

## New York Volatile As Anger and Fear Set a Tense Mood

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A volatile mood of deep sorrow, fist-shaking anger and undefined fear settled on the city yesterday as it absorbed the impact of the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Many schools, colleges, offices and shops closed early, partly out of respect for the memory of the slain civil rights leader, and partly because of reports that new outbreaks of violence would erupt.

The city's bustling waterfront grew still at noon as seamen and longshoremen stopped work as a tribute to Dr. King. The stoppage was announced by the International Longshoremen's Association and the National Maritime Union.

Seven thousand to eight thousand high school and college students released from classes assembled at a memorial rally for Dr. King at the

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Central Park bandshell near 72d Street. The students roared their approval when Dr. Benjamin Spock called on white Americans "to begin to respond" to the needs of black Americans.

A large contingent of the group, waving fists in the air and making the V for victory sign, marched out of the park at the end of the rally and paraded down Broadway to City Hall. The crowd broke windows at the Armed Services recruiting booth in Times Square and in a bar on Broadway between Third and Bond Streets.

While some youths taunted the police behind the barricades with curses and insults, others shouted, "Let's keep order for Martin Luther King."

The march was called for at the rally by Jarvis Tyner, national director of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs. In an angry,

militant speech that was greeted with both catcalls and cheers, Mr. Tyner accused Mayor Lindsay of wanting to use tanks against the people of Harlem.

### Rush Starts Early

Shortly before 4 P.M., midtown and downtown Manhattan streets were thronged as if it were 5 P.M. with homebound office and store employees pushing their way toward buses, taxis and subways.

Among the companies that closed early were Time, Inc.; the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company main office at 20 Pine Street and its branches; Grove Press, on University Place; Doyle Dane Bernbach, and Wells, Rich, Greene among advertising agencies; the General Electric Company and the Radio Corporation of America.

One mother, who has been raising her 6- and 7-year-old daughters to see no difference between whites and Negroes, did not send the girls to their Upper East Side private school yesterday because of fear of what they might see on the streets. "They wouldn't understand it if they saw something unpleasant," the mother said.

The Board of Education reported that attendance at schools in slum neighborhoods was off sharply but close to normal in other areas. In District Six, which includes East Harlem and part of West Harlem, Martin Frey, the acting superintendent, said about one-third of 24,000 pupils were absent. The normal absence rate is 10 per cent.

### Schools Dismissed

Although the schools were open officially, a board spokesman said that because of "general unrest" at some schools, pupils were dismissed early. In the Ocean Hill-Brownville district in Brooklyn, Rhody McCoy, the administrator, dismissed classes at midday because, he said, emotions were running high in the neighborhood.

Dr. Nathan Brown, the acting superintendent of schools, in a message broadcast to all schools three times yesterday over Station WNYE, asked that memorial exercises be conducted in all schools yesterday and again on the day of Dr. King's funeral.

Religious leaders throughout the city scheduled memorial services and tributes to Dr. King. Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan, head of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York,

said a service for Dr. King would be held tomorrow at 11 A.M. at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The Protestant Council of the City of New York, together with the Ministerial Interfaith Association, will sponsor a memorial march through Harlem and an ecumenical service on the mall in Central Park tomorrow at 3 P.M. Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant leaders will take part.

Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn yesterday broadcast a prayer service for Dr. King throughout its wards and by way of loudspeakers into the streets, where it was heard by more than 1,000 at the corner of 10th Avenue and 49th Street.

### Museums To Close

Flags hung limply at half staff were the universal symbol of the city's sorrow, on both public and private buildings. On Fifth Avenue, where almost every midtown block contains the office of a foreign airline, the flags of Ireland, Greece, Switzerland, Venezuela, the Netherlands, France and Israel also were at half staff in tribute to Dr. King.

In the Wall Street area, both the New York and the American Stock Exchanges halted trading for one minute at 11 A.M. as a tribute to Dr. King. At the 10 A.M. opening, both exchanges carried messages of sorrow on their ticker tapes.

Several public attractions announced closings. Both the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History said they would observe tomorrow as a day of mourning. The Asia Society, 11 East 64th Street, will be closed Monday.

The United Federation of

Teachers asked the Board of Education to release one teacher from every school to go to Memphis Monday to participate in the march planned by Dr. King.

Acting Superintendent Brown agreed to the plan late in the day, provided no more than one teacher went from any school. There are approximately 1,000 schools in the city system.

District 65 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union announced it would call out thousands of its members Monday to attend an 11 A.M. memorial rally for Dr. King on Seventh Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets.

As darkness began to fall on the city, there were fewer taxicabs than usual on the streets. Fleet operators said regular drivers were not reporting for work and calls for substitutes were being made.

In Times Square, several res-

taurants reported a falloff of business. Jack Dempsey's said it was serving only 40 per cent of its usual number of customers and two Howard Johnson's restaurants on Broadway said business was off 40 to 60 per cent.

Vincent Sardi Jr. of Sardi's on West 44th Street said many dinner reservations had been canceled.

The normally busy streets of the theater district were almost deserted an hour before curtain time. Ticket sellers at "I Do, I Do," at "Mame" and at "Hello, Dolly!" reported no lines of eager patrons waiting to buy tickets.

But the Times Square movie theaters reported either normal or better than usual crowds and both the Baronet and Coronet Theaters on Third Avenue near 59th Street said they had long lines of people waiting to buy tickets for the early evening shows.



**MARCHING DOWN BROADWAY:** Demonstrators protesting the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. crossing 23d Street on the way to City Hall yesterday. The march began after a memorial ceremony in Central Park. The New York Times (by Barton Silverman)