

Rev. James Lawson

To perform Ray nuptials — Lawson slated

Rev. James Lawson, former Memphian, and close friend and associate to the slain civil rights worker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has agreed to perform the wedding ceremony of the man convicted of King's murder.

Lawson has agreed to marry convicted assassin James Earl Ray and his fiancée, Anna Sandhu, said on the Today Show recently. A Knoxville Tennessee artist, Miss Sandhu, said that she had met Rev. Lawson and he agreed to perform the ceremonies.

A spokesman for Rev. Lawson said that he was unavailable to make a statement but Lawson said, however, that he had been approached by Miss Sandhu and has agreed.

Rev. Lawson is presently pastor at Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. He was active in the civil rights movement as director of non-

violent education, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) from 1969 to 1967.

While in Memphis, Rev. Lawson served as pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church from 1964 to 1974. He was also advisor to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1960 to 1964 of the board of directors of the SCLC.

Miss Sandhu met Ray in Memphis while working as a court room artist. She told the Knoxville Journal, "I'm marrying him because I love him and because I know he is not a murderer." Ray is presently serving 99 years in the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary for King's murder.

During the Today Show interview, Miss Sandhu also questioned the integrity of members of the House Assassinations Committee, hinting that some committee



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Slayings Panel Chief To Speak At Banquet

Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) will speak at the A. A. Latting Awards Banquet at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn-Rivermont, sponsored by the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association, said R. Larry Brown, president.

Stokes is chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations and conduct-

ed the recent televised public hearings on the Martin Luther King Jr. death. Rep. Harold Ford of Memphis is scheduled to introduce the speaker.

The banquet is named for attorney A. A. Latting who died in 1975. Proceeds from the banquet will be used to establish a scholarship fund at Memphis State University for black law students.

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members have participated in a cover-up. The committee is looking into the assassinations of King, President John F. Kennedy, and his brother Robert.

King, the leader of the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's was shot April 4, 1968 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. He was in Memphis on behalf of the striking garbage workers.

On the evening before his death, Dr. King, called Rev. Lawson the "leading theorist and strategist of non-violence in the world." Rev. Lawson is currently leading an effort of clergymen to obtain a trial for James Earl Ray.

Rev. Lawson will be in Memphis Friday, October 20 at LeMoyne Owen College at 807 Walker Ave. He will be the speaker for the Map-South Citizen's Association's Annual Meeting.



REV. JAMES LAWSON

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Lawson Is Scheduled For MAP-South Talk

Rev. James M. Lawson Jr., pastor of Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles and an associate of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at the annual meeting of the Memphis Area Project-South Citizens Association at 7:30 p.m. Friday at LeMoyne-Owen College.

Mr. Lawson was pastor of the Centenary

United Methodist Church here from 1962 to 1974. As an associate of Dr. King, he was director of nonviolent education, conducting training sessions in social action across the South.

Mr. Lawson now is leading an effort to obtain a trial for James Earl Ray.

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