

Kings Sense 'Conspiracy' In '68 Death

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow said yesterday she believed there was a conspiracy to kill her husband, and King's father said he thought some blacks may have been involved.

"There was more than one finger on that trigger, and some of them were black," Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. said in an emotional address at the church where his son began his career. He declined to name any he thought were involved.

Coretta Scott King, widow of the civil rights leader, said she did not trust the Justice Department, and called on Congress or President Gerald Ford to begin a probe.

"There appears to be a conspiracy," she said of the 1968 murder of her husband. "It does not appear it could have been one man."

Surrounded by other civil rights leaders at the 20th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott — King's first major rights campaign — Mrs. King said only a truly independent probe "can erase all doubts and the shame surrounding the assassination and the actions of the FBI."

She said the late J. Edgar Hoover tried "to stop my husband and destroy the cause," but had failed.