressing a packed audience at the Temple Emanu-El last night.

Segregation A Threat To West U.S. Integration Crusader Warns

The U.S. must rid itself of its "cancerous" segregation before it's too late, integration crusader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King warned in Montreal last night — Africa and Asia were watching as they themselves surget forward, he said.

"If democracy is to live, segregation must die — it's a cancer that must be removed before our democracy and moral health-is lost," he declared.

"The Asians and Africans are saying they cannot respect any nation which subjects a segment of its population to indignities such as segregation and the clock of destiny is ticking out."

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"But", he reminded a large audience at Westmount's Temple Emanu-El, "We must not seek to solve the problem of segregation to meet the Communist challenge or to appeal to the Asians and Africans."

The Atlanta, Georgia, minister — a veteran of bomb attacks on his home and other Klu Klux Klan activities—called on the U.S. Government for leadership in the struggle. He said that in a month's time he would present a draft of his proposed "second emancipation proclamation" to President Kennedy at the president's request.

Dr. King suggested the legislation—"to declare segregation unconstitutional"—to the President in a dinner meeting. Kennedy asked him for it on paper.

The church should also provide leadership, he stressed, but "so often religious institutions have lagged behind and the Christian church has often joined in the justifying of segregation."

Freedom Riders Aided Cause

But amid the beatings, bombings and the Klan there was progress, he said. In the past six months segregation in travel had all but vanished thanks to the Freedom Riders.

Civil disobedience — a powerful weapon — was being used to full effect.

"We will wear them down with our capacity to suffer. It frustrates them and they don't know how to handle it," he explained.

In all but three U.S. states — South Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama — there had been some move towards integration.

"We have moved from the wilderness of segregation to the borders of the promised land of integration," said Dr. King.

He quotes the fact that there are now 1,300,000 Negroes registered to vote in the U.S. But the fact there are 5,000,000 Negroes who should be registered prompts his sobering thought — "there's a long, long way to go yet."

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