

# King Warns Of Racial Violence In LA, Oakland, Other Cities

NEW YORK (UPI) — At least 10 "powderkeg" cities across the nation could be wracked by racial violence this summer, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King warned.

"I'll still preach nonviolence with all my might, but I'm afraid it will fall on deaf ears," King said yesterday, cautioning that conditions still exist in Cleveland, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Oakland, Washington, Newark and several large southern cities which could lead to summer rioting.

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King, who addressed a mass protest rally against the Vietnam war Saturday, declined to name the southern cities.

"I'm sorry to have to say this, but the intolerable conditions which brought about racial violence last summer still exist," said the Baptist minister and 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

## Draft Card Burners

King disassociated himself with the estimated 100 young men who burned their draft cards Saturday in Central Park before marching with an estimated 125,000 other demonstrators to hear King's denunciation of the war at United Nations Plaza.

nor did it have anything to do with the draft card burning portion of the day and certainly nothing to do with the burning of the American flag."

In San Francisco, an estimated 60,000 persons massed in a companion protest demonstration. Some 25,000 paraded four miles through the downtown

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area to Kezar Stadium, where they were met by 35,000 more persons to listen to speeches urging an end to United States participation in the fighting.

Although both cities were returning to normal today after the weekend invasion, there were indications further mass protests would be held.

Kipp Dawson, director of the West Coast effort, said the turnout Saturday demonstrated "the depth and breadth of the opposition to the war that is developing in this country."

"In our eyes, this is just a beginning," she said. "We plan to keep going, to continue this type of activity, until the war is ended."

"I am concerned," Rusk said, "that the authorities in Hanoi may misunderstand this sort of thing and that the net effect of these demonstrations will be to prolong the war and not to shorten it. If we heard that 100,000 people were marching in Hanoi for peace, we would draw very important conclusions from it."

Rusk questioned whether "Hanoi is sufficiently sophisticated to understand that this is not the way the American people come to their decisions, and that these demonstrations will not

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affect the conduct of the war." Asked about the Rev. Martin Luther King's statement that the war was causing worldwide revulsion toward the United States, Rusk said, "I wish these people would let other nations speak for themselves and not be so quick to say what they

think" the nations believe.

The secretary reaffirmed Johnson administration policy against any halt in U.S. bombing of North Vietnam — as King and others have suggested — without a reciprocal move by Hanoi to reduce the level of hostilities.

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