

# To give so others may live

## Record Of Arrests

**January 28, 1956**

Arrested, Montgomery, Alabama, on charge of traveling thirty miles an hour in twenty-five mile zone. Released on recognizance bond.

**January 28, 1956**

Fined \$10 in Montgomery police court on not-guilty plea on traffic charge.

**February 21, 1956**

Indicted with other leading figures of Montgomery Bus Boycott on charge of being party to a conspiracy to hinder and prevent operation of a business without "just or legal cause."

**February 23, 1956**

Booked at Montgomery jail on indictment and released on \$300 bond.

**March 22, 1956**

Convicted after four-day trial in Montgomery Circuit Court on February 21 indictment. Fine of \$500 suspended pending appeal which was not perfected with allotted time by King's attorneys. King paid fine finally under complicated arrangement under which charges against other boycott leaders and a group of white segregationists were dropped.

**September 3, 1958**

Arrested on charge of loitering (later changed to failure to obey an officer) in vicinity of Montgomery Recorder's Court. Released on \$100 bond.

**September 4, 1958**

Convicted after not-guilty plea on charge of failure to obey an officer. Fourteen dollars fine paid almost immediately—over King's objections—by Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde C. Sellers.

**February 17, 1960**

Arrested in Atlanta on Alabama warrant following his indictment by Montgomery County Grand Jury on two counts of perjury in connection with the filing of 1956 and 1958 state income tax returns. Released on \$2,000 bond.

**May, 1960**

Arrested, DeKalb County, Georgia, on charge of driving without valid Georgia driver's license. Released on bond.

**May 28, 1960**

Acquitted by jury of twelve white men in Montgomery Circuit Court of charges of falsely swearing to information on 1956 state income tax return. Second count of indictment (see February 17, 1960) was later dropped.

**September 23, 1960**

Paid \$25 fine and received twelve-month probated sentence after guilty plea in DeKalb County court on May, 1960, traffic violation.

**October 19, 1960**

Arrested in Atlanta, Georgia, sit-in; jailed on charge of violating state's anti-trespass law.

**October 22, 1960**

Sit-in charges dropped; all demonstrators except King released. King was ordered held on charge of violating probated sentence in traffic case (see September 23, 1960).

**October 25, 1960**

Transferred from Fulton County jail to DeKalb County jail in Decatur, an Atlanta suburb.

**October 25, 1960**

Sentenced to four months in jail by DeKalb County judge who ruled that his participation in sit-in violated terms of his probated traffic sentence.

**October 26, 1960**

Transferred to Reidsville State Prison.

**October 27, 1960**

Released from Reidsville State Prison on \$2,000 appeal bond.

**March 7, 1961**

Georgia Court of Appeals remanded traffic case to DeKalb County on grounds that original sentence should not have exceeded six months.



Martin Luther King was arrested on September 3, 1958 for "loitering on the courthouse steps" in Montgomery while trying to get into the trial of his colleague, Ralph Abernathy.



**April 8, 1961**

Received \$25 fine and suspended six-month sentence on original traffic case (see September 23, 1960) in DeKalb County court.

**December 16, 1961**

Arrested in Albany, Georgia, demonstration on charge of obstructing sidewalk and parading without permit.

**December 18, 1961**

Released on bail in truce that later collapsed.

**July 10, 1962**

Convicted in Albany, (Ga.) Recorder's Court of violating street and sidewalk ordinance by leading parade without permit on December 16, 1961. Received sentence of \$178 or forty-five days in jail. Entered jail to serve forty-five day term.

**July 12, 1962**

Released against his will after \$178 fine was paid by mystery man.

**July 17, 1962**

Arrested in Albany city hall "prayer vigil" and jailed on charges of fail-

ure to obey police officer, obstructing sidewalk and disorderly conduct.

**August 10, 1962**

Convicted, Albany Recorder's Court, and placed on sixty-day probation for July 27 vigil. Released from jail.

**April 12, 1963**

Arrested in Birmingham, Alabama on charges of parading without a permit and contempt of court.

**April 20, 1963**

Released from Birmingham jail on \$300 cash bond.

**June 11, 1964**

Arrested in St. Augustine, Florida, sit-in on charge of violating state's anti-trespass law.

**June 13, 1964**

Released on \$300 bond.

**February 2, 1965**

Arrested in Selma, Alabama. Served five days in jail.

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"One who breaks an unjust law must do it openly, lovingly . . . I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and willingly accepts the penalty by staying in jail to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the very highest respect for law . . ."

— M.L.K.

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"The black revolution is much more than a struggle for the rights of Negroes. It is forcing America to face all its interrelated flaws—racism, poverty, militarism, materialism. It is exposing evils that are deeply rooted in the whole structure of our society. It reveals systemic rather than superficial flaws and suggests that radical reconstruction of society itself is the real issue to be faced."

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