

Court in Memphis Is Told of Gun Sales

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MEMPHIS, April 4 (AP)—A Federal judge was told today that the Negro community was so worked up that another mass demonstration here next week could "be worse than Watts or worse than Detroit."

Police Director Frank Holloman said he had received reports that "Negroes are buying guns from wholesale houses in our neighboring state of Arkansas." He also said that Negro youths "have been supplied for several weeks with specific instructions on how to make Molotov cocktails and firebombs."

Holloman told United States District Judge Bailey Brown that he was convinced that the march could not be continued.

He made his remarks in the morning.

Mr. Holloman was arguing in support of a temporary restraining order granted by the judge yesterday that forbade the march. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had planned in support of striking sanitation workers. Dr. King, who had been seeking to have the order set aside, had indicated he would not hear it in any case.

White March Also Planned

The march was scheduled Monday.

Mr. Holloman said he had also received information from a member of the K Klux Klan that a march by the white supremacy organization also "will be scheduled and carried out" on Monday.

In seeking the injunction, city officials said they feared a recurrence of the brief spurt of rioting spawned by a march led by Dr. King a week earlier.

March Still Scheduled

A march in Memphis in support of that city's striking sanitation workers will take place on Monday as scheduled, du

spite the fatal shooting of the march's leader and chief organizer, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Labor leaders in New York said here last night that aides of Dr. King had informed them that plans for the march had not been canceled.

"We plan to go ahead with our contingent," said Victor Gotbaum, executive director of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"In fact," he added, "our response now is going to be greater than before. We will march as a dedication to a great American leader."

Mr. Gotbaum and John J. DeLury, president of the Union of Sanitationmen's Association, said they would march in Memphis despite a restraining order prohibiting the demonstration.

Mr. DeLury, who served a term in jail for contempt of court during the sanitation worker's strike here in February, said:

"We are unionists. We are going there to march—period."

About 1,000 trade unionists, including sanitation and transit employees, teachers and auto

workers, are expected to leave New York for Memphis over the weekend. Three chartered planes are scheduled to leave Kennedy Airport at 8 A.M. Monday carrying a contingent of 500. Others are expected to travel by train, bus and automobile.

Mr. Gotbaum and Mr. DeLury said that, where possible, the unionists would be going on their regular days off or on vacation time. But they said that some might have to give up a day's pay.

They reported that Harry Van Arsdale Jr., president of the Central Labor Council, and Paul Hall, president of the Seafarer's International Union, had pledged their support.

The demonstration in Memphis was planned by Dr. King in support of 1,300 sanitation workers who walked off their jobs on Feb. 12 in a dispute over wages, union recognition and a dues check-off arrangement.

About 90 per cent of the Memphis sanitation workers are Negroes and the strike has sharply divided the city of 550,000 along racial lines. About 40 per cent of the population is Negro.



Ben J. Fernandez

FAMILY PORTRAIT: The young Martin Luther King Jr., right, with his parents, his grandmother, right rear, his sister, Christine, and his brother, Alfred, now a Baptist minister.