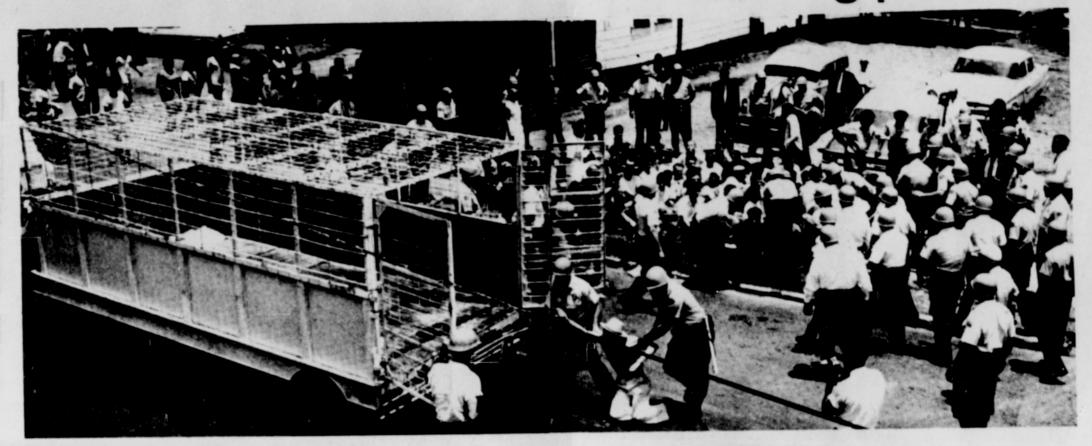
Our nonviolent movement is disarming police forces





Mounted Alabama State Patrolmen and local deputy sheriffs disperse demonstrators in Montgomery. An estimated 600 persons sat in the street to protest Alabama voter registration procedures. Eight or more were hospitilized.

"Then my living will not be in vain"

Every now and then I guess we all think realistically about that day when we will be victimized with what is life's final common denominator—that something we call death.

We all think about it, and every now and then I think about my own death, and I think about my own funeral. And I don't think about it in a morbid sense. And every now and then I ask myself what it is that I would want said and I leave the word to you this morning.

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral.

And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long.

And every now and then I wonder what I want him to say.

Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize.

That isn't so important.

Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards—that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others.

I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.

I want you to say that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked.

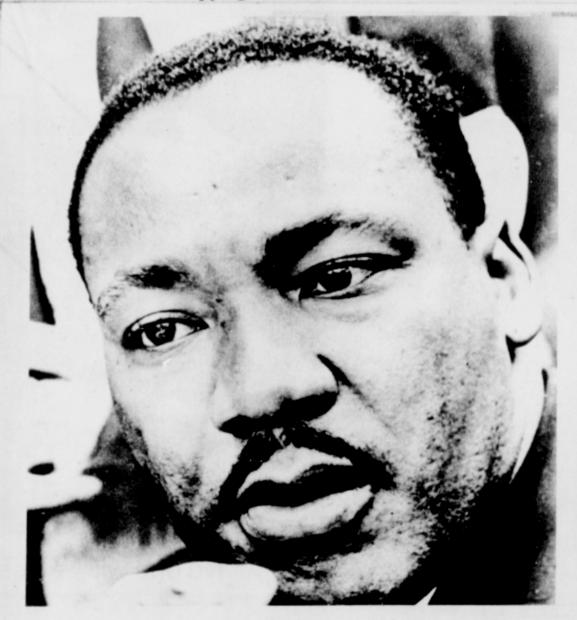
I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.



Jackson, Mississippi 1965

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech
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