

Naipaul

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- 1950 wins scholarship to Oxford
- 1953 BA (Oxon)
- 1957 *The Mystic Masseur* (London: André Deutsch)
- 1961 *A House for Mr. Biswas* (London: Deutsch)
- 1962 Trinidad and Tobago gains independence
- 1971 “One Out of Many” in *In a Free State* (London: Deutsch): Booker Prize
- 1987 *The Enigma of Arrival* (London: Viking)
- 1990 knighted by Queen Elizabeth
- 2001 Nobel Prize
- 2008 authorized biography by Patrick French published; [scandal](#)
- 2018 d.

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[Recalling a 1960 trip to Trinidad:] It was odd: the place itself, the little island and its people, could no longer hold me. But the island—with the curiosity it had awakened in me for the larger world, the idea of civilization, and the idea of antiquity; and all the anxieties it had quickened in me—the island had given me the world as a writer; had given me the themes that in the second half of the twentieth century had become important; had made me metropolitan, in a way quite different from my first understanding of the word...

And then I faced the simple fact that as a man who made his living by writing in English and had no American audience, I had only England to go back to; that my wish to be free of the English heaviness had failed; that my departure from my island in 1950—with all that it implied in homelessness and drift and longing—was final.

Naipaul, *The Enigma of Arrival: A Novel* (New York: Vintage, 1987), 153, 166.

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The Weather

Today—Partly cloudy, cold, high in the 50s. Sunday—Mostly sunny and warm. Probability of precipitation is 10 per cent through tonight. Temperature range: Today, 58-65; yesterday, 60-67. Details on Page B7.

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4000 Troops Move Into District After Day of Looting and Arson

Johnson, Negroes Confer

Joint Session Sought Monday; Trip Canceled

By Carroll Kilpatrick
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President Johnson yesterday cancelled his plans for a weekend trip to Honolulu and asked Congress to meet in joint session Monday evening to hear him propose an action program on civil rights.

The President met at the White House with a large group of Negro leaders and with representatives of all branches of the Government to meet the threat of violence.

In a proclamation, which he read to the Nation on radio and television, the President designated Sunday a day of national mourning for the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As he did Thursday evening, Mr. Johnson again appealed for an end of violence and divisiveness and declared his faith that the Nation could be united.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland will fly to Washington and will meet with the President today, the White House announced. It was not known what other officials from Vietnam would come here with Westmoreland, the outgoing U.S. commander who was to have met the President in Honolulu.

The President said he will announce later when he would meet with President Park Chung Hee of South Korea, who had been scheduled to confer with Mr. Johnson in Hawaii Sunday.

In his meeting with the Negro leaders, the President called the King assassination a "national tragedy."

White House Press Secretary George Christian reported. If this means that Americans of both races believe they can settle racial problems by violence "that would be nothing less than catastrophe," Mr. Johnson told the meeting.

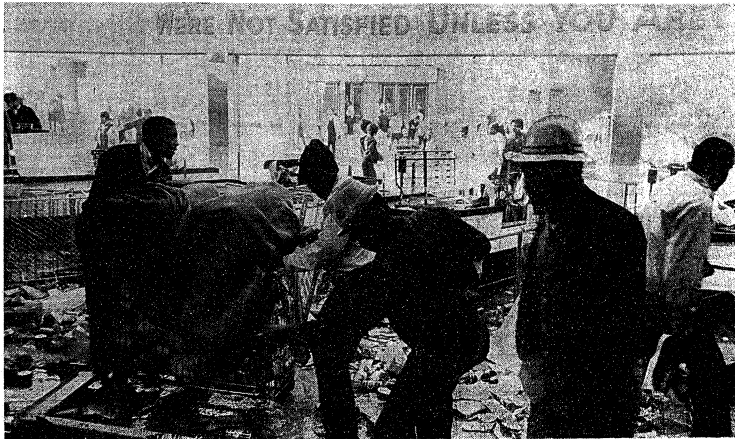
That Dr. King's death "should be the cause of more violence would deny everything he worked for and risked his life for," the President said.

The White House reported that the Negro leaders promised the President to speak out against violence.

While the meeting was in process, a telegram arrived from the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

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The President's statement on the death of Dr. King. Page A7



Cheerful looters sack a Saffeway store at 14th Street and Park Road nw, as disorder erupted anew.



A small army of firemen seeks to control fires set by rioters on 14th between Irving Street and Park Road.

Arrest in Slaying 'Close,' Clark Says

By Paul Valentine
Washington Post Staff Writer
MEMPHIS, April 5—A uneasy calm, broken by occasional looting and window smashing, prevailed in Memphis, Clark met with Negro and white leaders in an effort to stabilize the city. Meanwhile, W. P. Huston, chief of the Memphis detective force, said several witnesses had seen a white man fleeing last night from a rooming house adjacent to the Lorraine Hotel where Dr. King was shot. They described the man as 26 to 32 years old, 165 to 175 pounds, about 6 feet 4 inches tall. Clark, at an impromptu news conference here, added: "The investigation has spread some several hundred miles from the borders of Tennessee at this time."
AP and police and the FBI pressed the investigation, and

Khesanh Siege Declared Over

The U.S. Command in Saigon declared the 76-day siege of Khesanh lifted yesterday. The main column in Operation Pegasus—the 20,000-man relief effort launched Monday—stopped less than a mile from the Marine combat base in northwestern South Vietnam. The United States, meanwhile, said it had suggested arrangements for a meeting on the war. Details on both stories, and on other foreign, national and Washington area news developments. Section B

