



The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. being comforted by friends in Atlanta yesterday

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Mrs. Kennedy Mourns for King Family

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Mrs. Joseph E. Kennedy, the mother of two sons slain by assassins, was among the many Americans who expressed grief and shock yesterday at the death of Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr.

Mrs. Kennedy, mother of the late President John F. Kennedy, the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy and of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said:

"The Senator and all members of the Kennedy family and I were saddened and deeply grieved at hearing the news of Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. It is difficult to understand why God sends this heartbreaking cross to the same family twice, but we must keep our faith and trust in Him and be assured that Almighty God will bring us through."

Mrs. King, mother of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the assassinated civil rights leader, was fatally shot Sunday at the organ of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Other expressions of sympathy came from friends, re-

ligious leaders and public officials.

Roy Wilkins, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in New Orleans that his sorrow was particularly keen because "her husband, Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., is a man who has shared everything with the civil rights movement, including his son."

Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, who was in Los Angeles for a Democratic party telethon said that he had extended his heart to Mr. King. "He has no hate in his heart for the apparently demented person responsible for this horrible deed," Governor Carter said of Mr. King. "His attitude in a time of personal grief is characteristic of him and an example of Christian love for us all."

Mayor Charles Evers of Fayette, Miss., whose brother Medgar was assassinated in 1963, said, "I am shocked beyond words. There was just no sense to it . . . Nobody is safe any more even praying in church . . . Nobody is safe as long as

these people are running around with guns."

"I'm very very angry and choked," the Rev. Jesse Jackson, of Chicago, a former colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said.

Hosea Williams, president of the Atlanta chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said that the murder was "a tragedy for all Atlantans, the nation and the world."

Police Chief John Inman of Atlanta said,

"A tragedy of this magnitude could only be done by an individual who was not in command of his faculties. I'm completely shocked at this violence and I'm sure my feelings are the same as all Georgians' about Mrs. King's death."