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Mrs. King Asks That School Not Be Named For Mate; Hits Scarcity Of Black Jobs

Because of their alleged back-out of fair employment of Blacks and Puerto Ricans on a New York City high school that is slated to be named after the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the slain civil rights leader's widow asked the New York school system to refrain from using her husband's name in connection with the school.

In a letter to Harvey Scribner, chancellor (superintendent) of the New York school system, Mrs. Coretta Scott King said: "If this project does not serve to accomplish a proper end in fairness to the memory of my late husband, it should be named something more appropriate such as the Jefferson Davis High School. At least it would remove the stain of hypocrisy which has so often been employed in dealing with Black people."

Construction on the building was suspended last June 17 when members of Fight Back (a Black construction workers group), The Harlem Tenants Union, the NAACP and the Transit Rank

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Black Teachers Rip AFT Over Angela Davis Case

Ripping the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) for refusing to "recognize the real issues of oppression and racism," members of the AFT's Black Caucus said they would proceed with a planned march on San Rafael, Calif., where Angela Davis is being held on conspiracy, murder and kidnaping charges in the shooting deaths of a Marin County judge and three others.

The charge was made by Richard Parrish, spokesman for the Black Caucus of the AFT, after the convention body voted down a resolution 634-203 demanding that all charges against Miss Davis be dropped.

and File, picketed the building, charging that the board of education and the contractor, Caristro Corp., reneged on promises to provide a maximum number of jobs for minority, unemployed workers and for involvement by minority subcontractors and Black and Spanish-speaking foremen.

Mrs. King's letter also said: "This project bearing the name of my late husband imposes upon everyone connected with it an obligation to further the doctrines of equality and economic democracy which he lived and died to advance . . ." Thomas Farmer, assistant contract compliance officer for the board of education, said he had read the letter from Mrs. King and that she would be told what has happened in the "area of minority employment. . ."