

Martin Luther King Scores at D. C. Press Luncheon

**Hits Church Bias,
JFK; Praises The
Brave New Negro**

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — While the Kennedy Administration is "friendly to civil rights" and has done much to foster a favorable climate, it has failed to exert leadership equal to the "enormity of the problem," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., told a National Press Club luncheon Thursday.

Dr. King, recognized as America's leading exponent of non-violence, said the "most powerful force that is breaking down the barriers of segregation is the new determination of the Negro himself."

Speaking of his recent experience in Albany, Ga., where he elected to go to jail rather than pay a \$178 fine, the man who engineered the Montgomery bus protest in 1956 said a new situation is taking place in the South.

He said that for the first time, instead of Freedom Riders being ejected from lunch counters and hauled off to jail, they are now being kicked out of jail.

The speaker called the church "the most segregated major institution in America. I am ashamed to have to confirm that 11 o'clock on Sunday morning . . . is the most segregated hour of the week."

Few Voting Complaints

WASHINGTON — The Civil Rights Commission has reported a sharp drop in the number of Negroes complaining to the agency that they were not permitted to vote.



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