

Dr. King Says Son's Name Is Exploited

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ANNISTON, Ala., Aug. 15 (AP)—Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. said Thursday night his son's name had been exploited by some for millions of dollars.

The 75-year-old Baptist minister told the national convention of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which his civil rights leader son founded 18 years ago:

"Millions of dollars are raised in the name of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., saying it would be used to keep alive this organization and help keep alive the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change.

"I'm going to tell you—a bigger lie has never been told.

"If that had been true, this organization would be financially sound," King said to heavy applause from nearly 2,000 persons.

King said he and his family would now turn to legal remedies.

"We're going to move in on this exploitation," he said. He declined to elaborate.

Then, King, who ended his 44-year ministry at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta two weeks ago, said, "I'm a one time pastor of the church. Now I'm pastor of the world."

King was then presented

with a special SCLC award.

Earlier, Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.) was presented the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award for his chairmanship of the House Judiciary Committee during the impeachment hearings involving President Nixon just over a year ago.

At an afternoon session during the four-day meeting, a Black Muslim minister advised SCLC delegates to "wake up and realize the civil rights movement has just begun."

Dr. Nim Akbar of Chicago said, "The rank and file are not better off than when we started. We have to go back to the streets."

Akbar said he was not talking about street riots but advocated gaining "control of your own mind. We are a race of sleepwalkers. We are asleep and we don't know it."

It was the first time a national SCLC convention has been addressed by a Black Muslim, a spokesman for the SCLC said.