

# ONE

pressurized water hoses on them, threw bombs and dynamite at them, destroyed their churches, fired them from their jobs, set fire to their homes, kicked pregnant women, burned crosses, connected explosive devices to the ignitions of vehicles, assaulted them with intent to kill, shot some, wounded, some, blew some faces away, simply murdered others and for others they not only murdered but also castrated and generally mutilated them. The aforementioned were some of the lesser acts of brutality. The greater act was that none, in positions of authority, did anything to stop it. Verbal reprimands ran rampant but they rolled right off the rabble rousers who were ready, roaring and raring to send recalcitrant "righters" reeling and rolling in the red river clay of an apparently racist republic. Most merely tsk tskilly looked the other way.

An atmosphere of lawlessness, which had always existed under the surface, was beginning to become more and more apparent.

Americans had not yet learned that so long as any American's rights are not protected and so long as any American is not safe, the Republic isn't safe.

"We shall overcome." Everywhere, those lyrics could be heard. What had started as a mere trickle was growing into a tidal wave of aspirations for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Martin Luther King became the tube through which the seeds, which had been planted in 1776, traveled to the eggs of the principles of democracy. In manner more spiritual than that utilized in "Network," he said to millions of Americans to join him if they were as "made as hell, and not going to take it any more."

Friends and enemies. They were everywhere. How do you tell what the enemy looks like. You just have to risk it out. Some of his enemies, who regretted the conditions which Margaret Mitchell described when she wrote: "There was a land of cavaliers and cotton fields called

the Old South. Here in this pretty world, gallantry took its last bow. Here was the last ever to be seen of knights and their ladies fair, of masters and of slaves. Look for it only in books, for it is no more than a dream remembered. A civilization "gone with the wind," was determined to return things to the way they were in the "good 'ol days" of a hundred years before.

Martin Luther King was equally determined that not only would such not occur but that the status quo would be changed. His efforts carried him around the country, including Las Vegas. His travels made

*He did not do it to make a name for himself*

*He was not in it for the glory*

*He was not a very abrasive man*

*Just one who thought democracy was holy*

*On numerous occasions he placed his life on line*

*On numerous times he was attacked*

*Each time his efforts were seemingly thwarted*

*Somehow he would manage to come back*

*To thousands of people he extended his hand*

*In efforts to make them stand tall*

*When the powers that be rained down their force*

*He stood with his people, one and all*

*What does friendship mean to you?*

*Is it merely for relationships filled with fun?*

*To Blacks & Whites and all lovers of democracy*

*Martin Luther King was indeed "The One"*

him aware of the plight of other groups of people in America and he sought to bring the attention of the nation on those conditions under which a large percentage of Americans lived. He did not win each time, but each time he kept coming back.

From the beginning, he had realized that there were risks involved but he also realized that it mattered not how long a person lived but how that person lived. He went to the mountain top and he saw the other side. On April 4, 1968, America's best friend stepped into eternity.

# JACOB

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come tax" has been suggested as a replacement for the welfare system. Introduced on a sliding scale, it would provide helpful supplements to low income working families while providing a minimum acceptable level of sustenance for the poor and correct the inequities of the present welfare system.

If such an income maintenance program were to be part of a reformed tax system then it would be assured of wider support. But without such a combination of an income maintenance system and the

tax system, there is no justification for moving to a flat rate tax.

The present problem lies in the loopholes, not in the progressivity of the tax system. People are angry about taxes because the system is not fair — It is not progressive in its workings and the average wage-earner often pays higher rates than the wealthy.

Stripping away loopholes would broaden the tax base enough to lower all rate levels and result in a progressive tax system people can respect.

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