

3 King Aides, Widow, Hit Time Story

Atlanta (UPI) — Three members of Dr. Martin Luther King's staff who attended a meeting between King and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover denied a Time Magazine report that the director confronted King with wiretap evidence of extra marital activities.

Mrs. Coretta King, in a separate statement, also denied the Time story which said King toned down criticism of the FBI only after Hoover showed him wiretap tapes which revealed "extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

"The conversations between my husband and Mr. Hoover, which he (King) related to me, do not correspond at all to the Time Magazine report," Mrs. King said. "The love, concern and devotion which Martin expressed toward me and the children are our most precious and treasured memories."

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, King's successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Rev. Andrew J. Young, and Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy said they were all present during the meeting between Dr. King and Hoover ". . . and at no point did Mr. Hoover lecture Dr. King or even comment on his personal life."

The statement issued jointly by the three men said, "it is even more blatantly untrue that Dr. King slowed down his activities because he felt threatened. History is the witness here."

They recounted King's civil rights triumphs in Selma, Ala., in 1964, his works toward obtaining key civil rights legislation from Congress in 1965, and other movements by the black leader.

"These aggressive and forceful campaigns are scarcely evidence that he changed any aspects of his policy or toned down his demands for

justice.

"Time Magazine discredits itself in seeking to throw mud on a man adored and loved by millions, black and white. It discredits itself in stooping to sensationalism through fiction and irresponsibility. We suggest that Time reread its own story on Dr. King's immortal contribution, published when he was named Time's Man of

the Year (1964).

print gossip and innuendo, "We further suggest to the they might check with those Time editors that before they present for the facts."

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