

Mrs. King's Silence on Assassination

Washington

Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. has legally bound herself not to discuss for a year her feelings about her husband's death.

The widow of the slain civil rights leader signed a contract with a New York publisher who will bring out her memoirs next spring. In the document according to a close friend, she agreed that she would not give any interviews or discuss her plans or feelings with any writers until her own book is released.

In return, she received an advance of \$500,000. She was left only \$5000 by her husband besides their modest house in Atlanta. In addition, she receives \$50,000 from a life insurance policy which singer Harry Belafonte had taken out for her on Dr. King's life.

Before Dr. King's death, Coretta King had agreed to let her sister, Edith Scott Bagley, be her biographer. Mrs. Bagley's book was completed and at a publisher's before the assassination, but was held up so that an additional 50 pages could be included on the murder and on Mrs. King's emotions and conduct in the beginning of her mourning.

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