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Dr. Martin Luther King's Chronology

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Montgomery bus boycott. The Montgomery Improvement Association is formed and Dr. King is unanimously elected president of the organization. **December 10:** The Montgomery bus company suspends service in black neighborhoods.



THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH, African-American men, women and children were determined to win their freedom--Even in the face of death!

1956 January 30: A bomb is thrown onto the porch of the Kings' Montgomery home. Coretta King, Yolanda King, and church member Lucy Williams are in the house: no one is injured. **February 2:** A suit is filed in federal district court asking that Montgomery's travel segregation laws be declared unconstitutional. **February 21:** Dr. King is indicted with other figures in the Montgomery bus boycott on the charge of being party to a conspiracy to hinder and prevent the operation of business without "just or legal cause." **June 4:** A United States district court rules that racial segregation on city bus lines is unconstitutional. **October 30:** Mayor W.A. "Tackey" Gayle of Montgomery instructs the city's legal department to find a legal means to stop the operation of car pools, the transportation system used during the boycott. **November 13:** The United State Supreme Court affirms the decision of the district court in declaring unconstitutional Alabama's state and local laws requiring segregation on buses. **December 20:** Federal injunctions prohibiting segregation on buses are served on bus company officials. Injunctions are also served on city and Alabama state officials. **December 21:** Montgomery buses are integrated.

1957 January 27: An unexploded bomb is discovered on the Kings' front porch. **February:** The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is formed. Dr. King is elected its president. **May 17:** Dr. King delivers a speech at the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom in Washington, D.C. The pilgrimage was held on the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's desegregation decision. **September:** President

Dwight D. Eisenhower federalizes the Arkansas National Guard to escort nine black students to an all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. **September 9:** The first civil rights act since Reconstruction is passed by Congress, creating the Civil Rights Commission and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. **October 23:** Martin Luther King III, the Kings' second child, is born.

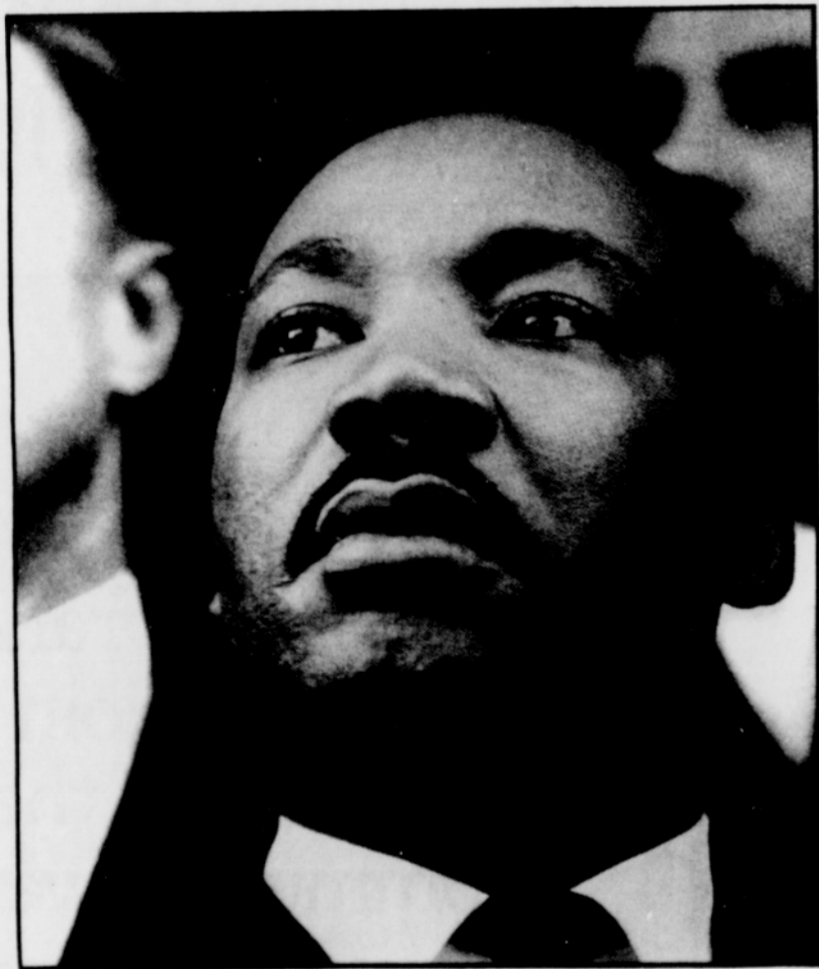
1958 June 23: Dr. King; Roy Wilkins, executive director of NAACP; A. Philip Randolph, civil rights activist and founder of the Pullman Porter's University; and Lester Granger, executive director of the National Urban League, meet with President Eisenhower. **September:** Dr. King's book "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story" is published. **September 20:** Dr. King is stabbed in the chest by Izola Curry while he is in a New York City department store autographing his recently published book.

1959 February 2-March 10: Martin and Coretta King spend several weeks in India as guests of Prime Minister Nehru, studying Gandhi's techniques of nonviolence.

1960 January 24: The King family moves to Atlanta. Dr. King becomes copastor, with his father, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. **February 1:** Students in Greensboro, North Carolina launch widely publicized sit-ins which spark a wave of similar protests throughout the south. **February 17:** A warrant is issued for Dr. King's arrest on charges that he did not pay his 1956 and 1958 Alabama state income taxes. **April 15:** The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is founded to coordinate student protest at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, on a temporary basis. It becomes permanent in October 1960. **May 28:** Dr. King is acquitted of the tax evasion charge by an all-white jury in Montgomery. **June 24:** Dr. King has a conference with John K. Kennedy, candidate for president of the United States, about racial matters. **October 19-27:** Dr. King is arrested at an Atlanta sit-in and is jailed on a charge of violating the state's trespass law. That charge is dropped but King is still held on a charge of violating his probation in a traffic arrest case. He is ultimately transferred to Reidsville State Prison, where he is released on a two-thousand-dollar bond.

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TO BREAK WITH TRADITION.**



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 15, 1929 - April 5, 1968**

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