

## City in Mourning

# 5000 Hold Peaceful March Here

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For some Friday was a day of mourning. For some it was a day of anger. But for no one was it a day like any other.

It started with a demonstration in Post Office sq. in downtown Boston, by a crowd of more than 5000—mostly white. It was orderly and non-violent, true to the teachings of the man it honored.

It included—in any number of instances—the chance confrontation between white and black on the streets, in public buildings and transportation, marked by the lowering of eyes in open admission of shame.

In between were the services of tribute—big and little—to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

One of the more touching services was at Marsh Chapel Plaza at Boston University, of which Dr. King was an alumnus.

Classes were canceled and nearly 5000 students attended the memorial conducted by Pres. Arland Christ-Janer, Dean Robert Hamill of the chapel and Dean Walter Muelder of the School of Theology, a close friend of the slain civil rights leader.

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FOLDING HIS HANDS, a pupil at the Julia Ward Howe School in Roxbury participates in a prayer service for Dr. King. (Joe Runci Photo)

# B.U. Students Mourn Where Dr. King Prayed

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Equally poignant, perhaps more so at the Patrick T. Campbell School in Roxbury, were the services attended by thousands of school-age Boston children.

At Campbell, where having a white classmate is an experience about as likely as going on to Harvard after high school, the 300 black boys and girls knew only that their leader was dead. Most of the rest was over their young heads and they did their best to understand.

Throughout the city where rioting in the ghetto was a reality last Summer, flags flew at half staff, bowing, then wind-whipped in attention, to the non-violent man who met violent death.

Black armbands and ribbons showed somberly at most of the gatherings.

While the downtown march and demonstration was peaceful, speaker after speaker warned of bloody violence to come if white racism is not soon ended.

The hastily-organized demonstration started in a march from Boston Common, in front of the State House, through downtown streets.

Marchers linked arms, stepping along four abreast, halting traffic. With every step their numbers increased as spectators and pedestrians joined the line of march.

The crowd, predominantly white, exceeded in size the expectations of the organizers.

Word had been passed by telephone Thursday night by the Congress of Racial Equality, People Against Racism and the New England Resistance. Speaking was scheduled for noon.

At 12:30 the crowd was still on the build. Humanity jammed the big square solid between Water, Congress and Milk sts.

Hand bills stated the tragedy of Dr. King's murder is that "it may have killed the last hope white America had for achieving a non-violent solution to racism."

Most of the speakers used the message as a theme.

Terry Cannon, a white youth under indictment in California for burning his draft card, shouted:

"The cold racial war is over. Dr. King's death ended it. If the whites don't act now, the hot civil war will begin.

"Democracy is not working in this country. It has collapsed."

Mike Brown of Roxbury, a Negro, took the microphone and said: "Dr. King is dead. Your society killed him. If you don't change it, we're all going to be dead, dead, dead."

Rep. Joseph Bradley (D-Newton) told the crowd: "When we left the Common they said we would end at Post Office Square. But, this is not an end—this is a beginning."

The final speaker, David Smith of People Against Racism, was interrupted by the arrival of fire apparatus for what proved to be a false alarm.

"Be calm," he shouted, "it's only a false alarm. But, it wasn't a false alarm last (Thursday) night in Memphis, Roxbury and New York."

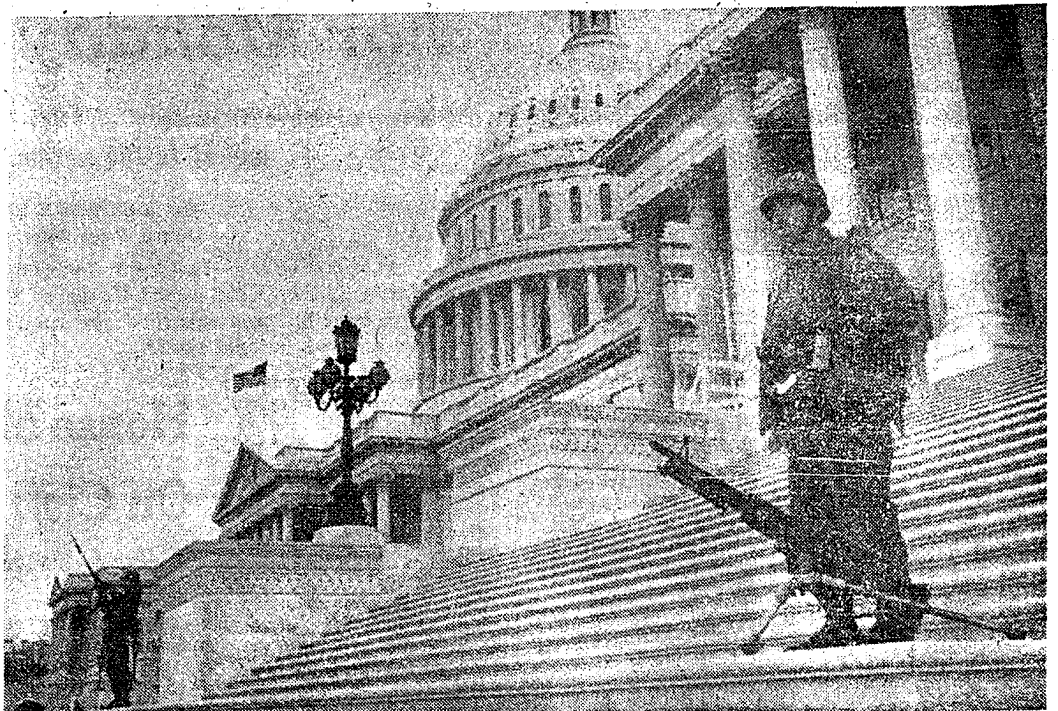
A special service was conducted at the New England Conservatory of Music, where Dr. King's wife was a 1954 graduate.

Pres. Gunther Schuller opened the service by reading a recent letter from Mrs. King, enclosing a contribution to the school, and noting the necessity of giving most of her support to the cause of freedom.

Church bells tolled throughout the city all day.

The carillon rang out at 11 a.m. at B.U. where the school mourned its son at the chapel where he once worshipped.

Dean Hamill spoke of the young man who, only a few years ago, walked the campus, used the library, worshipped at the chapel, "unknown and unnoticed."



CAPITOL UNDER GUARD—National Guardsmen with rifle and machine gun stand on the steps of the Capitol in Washington. Flag flies at half staff in memory of Dr. King. (AP)