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Martin Luther King's Record

Angered House Leaders, Subcommittee Plan To Counter King Demonstrations

By Throwing Spotlight on Aspects of His Life and **Associates** 8/22/67

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21-Powerful leaders in Congress are rolling up their big guns for their coming confrontation with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Their Big Bertha-the contents of the FBI's file on King - has been examined and readied for firing by a House Appropriations subcommittee headed by Representative John J. Rooney, D-N.Y., a strong civil rights advocate.

Subcommittee members are now discussing with House leade ers how and when this untold s part of the intriguing King story a should be released to the American people. This story includes details of those directing and influencing his activities.

These legislators are taking the position that King's public declaration of war on Congress leaves members no other course than to throw the spotlight on some unpublicized aspects of the militant civil rights leader's life - known only to a few high officials and a handful of FBI agents.

The subcommittee members have told the House leaders, who are King's main targets, that the FBI has unimpeachable evidence including photographs showing that King is now listening to a man who is clearly more interested in destroying the U.S. than in the plight of either the Negro or the warweary people of Vietnam.

According to these legislators, the FBI has carefully docunent Investigating Subcommittee plans a full-scale probe of recent race riots, reports that the inquiry will go into King's activities. Several ex-FBI agents, familar with the background of King and also of the officials of SNCC, will be employed by the committee.

With these and other bombshells fused to ignite, congressional leaders are privately predicting the "Second Coming" of King, as his Washington disobedience campaign is being called, could be a nasty, violent affair.

The legislators also believe the fireworks could explode a lot of myths about King.

THE VIETNAM FRONT-Communist leaders in Hanoi are taking an interesting view of next month's presidential elections in South Vietnam.

While Johnson administration officials here are contending that the elections should help solve or ease South Vietnam's political crisis, the Communists take just the opposite view.

Their analysis, beginning to appear in official Communist publications, takes the line that the September 3 elections will actually deepen the political

crisis in Saigon.

"These elections," a recent article in Hanoi's daily Nhan Dan states, "will further exasperate internal contradictions plaguing the ranks of U.S. officials in South Vietnam and will mented that this adviser of King has been <u>one</u> of the Communist Party's biggest money raisers

in this country.

The confidential FBI file, they report, cites instances of material this adviser has prepared for King's vicious attacks on Congress and the U. S. in general. The adviser is credited with drafting King's statements describing Congress as "wild with racism" and describing the U. S. as "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today."

KING'S OBJECTIVES — As reported in this column on August 4, eleven days before King revealed his new strategy in his headline-making attack on Congress in Atlanta, the Nobel Prize winner is planning to lead massive demonstrations and "sit ins" here this fall.

The attacks against Congress are part of King's over-all campaign to establish a political "third force" by 1968 composed of militant civil rights, peace, student, and labor groups.

Significantly, the Rev. James Bevel, another King lieutenant organizing his civil disobedience campaign for Washington, is described in the FBI file as King's link with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The officials of this militant group are urging Negroes to follow the path of violent revolution in the U.S.

King, who preaches non-violence, continues to confer with these SNCC officials whenever Bevel sets up the meetings, according to the FBI files. It also quotes King as telling a group of left-wing students, "We don't need to talk mean, we need to act mean,"

Aides of Senator John Mc-Clellan, D-Ark., whose Permaforce Washington to look for a way out."

As the Communists see it, the elections will widen the differences between U. S. military and political objectives in South Vietnam.

The Nhan Dan article, being carefully studied by U. S. in-telligence, puts it this way:

"The elections will highlight the inconsistent attitude of the Americans in Saigon, where the military group of General William Westmoreland supports the Thieu-Ky military and Ambassador Bunker and his group oppose them because of the need for a political settlement."

According to U.S. intelligence sources, the Nhan Dan article is significant because it spells out Hanoi's new belief that the U.S. will use the elections to find a way out of Vietnam.

In the past, Hanoi's official line was that the U. S. planned to step up the war after the elections, including a possible landing north of the demilitarized zone. This possibly now is being played down.

VIETNAM FALLOUT - More than 100 suspected Communist agents, including a number on the government's payroll, have been arrested in Saigon within the past six weeks by South Vietnamese security officials. Among those picked up were a Vietnamese army officer who headed the biggest government ordnance depot in the country. The arrested Vietnamese officer confessed he was planning to blow up the depot before the September elections. He also revealed that his communications with Hanoi were sent via Paris. The South Vietnam security officials were assisted in tracking

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