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King Jr. took issue yesterday with statements of Mayor Daley that news coverage of riots and demonstrations often causes violence. King called the coverage "justified."

"Civil rights is our most serious problem today," he told the annual conference of Radio Television News Directors association in the La Salle Hotel. "Cameras just reveal to the people the disturbance that is already there." Dr. King said Mayor Daley has an opportunity to express his views every day in press conferences. He also warned that "dark days face the civil rights movement" because of Negro riots and the nomination of Lester Maddox in Georgia. He called rioting "self-defeating" and said it is necessary to recognize a distinction between rioting and nonviolent demonstrations.

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The Rev. Martin Luther