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"We Are Heading Up The Road Of Freedom ..."



road of freedom to the city of equality..." So spoke the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., addressing 7,500 attending a freedom rally in Suffolk Friday evening. Rev. Mr. King is scheduled to appear in Danville, Va., city of tensions and demonstrations which human rights leaders have branded a "police state." Approximately \$8,000 was raised for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the "freedom rally" at Suffolk. (Earlier story on first page, Section Two). (Guide Photos by Bass)

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DANVILLE, Va. — Danville's Mayor, Julian R. Stinson, and its city manager, T. Edward Temple, were busier Monday than two one-armed paper hangers trying to beat

a contract deadline. Why?

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., assistant pastor of an Atlanta Baptist church pastored by his father, was coming to town Wednesday,

MR. STINSON and Mr. Temple were conferring with other city officials, with local police and state troopers.

July 3, to make a speech.

In Norfolk on Friday directors of the Virginia chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference voted to turn out in force here

Wednesday for a mass meeting at Peters Park. The Rev. Dr. King, theologian, philosopher and advocate of the civil disobedience credo of India's late Manatma Gandhi, was to be the principal speaker.

SOMEHOW, IT seems that action usually follows the leader of the "turn the other cheek" and "love your enemies even if they slay you" school of thought turns up in any town.

Remember Montgo mery, Albany, Birmingham and even New York's Harlem, where Black Muslims pelted the little doctor of philosophy with eggs as late as Sun-

When Dr. King comes to (See DANVILLE, Page 2)

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(Continued from Page 1) a town, the civil rights movement goes into high gear.

FREEDOM marches, prayer protests and picketing, sit-ins and sit-downs take on new meaning, although the price participants pay often is braving hurricane force of high pressure water hoses, bared fangs of police dogs, tear gas, the paralyzing force of electric cattle prods, sometimes clubbing by police and attacks by whites on the sidelines, and of course, jail.

When word got around that Dr. King was to speak in Suffolk, Va. Friday night, authorities immediately began to marshal their law officers, although no protest demonstrations were planned.

DANVILLE IS Virginia's hottest spot in civil rights. Sometimes it is referred to as "Little Birmingham."

One of Virginia's most active civil rights lawyers,

Leonard W. Holt Jr. of Norfolk, has been languishing in jail here under an indictment charging inciting to riot. Eleven others have been indicted on the same charge.

Trial of five of Mr. Holt's clients were postponed in Municipal Court Friday be-

cause he was in fail.

TRIALS OF the scores, including ministers, who have been arrested here in connection with month-long demonstrations, were scheduled to begin Wednesday.

If Dr. King ures Negroes and white sympathizers to march to a city hall, court-house or jail for prayer and hymn singing on the steps, they march. By hundreds.

That's what Mr. Stinson and Mr. Temple were think-in about as they prepared to battle Dr. King's philosophy of love and non-resistance with the might and majesty of the city and the Commonwealth of Virginia.