

King Faces Arrest After Arrest In Freedom Fight

1958

King, along with Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, A. Philip Randolph, and Lester Granger, meets with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

King is arrested on a charge of loitering (later changed to "failure to obey an officer") in the vicinity of the Montgomery Recorder's Court. He is released on \$100 bond.

King is convicted after pleading "not guilty" on the charge of failure to obey an officer. The fine is paid almost immediately, over Dr. King's objection, by Montgomery Police Commissioner Clyde C. Sellers.

King's book *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* is published by Harper & Row.

King is stabbed in the chest by Mrs. Izola Curry, 42, who is subsequently alleged to be mentally de-

ranged. The stabbing occurs in the heart of Harlem while Dr. King is autographing his recently published book. His condition is said to be serious but not critical.

1959

King meets with Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers union in Detroit.

Dr. and Mrs. King spend a month in India studying Gandhi's techniques of nonviolence, as guests of Prime Minister Nehru.

1960

The King family moves to Atlanta. King becomes copastor, with his father, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.



Martin Luther King Jr. prays in jail.

The first lunch counter sit-in to desegregate eating facilities is held by students in Greensboro, N. C.

A warrant is issued for King's arrest on charges that he had falsified his 1956 and 1958 Alabama state income tax returns.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) is founded to coordinate student protests at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

King is acquitted of the tax evasion charge by an all-white jury in Montgomery.

King and A. Philip Randolph announce plans for picketing both the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

King has a conference with John F. Kennedy, candidate for president of the United States, about racial matters.

King is arrested at an Atlanta sit-in and is jailed on a charge of violating the state's trespass law.

The Atlanta charges are dropped. All jailed demonstrators are released except for Dr. King, who is ordered held on a charge of violating a probation sentence in a traffic arrest case. He is transferred to the DeKalb County Jail in Decatur, Ga. and is then transferred to the Reidsville State Prison. He is released from the Reidsville State Prison on a \$2,000 bond.

1961

A third child, Dexter Scott, is born to Dr. and Mrs. King in Atlanta.

The first group of Freedom Riders, intent on integrating interstate buses, leaves Washington, D.C., by Greyhound bus. The group, organized by the Congress for Racial

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