

ROCKEFELLER ASKS 'MEMORIAL' LAWS

Bids Legislature Act to Aid
'All Our Negro Citizens'

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Governor Rockefeller announced last night that he would send a special message to the Legislature Monday urging, as a "true memorial" to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., quick passage of pending measures "vitally affecting the lives of all our Negro citizens."

The Governor made the announcement in a brief address, fervently delivered over N.B.C.-TV.

Earlier in the day Mr. Rockefeller had specified some of the actions he hoped the Legislature would take: restoration of money for a state office building in Harlem and passage of laws for controlling guns and for providing a manpower training program.

In the morning speech, he also called on the Legislatures of all states and on Congress to "take this moment to pass legislation that would be the best tribute to Dr. King's devotion to the values of this country."

The Governor's evening appearance was near the start of a regular 6 P.M. news show. Sitting before a small table in the TV studio, Mr. Rockefeller likened the killing of Dr. King to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy more than four years ago.

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"Both these men," Mr. Rockefeller said, "are martyrs to the American idea of the dignity of man. These two victims of senseless violence cry out to proclaim to us all the truth.

"The savage cycle must end. The violence must end. The bigotry and the oppression and the indifference must end. And there must be an end to the hate and the fear afflicting any of our hearts, twisting any of our minds."

Reading through dark-rimmed glasses, Mr. Rockefeller declared:

"It is not enough for the American nation to assure the enforcement of law. We must experience a renewal of love. For there will be fighting in the streets so long as there is fighting in our hearts.

"The true memorial to Martin Luther King cannot be made of stone. It must be made of action."

Standing Bills Cited

The Governor continued:

"There already is before the Legislature a series of measures vitally affecting the lives of all our Negro citizens: jobs and health, housing, education and training.

"The enactment of these measures will give witness to our profound vow—our vow not merely to talk but to act, so that Martin Luther King's dream of America becomes the life of America."

In an interview outside the studio, Mr. Rockefeller was asked whether his message on Monday would contain any new proposals. He said that it would not, that there was a full range of items already before the Legislature "that reflect the needs of our citizens and our communities."