

KING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TO DRAW HOST OF PUBLIC FIGURES

ATLANTA — A dazzling line-up of performing artists and national leaders has been slated for the largest observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday yet held. The program, which begins Jan. 8 and continues through the 16th, is being sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change.

"With the enactment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday bill, King Week '84 promises to be the most exciting celebration we have ever held," explained Center president Coretta Scott King in announcing the scheduled events. "This year's program is designed to help us mobilize a national consensus to achieve the goals of

the 20th Anniversary March On Washington and set the stage for making this new holiday substantive and meaningful." The theme for the 8-day program is "Mandate for the Beloved Community: Forging a Covenant for Jobs, Peace and Freedom."

Selected highlights of King Week '84 include:

- A star-studded gala benefit for the King Center entitled "A Celebration of Life: A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 8. Featured performers include: Ray Charles; Cicely Tyson; Joan Baez; Debbie Allen; Lou Gossett; Irene Cara; Patrick Duffy; Ben Kingsley; Phyllis Hyman;

Patti LaBelle; Robert Guillaume; Willie Stargell; Dick Gregory; Michael Warren; Tremaine Hawkins; Robert Hooks and Paul Simon. (To be aired locally on Jan. 14 & 15. Check local TV Guide for time and channel.)

- 8th Annual Atlanta Interfaith Service on Jan. 8. Sermon by Rev. Wyatt T. Walker, Pastor Canaan Baptist Church, New York City.

- Tree planting ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol and in more than 41 states, including Georgia on Jan. 9.

- Teach-ins on Martin Luther King, Jr. at a number of Georgia public schools on Jan. 10.

- A regional conference on "Implementing

the Peoples' Platform," co-sponsored with S.C.L.C. and the Voter Education Project, will launch an intensive voter registration participation drive in the greater Atlanta area on Jan. 11. Participants include Coretta Scott King, Walter Fauntroy, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Geraldine Thompson.

- A major national conference on "World Peace and Global Justice Through Nonviolence" on Jan. 12 with former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, National Organization of Women president Judy Goldsmith, Rep. Ron Dellums, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, Rep. Bill Gray and others.

- Miss America, Van-

essa Williams, space shuttle astronaut Lt. Col. Guion Bluford and Martin Luther King III will address 4,000 Atlanta public school students at a rally in the Atlanta Civic Center, also on Jan. 12.

- 9th Annual Labor/Management / Government Social Responsibility Awards Breakfast, followed by corporate social responsibility awards seminar. Participants of these two events include: Mel Bradley, special assistant to the president of the U.S.; Thomas Gleason, President of the Longshoremens Association; Samuel Pierce, Secretary of H.U.D.

- Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, will deliver

the keynote address at the 16th Annual Ecumenical Service on Jan. 14.

- Former president Jimmy Carter will speak in tribute to Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, honoree, at a "Salute to Greatness Dinner" on Jan. 14 at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

- Mayor Young, Mrs. King, Dick Gregory, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, Dr. Lowery and Georgia Secretary of State Max Cleland will lead a mass march from The King Center to the State Capitol on Jan. 14.

- A Cultural matinee performance of "The Trash-Can Kid," an original theatrical pro-

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