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## MADDOX THINKS REDS MURDERED DR. KING

ATLANTA, April 11 (UPI)—Gov. Lester G. Maddox said today he believed that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed by Communists either as a means of passing the open housing bill or because he was losing his effectiveness in their cause.

The Georgia Governor said he believed Dr. King was sincere in what he was trying to do, but was "the most effective instrument their cause had."

Mr. Maddox did not attend Dr. King's funeral, which attracted 150,000 persons, including the nation's top political leaders and scores of Congressmen. Citing the demands of his office, the Governor remained in the gold-domed Capitol, surrounded by 160 state troopers.

"Could it be the Communists had decided he [Dr. King] had lost his effectiveness and this was a way to revitalize their efforts or this was the only way to get the open housing bill passed?" Mr. Maddox asked.

"I believe they [the Communists] done him in, and I will continue to believe that until they apprehend the killer and they prove otherwise," he declared. "I hope I am wrong and the guilty person is apprehended."