

MARCH ON WASHINGTON — A view of the throng which sur rounded the reflecting pool near the Lincoln Monument in D.C. This was the site of the to be famous "I Have A Dream" speech delivered by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

-Coretta King

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ing to do in this center is to focus our action on policy changes.

We have brought together coalitions around the issues of the day. Martin's prophetic vision has not been realized, and we are trying to move toward it as we commemorate the holiday.

The holiday can at least give people a framework. Many people who worked with Martin didn't fully understand him. They were swayed by his personality, charisma, but they didn't understand his spirit.

The thing that drove him was that innerforce. Unless you understand that, embrace that kind of force, then you too can be a force - anybody can be a force.

You never attack a person --you attack the policy. You keep the distinction very clear and somehow when you do that, even you disagree with people, its done in that way. It creates a climate of goodwill, a climate of goodwill by not doing that-- not attacking anyone.

Try to communicate with people you disagree with. We always felt the center had to represent all people. So when we established the center, we brought on the board, trustees or directors.

We had to make sure we had ministers and church people represented well. We had to make sure we had civil rights and human rights represented well.

We had to make sure we had poor people and people who spoke directly for grassroots types and we had to have professionals and in business if we could find any.

It also had to integrate - Jewish people, Catholic, at least three Protestants.

We started out in 68 with Caesar Chavez on our trustee board, but I worked with the United Farm Workers through 69 and 70 - went out and conducted mass meeting in front of jail. Caesar was in jail when I went out there.

We tried to promote the boycott on lettuce and grapes, etc. and he was recipient of Martin Luther King Non-Violent Peace Prize.

Caesar Chavez's United Farmworkers movement was patterned after Martin.

When I went out in 72 to La Paz which is his headquarters, it reminded me of the early days of our struggle when we had an office, with no furniture, hardly nothing. Very simple.

And Caesar, apparently had tried to keep things around him simple, too, because he read Gandhi. Gandhi too led a very simple life. The farm workers didn't have very much, so what Caesar was doing was trying to identify with those people by trying to live pretty much like they lived.

We went to India in 1959, and you know when you're born in a middle-class family and you have all the trappings of the middle-class and all of a sudden you're thrust into a role where you have to deal with these other things. How do you deal with it.

You know people will accuse you of not be-

ing interested. We went to India and were there for about a month. We went to all Ghandi's centers and we talked to people who followed Gandhi about Gandhi. We wanted to deepen our understanding of Gandhi.

Martin said, "most counties I go to as a tourist, but India I come to as a pilgrim." It was really a real pilgrimage for him.

When he thought about Gandhi's simplicity that he avowed to it, wasn't that way at first - Gandhi was a low-class lawyer, started in South Africa.

But over a period of 40 years, Gandhi led the struggle in South Africa first then in India, then he came to a point where he vowed poverty and lived with his wife as a sister and he vowed celibacy.

Well you know all about dealing with all this kind of stuff in India- and, of course, the loin cloth and his walking cane - he had no worldly possessions.

So we read about Christ and he didn't have

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Labor organizations formed the backbone of the 1963 March on Washington. Some of the supporters included Charles Zimmerman (L) of AFL-CIO; Dr. King, Joe Curry, Maritime Union, and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and one of the organizers of the march.

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