

# Letters to the Editor

## MARTIN LUTHER KING

Weep America. We heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King but it was like a canticle, a prayer. It echoed into the wilderness. Nobody picked up the prophetic words and molded them into deeds. His cry against the anguish of the poor reverberated throughout the land but fell upon deaf ears in the Congress.

Dr. King sought desperately to save us, black and white and we killed him.

MARTIN ISAACS.

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If such a tragedy can befall Rev. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace Prize winner, in his own homeland, what hope is there for the rest of mankind? I feel as if I lost a dear and wonderful friend.

SHELLY MILLER.

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I think we ought to revise the words of the song to "God help America to be a land we can love."

EDITH SANDERS.

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When a remarkable man can be murdered for advocating peace, freedom and human justice, then it is time we faced up to the reality that hate and prejudice are real and dangerous and a threat to our freedom. If we are to survive as a united nation, our government must do whatever is necessary to combat these evils. The time is now, tomorrow may be too late.

LOUIS H. CIVIN.

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A coalition of leadership from all walks of life could be formed at this moment to transform Dr. King's projected

Washington Demonstration into a massive national act of contrition and commitment to apply the lessons of the President's Riot Commission Report. A call from the remaining senior civil rights leadership could hardly be refused.

JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.

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Those of us who are white can no longer be indifferent to the plight of our fellow black Americans. We can and we must re-evaluate our position as free Americans if we wish to survive as a nation. Otherwise, Dr. Martin Luther King's tragic death and all his work was spent in vain.

JAN ALLEN REINER.

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Let us pray that Martin Luther King's ultimate sacrifice has not been in vain; that it will mark a turning point in our attitudes toward one another. May his soul rest in peace.

FRANK DIDIER.

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No one need tell the followers of Dr. Martin Luther King to shun violence to avenge his tragic death: they were taught non-violence by one of the great men of our life-time; his words were gospel.

It is the racist militants that must be told. They must be told not only of the rewards of non-violence but of the results of its opposite. They must be made aware that hatred begets hatred and violence begs violence. Martin Luther King revealed his dream of freedom. This dream shall become reality if we understand and accept the rejection of violence and racism.

GEORGE L. SIEL.

(Letters must be signed. Names withheld on request.—Ed.)