

# Dr. Martin L. King To Make Tour Of Virginia

PETERSBURG, Va. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will make a people to people tour of sections of Virginia under the auspices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dr. King will be accompanied by the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, executive director of S.C.L.C.; the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, treasurer of S.C.L.C.; the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, secretary of S.C.L.C., and Mrs. Dorothy F. Cotton, educational consultant of S.C.L.C. The people to people tour will be concentrated in the fourth Congressional District commonly known as The Black Belt Region of Virginia.

**DR. KING'S** appearance will accentuate a voter-registration drive in Virginia. The S.C.L.C. Unit of Virginia sees voter registration as the answer to many of the problems confronted by Negro citizens.

Dr. King's coming was geared to give his personal support to the Rev. Curtis W. Harris, president of The Hopewell Improvement Association, who will be tried on a contempt charge in Hopewell on March 9, for failing to reveal information that would intimidate citizens who are members of The Improvement Association. Ministers from all sections of The Old Dominion will join Dr. King and his

travelling staff in the support of Rev. Mr. Harris on Thursday, March 29.

**DR. KING** will arrive at Byrds Airport Tuesday morning March 27, at 9:30 a. m. and will hold a press conference there. He will then be taken into Petersburg where he will meet civic leaders, clergymen, professional and layman in a noon day luncheon at Zion Baptist Church where the Rev. R. G. Williams, a board member of S.C.L.C., is member. Dr. King will then go on his first people to people tour in Petersburg, personally knocking on doors accentuating the South-wide Voter Registration Drive.

The people to people tour will be in Lynchburg at 6 p. m. where Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Dr. King will speak at the E. C. Glass high school under the sponsorship of The Lynchburg Improvement Association, the Rev. Virgil R. Wood, president.

**DR. KING WILL** visit Prince Edward county, Dinwiddie county, Prince George county, Chesterfield county, Hopewell and Virginia State College where he will speak at 1 p. m. Wednesday, March 28. His Virginia tour will climax Wednesday, March 28, at First Baptist Church of Petersburg, Dr. Milton A. Reid, minister.

All Virginians are invited to see and meet Dr. King personally. All clergymen desiring overnight accommodation are urged to write or phone The Southern Christian Leadership Office, RE 2-5641.

The trial of Rev. Mr. Harris will begin at 10 a. m. Thursday, March 29.

For other information regarding the tour call Dr. Milton A. Reid, president of Virginia State Unit, S.C.L.C. and general tour chairman.

Dr. King's appearance is being co-sponsored by The Lynchburg Improvement Association, The Petersburg Improvement Association and The Hopewell Improvement Association.