

Spotted in Earl Wilson's column of April 4, 1968 is this strange paragraph: Comedian Joey Adams, who has become a friend of the President, said LBJ called him the day before the announcement in Minneapolis, where he'd gone to make a speech, and the President was in a depressed mood. Although he gave no hint of his intention to withdraw from the running, the President did say to him, according to Joey, "I guess the only way they'll be happy is if one of my kids is killed."

These are the words of a sick man. We have no idea who the President meant by THEY, but we do wish to give notice now that we have no desire whatsoever for one of his kids to be killed. For the good of the country, we do hope that LBJ is not President much longer, but we have absolutely no animosity toward his children or his sons-in-law.

What we fear more than anything is that this may be a refinement on the cruel order of King David when he sent Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, into battle to be killed. If the President's comment can be repeated often enough, some commander in the 1st Marine Division might decide, in an effort to gain a promotion or another ribbon, that Captain Charles Robb should be repeatedly assigned to night patrol duty. The law of averages can be pretty devastating to members of night patrols in enemy territory.

Mickey Mouse Says No Conspiracy

Since the assassination of President Kennedy the Justice Department has been honed to a fine edge as a tool for punishing criminals. Under the Mickey Mouse Attorney General, as Jim Garrison calls him, Ramsey Clark of Dallas can determine before a suspect is caught that there was no conspiracy.

On TV, Clark has solemnly proclaimed that there was absolutely no conspiracy involved in the killing of Dr. King. Of course, the suspect, who may not be guilty, hasn't even been apprehended. But we are sure there is no conspiracy!

Honest John

Governor John Connally has tried to deny the first cruel comments he blurted out on Thursday night shortly after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

In a speech to the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce Connally was quoted by Associated Press writer Gary Garrison as saying, "He (King) contributed much to the chaos, and the strife, and the confusion, and the uncertainty in this country, but whatever his actions, he deserved not the fate of assassination."

By Friday afternoon Connally decided he had been quoted out of context and announced that his statement was, "There are those who say Dr. King contributed much to the chaos and the strife, etc., etc."

Unfortunately for Connally, KGBT-TV of Harlingen had taped the governor's remarks, both audio and video. Reporter Garrison's quote was most accurate.

After the tape was made known, Connally was asked for comments on his exact words. An aide would only say the governor would have nothing else to say on the subject.

Well, what was left to say? There is no doubt Connally was speaking the true feelings of himself and the entire Johnson administration. In addition to the documentation of Johnson's anti-Negro feelings in Robert Sherrill's "The Accidental President," the firsthand testimony of persons in the President's box on the night of the 1964 inaugural is a shocking revelation of the hypocrisy shot through this entire administration.

Editorial on the Editorials

There were precious few pro-Martin Luther King editorials in this state. The Dallas Times Herald had sort of a pro-King editorial. One sentence reads: "These are not shallow words; they are fact." Now come on, Mr. Times-Herald Editorial writer. If

your words are not shallow, your reader will know it.

We Support The Road Bond Issue

We support the road bond issue of April 13.

Permanent improvements can only be made by bond issues. This is a growing community which must continue to make improvements.

The Empty Pew

Jene Miller

The death of Martin Luther King is the perfect vindication of his whole life.

He has consistently preached that violence only breeds death. Recause there are those who are willing to serve the God of hate, America has lost its Mahatma Ghandi.

Because we would not listen to the call for non-violent ways, we must face the terror-filled streets of violent change.

The death of Martin Luther King is an inescapable indictment against the apathy of those who love liberty.

The homes and ghettoes of white America are filled with those who hold no grudge against the Negro's love of freedom.

The hope of white America was that the black man would give more time to appease the hate-filled and ignorant.

The voices of white America gave only token condemnation of the black souls of prejudice wrapped in white skins.

The death of Martin Luther King was as truly in behalf of the freedom of the American people as any soldier in Vietnam.

The hand which pulled that trigger was as truly an enemy of liberty as any tyrant's minion on earth.

Dr. King had begged his fellow-Americans to open the doors of hope, employment, housing, and citizenhood.

Dr. King had consistently opposed the raucous voices of hate among his own people.

The death of Martin Luther King had to happen at Easter-time. Pilate tried to save another Martyr to non-violent justice by making the people choose between Jesus or Barabbas.

Barabbas was the violent revolutionary who had led armed men against the powers of Rome in the name of "freedom."

The people chose the voice of violence and Jerusalem died.

The death of Martin Luther King is judgement against every

servant of hate, regardless of the color of his skin.

It is the call to diligent defense of every person's liberty, lest guilty and innocent alike drown in a sea of blood.

For no man deserved less to die so violent or cost a land so much by dying.

And, as a Roman soldier said of the other Martyr's dying: "Truly this man was a son of God." (See Romans 8:14). Jesus wapt: "Would that even today you knew the things that

make for peace." (Lk: 19:42)

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