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Humphrey Appeals For U.S. Vow to End All Assassinations

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SOUTH HUNTINGTON, L. I., April 5 — Vice President Humphrey said here today that Americans must resolve that assassination will never happen again in this country.

Speaking to 900 businessmen at the Huntington Town House, he abandoned a talk he had prepared earlier and dwelt entirely on the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., yesterday in Memphis.

"For there is something of shame in all of this," he said, speaking with unaccustomed quiet.

"This nation of law and order, which has its Presidents shot down in cold murder—its spiritual leaders assassinated—and has those who walk and speak and work for human rights beaten and sometimes killed—my fellow Americans, we cannot let this happen. Everyone of us must resolve that we will never—never—never let it happen again."

His audience was a group of Long Island businessmen who have formed a chapter of the National Alliance of Businessmen to try to find jobs for hard-core unemployed. They sat hushed as Mr. Humphrey spoke.

He urged them to get in touch with their Congressmen on behalf of the civil rights bill pending in the House of Representatives. The bill should be passed without delay, he said.

He also urged them to help root out the "last vestiges of discrimination, segregation and inequality in schools, in employment, in housing and in public services."

Mr. Humphrey kept his audience waiting two hours. He had stayed late in Washington to talk with President Johnson, to attend a meeting of civil rights leaders at the White House and to go with the President to a memorial service for Dr. King