

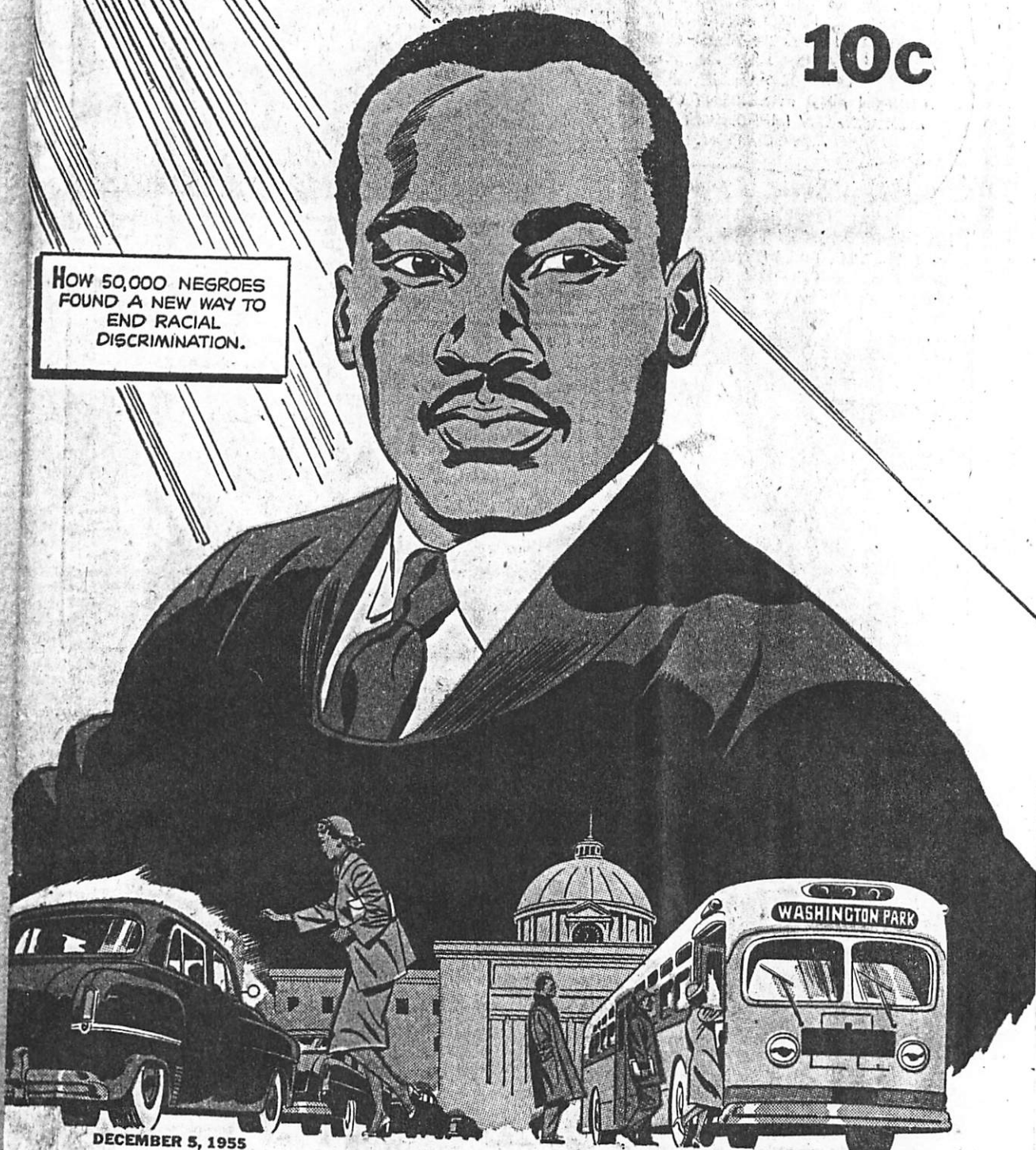
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Since the NAACP has been enjoined from all activities in Alabama, Birmingham has organized what they call the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, and the Montgomery Improvement Association has filed formal incorporation papers for business. Now they are all set for gifts from the Fund for the Republic.

MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THE MONTGOMERY STORY

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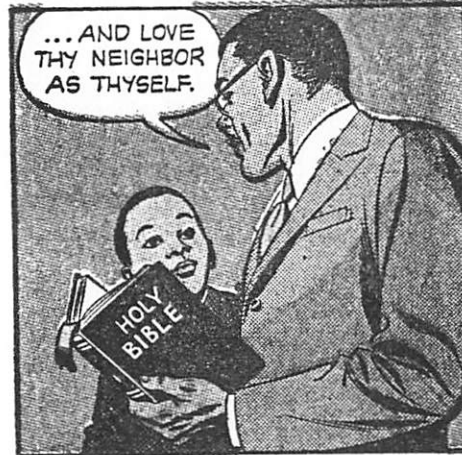
MRS. AUD
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IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, 50,000 NEGROES FOUND A NEW WAY TO WORK FOR FREEDOM, **WITHOUT VIOLENCE AND WITHOUT HATING**. BECAUSE THEY DID, THEY PUT NEW HOPE IN ALL MEN WHO SEEK BROTHERHOOD, AND WHO KNOW YOU DON'T BUILD IT WITH BULLETS. NO ONE PERSON MADE THE MONTGOMERY STORY, BUT ONE MAN'S NAME STOOD OUT AMONG THE HUNDREDS WHO WORKED SO HARD AND UNSELFISHLY. THAT MAN WAS 29-YEAR-OLD MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MINISTER OF THE DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH AND PRESIDENT OF THE MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

YOUNG MARTIN GREW UP IN THE SHADOW OF THE CHURCH. HIS FATHER WAS PASTOR OF ONE OF THE LARGEST BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ATLANTA, WHERE MARTIN WAS BORN.



THE BASIC BOOK IN THE KING HOUSE WAS THE BIBLE. FROM IT YOUNG MARTIN EARLY LEARNED JESUS' TEACHINGS ABOUT **LOVE** AND ITS POWER.



MARTIN FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AT 15 AND ENTERED MOREHOUSE COLLEGE IN ATLANTA. THERE HE WORKED WITH THE CITY'S INTERCOLLEGIATE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, WITH BOTH WHITE AND COLORED STUDENTS.



AT CROZER SEMINARY, ONE OF SIX NEGROES AMONG NEARLY 100 STUDENTS, HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND GRADUATED AT THE HEAD OF HIS CLASS...



WHILE HE STUDIED FOR A PH.D. DEGREE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, HE MET AND MARRIED CORETTA SCOTT, A PRETTY YOUNG SINGER.



NORTHERN CHURCHES WERE OPEN TO THE YOUNG MINISTER, BUT IN 1954, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HIS BRIDE DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE SOUTH.



FIRST, DECIDE WHAT SPECIAL THING YOU'RE GOING TO WORK ON. IN MONTGOMERY, IT WAS BUSES; SOMEWHERE ELSE IT MIGHT BE **VOTING, OR SCHOOLS, OR INTEGRATED CHURCHES**. DON'T TRY TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING WRONG AT ONCE.



SECOND, BE SURE YOU KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT THE SITUATION. DON'T ACT ON THE BASIS OF RUMORS OR HALF-TRUTHS. FIND OUT.



THIRD, WHERE YOU CAN, **TALK** TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW YOU FEEL, AND WHY YOU FEEL AS YOU DO. **DON'T ARGUE**--JUST TELL THEM YOUR SIDE, AND LISTEN TO THEIRS. SOMETIMES YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO FIND **FRIENDS** AMONG THOSE YOU THOUGHT WERE ENEMIES.

NEXT, BE SURE YOU ARE READY. **JOIN** WITH OTHERS WHO FEEL THE WAY YOU DO. HAVE SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE COME IN TO TELL YOU HOW TO GET READY. TRY **PRACTICE** SITUATIONS AS WE DID IN MONTGOMERY. MAKE SURE YOU CAN FACE ANY OPPOSITION **WITHOUT HITTING BACK, OR RUNNING AWAY, OR HATING**.



WHEN YOU ARE READY, THEN GO AHEAD, AND **DON'T TURN BACK** NO MATTER HOW HARD THE WAY OR HOW LONG THE STRUGGLE. WHEN MY FRIEND, THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, FOUND HIMSELF ABOUT TO BE PUT IN JAIL IN MONTGOMERY, HE PRAYED, "GOD, I'M **AFRAID** TO GO TO JAIL. I'VE NEVER BEEN IN JAIL BEFORE. IF I GO, GOD, WILL YOU GO WITH ME?"