3 Slain in Chicago, Many Fires Set

By Chalmers M. Roberts and Walter H. Pincus
Washington Post Staff Writers
Three persons were killed by gunfire in Chicago last night, police reported, and many fires were burning. Elsewhere across the Nation there was sporadic looting and setting of fires. In Chicago police said that a Negro woman was shot and killed on the North Side. Two men were shot by snipers on West Madison Street where fires have damaged buildings over a 160-block area. National Guard units were called out in Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, North Carolina and Mississippi. Units in Massachusetts and other states were being assembled as a precautionary measure or being put on alert. Many cities canceled police leaves and put their men on 12-hour shifts. Schools were dismissed early in several cities and many businesses closed during the afternoon. Curfews were ordered for the night in Detroit, Memphis, Toledo, Nashville and Raleigh and liquor sales were banned in many places. Officials pleaded over radio and television for non-violent demonstrations in memory of the assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. See DISORDERS, A7, Col. 1



President and Vice President leave Cathedral service for Dr. King

Carmichael Warns of 'Retaliation'

By Phil Casey
Washington Post Staff Writer
Black power spokesman Stokely Carmichael said yesterday "white America is incapable of dealing with the (race) problem" and warned of increasing violence in the streets. He spoke first at a news conference in the headquarters of the New School of Afro-American Thought at 2206 14th st. nw. and appeared later at a Howard University rally. Speaking softly at his news conference, Carmichael told the newsmen, "When white America killed Dr. King last year, it declared war on the Negro people." See STOKELY, A16, Col. 4



Carmichael: 'White America (has) declared war.'

Curfew Imposed As Roving Bands Plunder and Burn

By Willard Clifton
Washington Post Staff Writer
Four thousand armed troops were rushed into Washington last night to combat widespread burning and looting of the city. The Mayor imposed a night-long 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. curfew and banned the sale of liquor and firearms as marauding bands of Negroes burned and plundered hundreds of stores. Brazen looting went on just two blocks from the White House.

So many fires were burning—at least 100—that the city's Fire Department could not tabulate the number. A wide pall of smoke hung over the inner city. The rioters, acting in the wake of the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Thursday night, spread their action off 14th Street nw. to 7th Street nw., H Street ne., and across the Anacostia in Southeast Washington. As the 5000 Regular Army troops and 1000 National Guardsmen moved in to clear the riot areas, the troops chanted, "March, March, March."

The troops were to be deployed after police went to clear rioters, and before fire equipment went in. Deployment of the troops was held up for several hours by a huge downtown traffic jam, which kept both police and fire-fighting equipment from scenes of disorder, and kept the troops from moving much at all.

Curfew Impact Slight at First

As a result, the curfew, imposed at 5:20, did not have much impact on looters until several hours later. At Mayor Walter E. Washington's request, the President issued a proclamation and executive order at 4:43 p.m. providing for the restoration of law and order in the metropolitan area.

In it, he said, "I . . . do command all persons engaged in such acts of violence to cease and desist therefrom and disperse and retire peaceably forthwith." Although there were no reports of violence in the suburbs, both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland declared emergencies. Montgomery County Council proclaimed a state of public emergency for the first time in the County's history. Prince George's Police Chief George J. Panagiotis declared a "red alert" and moved riot-equipped police to points along the District line.

Traffic Is Paralyzed

The day's violence brought about a serious tieup in telephone service and a paralyzing traffic jam described as perhaps the worst in Washington history. Early closings by most downtown stores and the dismissal of Federal employees by 4 p.m. created the massive traffic slowdown that lasted from about 3 p.m. to early evening. At some intersections, citizens undertook the role of traffic policeman to get the sluggish flow moving.

Many area citizens reported "losing" spouses or children for hours, as confusion set in. Many carpool riders were left behind. In imposing the curfew, Mayor Washington urged citizens to "stay home and off the streets so innocent people will not be set upon in any way, and the officers can deal with the situation."

The weary mayor, who was up most of Thursday night, said that "everything possible was done to contain the matter" before Federal help was sought. He added that he had acted with the guidance of Cyrus R. Vance, former deputy secretary of defense.

Festival Events Canceled

The disturbance caused cancellation or postponement of a number of events. A spokesman for the Cherry Blossom Festival announced that all remaining activities of the Festival, including the annual ball scheduled for last night, have been canceled. The Washington Senators announced that Monday's opening-day baseball game with the Minnesota Twins had been rescheduled for Tuesday "in deference to the memory" of Dr. King.

Yesterday's violence was a continuation of disturbance. See RIOTS, A14, Col. 1

The city slows, then shuts down.

Chronology of a city's torment.
Key Republicans back rights bill.
Kennedy, Nixon halt campaigning.
Nation, world mourn Dr. King.
Senators postpone opening game.

Conditions of Curfew

- Under the curfew order issued yesterday by Mayor Walter E. Washington:
• All citizens must "remain off the streets and away from public places" from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. daily until further notice.
• Doctors, nurses, other medical personnel, street-cleaning crews, firemen, and, of course, policemen, are exempt.
• Newspaper, radio, television and gas and electric company employees also are exempt, but must have identification.
• Others with legitimate business on the street can get passed at the District Building or Municipal Center.
• No liquor, beer, wine, firearms or ammunition may be sold for the duration of the state of emergency.
• Gasoline and other inflammables may be sold only if dispensed directly into the gas tanks of motor vehicles.
• No one but law-enforcement officers may "possess or carry" firearms, ammunition, explosives, inflammables or dangerous weapons.
• Violators will be subject to fines of up to \$300 and up to 90 days in jail.