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#### The Aftermath of the Riot that Occurred in Memphis

The march that was held on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> did not last thirty minutes before violence occurred. It was intended to begin at Clayborn Temple and ending at City Hall where Dr. Martin Luther King was to speak. However, the march was discontinued because of violence on the part of some of the participants. What really caused the violence can only be answered by those participating in the looting and rock throwing.

The purpose of the march was in support of the sanitation strikers which, as a result, brought the Negro community closer. It brought them closer by proving that they were together for once and that the mass along with the leaders could let the councilmen and mayor know how they felt. It also proved that not only did the Negroes object to what was going on but that whites as well were marching in support of justice and equality on jobs.

However, the violence that occurred in the Beale St. area did not accomplish the Negro community anything but clothes and the items which did not settle the issue---

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---that the sanitation workers had confronted to the mayor. Had it been a peaceful march as intended, there would have been no need for state troopers [illegible]. First of all, I feel that no one [illegible] to fight for what is his. For example, [illegible] states citizenship and equality for everyone regardless of race, which as a result [illegible] is the right of the Federal Government to step in [illegible] these rights were not dealt with properly. Nothing can be accomplished by violence, but much can be done in a peaceful and orderly manner.

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