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Memphis Facing Another King Rally

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose march in support of striking sanitation workers ended in rioting, Thursday, set the stage Friday for another mass demonstration next week.

"We can't allow the city to feel there will be any retreat," King told a news conference as 4,000 National Guard troops maintained an uneasy peace in ravaged sections of the city, where 40 per cent of the 700,000 population is Negro.

King said he has cleared his calendar of all other commitments except planning for his

Poor People's March on Washington April 22, and would call on other national civil rights figures to join him in what he called his upcoming Memphis "unity meeting."

As King spoke, the striking sanitation workers—98 per cent of them Negroes—prepared to hold another "sidewalk" demonstration much like those they have staged almost daily since their strike for higher wages, recognition by the city of their union and dues checkoff began Feb. 12. The temperature in early afternoon reached 81 degrees.

King said he would not partic-

ipate in Friday's demonstration, but would return to Atlanta to map plans and return here "in three or four days." He indicated the mass demonstration would take place late next week, but gave no specific date.

He said the outbreak of violence Thursday, which left one Negro youth dead, at least 60 injured and 282 persons arrested, was "a mistake." He blamed the rioting on a "small group of young militants."

"We came in here cold; our intelligence was nil," King said. "I wouldn't have come if I had known the outbreak of violence was possible. I would have held up the march."

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King Threatens Demonstration At Conventions

By LAWRENCE L. KNUDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said Sunday that if his planned poor people's demonstration in Washington does not produce results in Congress, he may stage mass protests at the Democratic and Republican conventions.

King, an ordained Baptist minister, commented minutes after preaching to a predominantly white congregation that filled all 4,000 seats in Washington's prestigious Episcopal cathedral and spilled onto the steps and lawns outside.

"We're not coming to tear Washington apart," King told the congregation. "We're coming to demand to know if the government will address itself to the problems of poverty."

At his news conference, King said his Washington demonstrations will start April 22 with 200 to 300 persons who will talk with congressional leaders. They will be followed later in the week by 3,000 to 4,000 selected demonstrators who will build a shantytown at some still unchosen site inside the city, he said.

King said he expects a mass march, tentatively set for June 15th, will bring hundreds of thousands of demonstrators to the city to confront what he called "the goliath of opposition" to racial progress.

A demonstration which King led in Memphis last week erupted into riotous looting but he said his Washington demonstrators will be "trained in the technique of nonviolence."

In Atlanta, Dr. King's office said King plans to return to Memphis Tuesday where he will likely lead another march and organize some economic actions against discrimination there.

Four top SCLC aides were sent to Memphis to meet Sunday with local leadership from "all elements." The four — Hosea Williams, the Rev. James Bevel, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and James Orange — met with church, labor, business and militant leaders to

work with them on "the issue of action for poverty," a SCLC spokesman said.

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