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RFK Cancels State Visit, Other Plans

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has canceled his scheduled Louisiana visits as well as all other planned public appearances in respect to the family of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King.


Judge Edmund Reggie of Crowley made the Louisiana announcement early Friday from New Orleans. Reggie said the senator was going to his home in Washington.

An earlier, unconfirmed report, said Kennedy would visit with King's widow in Atlanta and then fly to Memphis.

Reggie issued this statement: "Due to the tragic assassination of Mr. King, Sen. Kennedy has called off his scheduled appearances in Louisiana, as he is canceling all other public meetings after his announcement which will be made tomorrow at noon, out of respect for the slain leader and his family.

"I am deeply appreciative of all the courtesies

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DR. KING SLAIN—Dr. Martin Luther King was killed Thursday in Memphis, Tenn., in a downtown hotel. He was taken to a Memphis hospital after being shot in the neck and was pronounced dead.

—AP wirephoto

Curfew Reimposed; Guard Sent Back

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Nobel Laureate Martin Luther King Jr., father of non-violence in the American Civil Rights movement, was killed by an assassin's bullet Thursday night.

King, 39, was hit in the neck by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. He died less than an hour later in St. Joseph Hospital.

Gov. Buford Ellington immediately ordered 4,000 National Guard troops back into the city. A curfew, which was clamped on Memphis after a King-led march turned into a riot a week ago, was reimposed.

Police said incidents of violence, including several fire bombings were reported following King's death.

The 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was standing on the balcony of his motel here, where he had come to lead protests in behalf of the city's 1,300 striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes, when he was shot.

Two unidentified men who were arrested were released several hours later.

As word of King's death spread through the stunned city,

Negroes in scattered areas also looted stores, stoned police and fire trucks and tossed several fire bombs. Two policemen were injured, mainly by flying glass when a shotgun blast broke their windshield.

Four hours after King died, the city was quieting some but police still reported sporadic outbreaks.

Police also said they found a .30-.06 rifle on Main Street about one block from the motel, but it was not confirmed whether this was the weapon that killed King.

An aide who was standing nearby said the shot hit King in

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LBJ Postpones Trip to Hawaii

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson, preparing for a weekend Vietnam strategy conference in Honolulu, delayed his departure overnight Thursday because of the assassination in Memphis of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

The President went before television cameras and radio microphones to declare America is "shocked and saddened" by the tragedy. He condemned violence, lawlessness and divisiveness.

Johnson goes to Honolulu amid growing caution here about the prospects of preliminary peace talks.

The White House did not indicate whether Johnson would change his earlier plan to meet at March Air Force Base, Calif., to talk with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The original plan called for Johnson also to meet in Hawaii Sunday with South Korea's president, Chung Hee Park.

Earlier in the day, Hanoi charged that American planes

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Louisiana Reacts

By BARRY ZANDER

The death of Dr. Martin Luther King will "definitely put a strain on Louisiana race relations" was the opinion Thursday night expressed by Emmitt Douglas, leader of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and echoed by many civil rights movement leaders around the state.

Douglas said he thinks it's a most deplorable act. "I don't think it did anything to help relations in the state and will have countrywide effects."

He said he thought the death of the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference would give members of the violent movement in the country incentive.

Taking a pessimistic viewpoint was Murphy Bell, local Negro attorney, former head of

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