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# KING MEMORIALS ARE DUE THURSDAY

Wide Observances Planned  
but Day Is Not Holiday

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Martin Luther King's birthday will be observed with special programs and memorial services by many organizations in the city on Thursday, although the day is not a legal holiday.

The city's public and parochial schools will be closed and a spokesman for the Board of Education said the slain civil rights leader's birthday was a new school holiday. Special commemorative programs will be presented by students during the week.

The Mayor's office said city offices would remain open Thursday, but department heads had authority to permit employes the day off if they requested it, to be charged against annual leave. Mr. Lindsay, who supports legalization of Dr. King's birthday as a holiday, is expected to attend several programs in churches and schools around the city.

The New York Vietnam Moratorium Committee an-

nounced at a joint news conference yesterday with an organization called the City-wide Clergy Committee for the Observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday that Thursday would be the official Moratorium day for January.

### Musical Tribute Planned

The peace organization, headed by Adam Walinsky and the City-Wide Clergy Committee, made up of 15 interdenominational organizations, plans a day of observances beginning at the church at 11 A.M. and including a memorial march to the Central Park Mall and a musical tribute at 8 P.M. at the Apollo theater on West 125th Street.

"It is a historical fact," said the Rev. Bernard Holliday, chairman of the clergymen's committee, "that no black man's memory has yet been honored on the national calendar of our republic . . . no man white or black, is more suitable to be honored than the late Martin Luther King Jr."

The 200 voluntary hospitals and nursing homes in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, under contract with Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organization will have special Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremonies.

Dr. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, is honorary president of the National Union of

Hospital and Nursing Home employes.

The United Federation of Teachers, as part of week-long observances in the public schools provided kits for the students to study. They contain recorded excerpts from the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner's speeches, and photographs of important events in his life.

In addition, most schools will prepare special programs of their own. For instance, at P.S. 123, 145-01 119th Avenue in Queens, students will read Dr. King's speech, "I Have a Dream." And in Brooklyn, at P.S. 67, 51 Edwards Street, Representative Shirley Chisholm will be the guest at a special assembly.

### Closings to Be Discussed

Businessmen on West 125th Street in Harlem will meet today or tomorrow to decide whether stores on the street will close on Thursday, according to Kenneth N. Sherwood, president of Kenwood Stores, 144 West 125th Street and the coordinating director of the Uptown Chamber of Commerce. He said that if the stores did not close, he would allow his employes the day off with pay if they requested it.

A spokesman for the Fifth Avenue Association, an organization of large businesses including department stores in Manhattan, and the Retail Merchants Association, said they

had no notification that stores were planning to close on Thursday in observance of Dr. King's birthday.

Whitney M. Young, executive director of the National Urban League, urged Federal, state and local governments to observe Jan. 15 as an official holiday and said Urban League headquarters and 95 affiliates across the country would be closed.

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929, and won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize because of his advocacy of nonviolence in seeking racial equality.

Two bills introduced in the House of Representatives to make Jan. 15 a national holiday remained in the Judiciary Committee when the 91st Congress adjourned, thus eliminating the possibility of a legal Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year.