

S.D. Levison Dies, Aide to King in '60s.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (AP)—Stanley David Levison, 67, an attorney and businessman who helped Dr. Martin Luther King plan the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, died Wednesday at his home here after a long illness.

Aside from spending many years on the boards of King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and that of the American Jewish Conference, Mr. Levison also worked closely with District 1199 of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees when it was organizing low-paid hospital workers.

He was once the target of an FBI probe of whether he was an unregistered member of the Communist Party, something Mr. Levison always denied and which the federal government never proved.

He provided unpaid services to King's Southern Conference Leadership Conference and was the one who gave the civil rights leader the idea for the Poor People's Campaign march on Washington in the late 1960s, according to Mr. Levison's son, Andrew.

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Stanley Levison . . . one

of my husband's most supportive friends," said King's widow, Coretta Scott King, in a statement issued in Atlanta.

Acting U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, a leading King aide in the 1960s, said when reached in Douala, Cameroon, that "Stan Levison was one of the closest friends Martin King and ever had. Of all the unknown supporters of the civil rights movement, he was perhaps the most important."

In addition to his son, Mr. Levison is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Merkin, and a brother.