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King Slaying Doubts



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Coretta King, (front), Rosa Parks and rights leader Ralph Abernathy left the church after services noting the 20th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott

Father Sees Conspiracy

Montgomery, Ala.

The father of Martin Luther King Jr. joined his widow yesterday in charging that there was a conspiracy involved in the murder of his son.

"There was more than one finger on that trigger, and some of them were black," Martin Luther King Sr. said in an emotional address at the church where his son began his career.

He declined to name any persons he thought had been involved.

Coretta Scott King, the widow of the civil rights leader, repeated her earlier charges of a conspiracy and said she does not trust the Justice Department to conduct an investigation of the assassination. She called on Congress and President Ford to begin their own investigation.

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

Dozens of black leaders jammed into Dexter Avenue Baptist Church to begin three days of meetings marking the anniversary of the bus boycott, which lasted 381 days and resulted in a supreme court ruling barring segregation on buses.



MARTIN LUTHER KING SR.

An emotional speech

Rosa Parks, the black seamstress whose arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white touched off the boycott, said she had not planned to become a test case when she refused to move, but had simply been angered by the way blacks were treated.

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