

1956 continued

**December**

Federal injunctions prohibiting segregation on buses are served on city and bus company officials and state officials. On the 21st, Montgomery buses were integrated.



**1957**

**February**

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is founded. Dr. King is elected its first president. King appears on the cover of *Time* magazine.

**May**

King delivers "Give Us the Ballot" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on the third anniversary of the *Brown* decision.

**September**

President Eisenhower federalizes the Arkansas National Guard to escort nine Negro students to an all-white high school in Little Rock. The first civil rights act since Reconstruction is passed, creating the Civil Rights Commission and the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

**1958**

**June**

Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph and Lester Granger meet with President Eisenhower.

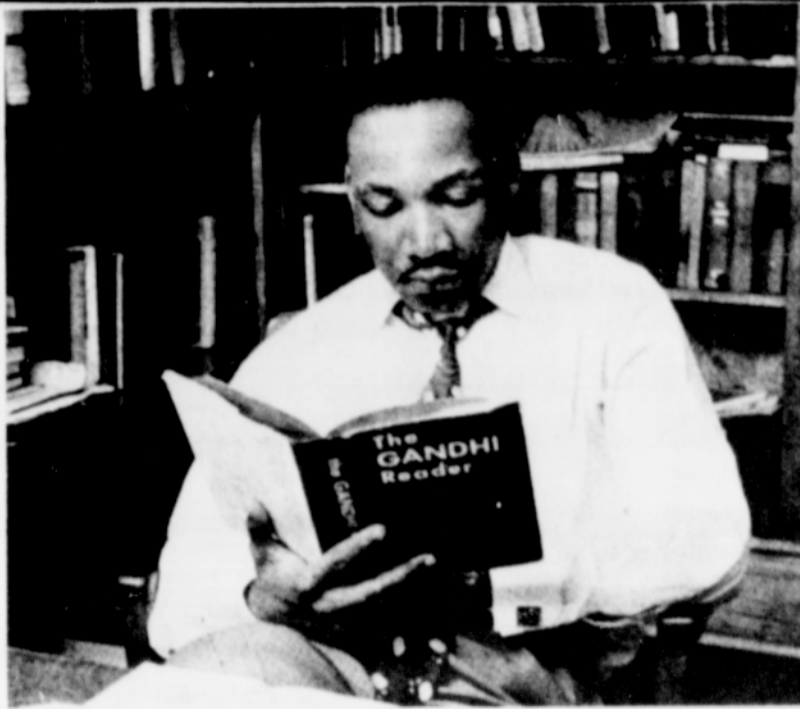
**September**

King is arrested in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder's Court and released on \$100 bond. King is convicted and fine is paid by Montgomery Police Commissioner over King's objection. King's book *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* is published.

**1959**

**February**

Dr. and Mrs. King begin a month-long visit to India to study Gandhi's techniques of non-violence.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., studies Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence, which will become the guiding light in his quest for freedom.

**1960**

**January**

King family moves to Atlanta. King becomes co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**February**

First lunch-counter sit-in is held by students in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**April**

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is founded at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. King and James Lawson are the keynote speakers.

**June**

Dr. King and A. Philip Randolph announce plans to picket the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

**October**

King is arrested with other demonstrators at an Atlanta sit-in on the charge of violating Georgia's trespass law. All of the arrested demonstrators are released except Dr. King. He is released later from Reidsville State Prison on a \$2,000 bond.

**1961**

**May**

First group of Freedom Riders, organized by CORE, leaves Washington, D.C., shortly after the Supreme Court has outlawed segregation in interstate transportation terminals. The bus is burned outside Anniston, Alabama, the Freedom Riders are beaten in Birmingham and arrested in Jackson, Mississippi. They spend 40 to 60 days in Parchman Penitentiary.

**December**

Dr. King arrives in Albany, Georgia, in response to a call from the leader of the Albany Movement to desegregate public facilities. King is arrested at a demonstration.



King participates in one of the many lunch counter sit-ins held during 1960.

**1962**

**February**

King is tried and convicted for leading a march in Albany.

**May**

King is invited to join the Birmingham protests.

**July**

King is arrested at an Albany city hall prayer vigil.

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... I don't know what will happen now. We have got difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me because I've been to the mountain top. Like anyone else, I would like to live a long life. But I'm not concerned with that. I just want to do God's will and He has allowed me to go up the mountain. I see the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. I am happy tonight that I am not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

You all know the story of Rip Van Winkle. . . . Everyone remembers that Winkle slept for twenty years. But what is important is that when he went up on that mountain to sleep there was a picture of King George hanging in the town. When he came down, there was a picture of George Washington in its place. Rip Van Winkle slept through a revolution, but we cannot afford to remain asleep. . . . Our world is as a neighborhood. "We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish as fools. . . ."

There are two challenges to America. The challenges are racism and poverty. In a few weeks a few of us are coming to Washington to see if the will to meet those challenges still lives among us. We're not coming to engage in any histrionic action. We are not coming to tear up Washington. We are coming to engage in dramatic, nonviolent action. We are coming, and we will stay as long as we have to. . . . We will suffer and die if we have to. For I submit, nothing will be done until people put their bodies and soul into this.

April 3, 1968  
Memphis, Tennessee

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