

Daley's Aim: Resolve Rights Issues

Willing to Meet to Work Out Solutions

Mayor Daley said yesterday he hoped "there can be some reason" in the civil rights campaigns here and that "people will try to work out their problems over the conference table."

His statements came when he was asked for comment on an editorial in yesterday's TRIBUNE assailing continued civil rights marches into Chicago neighborhoods, with resulting disorders, and advocating that Chicago Negroes make clear they want Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "and his sort to stay out of Chicago."

Hopes to Resolve Issue

A reporter asked Daley whether he would back a huge rally backed by Negroes, as suggested by THE TRIBUNE, in which they would make clear they wanted an end "to this campaign to stir up antipathy of white people."

"I'm for anything that will put an end to what is happening in our city," Daley replied.

In response to another question, Daley said he hoped Dr. King "will reconsider his position to accelerate the marches" when he returns from the convention in Jackson, Miss., of the Southern Christian Leadership conference, which he heads. He said he hoped there will be some way of resolving the problems without marches.

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Meanwhile, two Republican aldermen, John J. Hoellen [47th] and Edward T. Scholl [41st], announced they had prepared petitions calling on Daley to use police powers to halt civil rights marches in Chicago.

They invited civic and neighborhood organizations and others interested to obtain copies at 4051 Lincoln av., headquarters of Hoellen's campaign for 11th district congressman, and at 7036 Higgins rd., Scholl's office, and circulate the petitions.

The petitions contend police no longer can guarantee life and property "as a result of tumult and agitation caused by these marches," and that the marches should be halted "so questions of public policy may be determined in an atmosphere of law and order."

King Needs a Victory

They contended Daley could halt the marches thru provisions of the city code requiring parade permits.

One influential Negro alderman, asking not to be identified, said he "agreed 100 per cent" with THE TRIBUNE's editorial.

"We feel that Dr. King is



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Mayor Daley (right) with Edward Marciniak (left) and Ely M. Aaron of Chicago Human Relations commission during conference about city's civil rights demonstrations.

seeking a way to get out of Chicago," he said. "He has to have some kind of a victory. And we are trying in every way to avoid pouring more fuel on the fire."

Ald. David W. Healy [13th], whose ward includes the Marquette park area, scene of recent marches and disorders, said emotions are at "a seriously high level" in that area; that he believed "further marches would create a clear and present danger of riot and civil disorder."

Cites Present Danger

Healy appealed to Dr. King and his associates to cancel all marches and demonstrations planned in Chicago.

"I make the appeal in the light of the present danger, not only to residents of Marquette park and other areas, but to the many Negroes who must travel thru some of these areas to em-

ployment or recreation," Healy said.

Later in the day, after a meeting with the Chicago Human Relations commission, Daley said:

"We are asking everyone to try and restore our city to law and order. If it means refraining from marches, we hope they would do this."

A commission member, the Rev. Marshall Scott, head of the Presbyterian Institute of Industrial Relations, interjected, "So there will be no misunderstanding, the commission has taken no action to ask that demonstrations stop."

Want Public Off Streets

The commission chairman, Ely M. Aaron, said the commission was urging people to stay off the streets during demonstrations. He and others attending said the commission will do all possible to enforce

the city ordinance prohibiting real estate men from discriminating in sale and rental of housing.

At the press conference earlier, Daley was asked what would be discussed in the conference he advocated as a substitute for marches. He said:

"Have real estate people violated city ordinances on freedom of residence? We would sit down and see if other questions can't be worked out."

Offers New Meetings

Asked if he would like to meet with Dr. King again, he said: "We've met with Dr. King. We'll meet with anybody."

Daley was asked if there was not precedent for suspending such marches in the interests of peace and order. He summoned Raymond Simon, city corporation counsel.

"If the march is peaceful and orderly," Simon said, "and its purpose is lawful, it is the government's sworn duty to protect the marchers."

Interprets the Law

Simon cited a Supreme court decision, involving Alabama, that the state is obligated to protect the marchers and, if unable to do so, should call in federal marshals.

Replying to another question, Simon said "our interpretation" is that marchers using streets require permits, but extending this to sidewalks "would render the ordinance unconstitutional." If extended to sidewalks, he said, a permit would be required for Boy Scout groups or children marching to churches.

He said that when marchers went into streets recently, they did so at invitation of police because the sidewalks were overcrowded.