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The greatness of Martin Luther King Jr.

was one of the greatest men this Philadelphia, of Bishop Henry society has ever produced is McNeal Turner a politician and substantiated by the fact that the Bishop of the AME Church who country that he was born into was a militant crusader for viewed segregation as ordained justice and an avid proponent of by God and man yet by the end of emigration to Africa, and of the King's life the legal basis for many nameless preachers who segregation was eliminated. In struck blows for their people's the brief 39 years of his life freedom. tremendous social changes took King was obviously a man of place, many of them a result of destiny who like Jesus of

son, husband, father, brother, when the Roman Empire had and minister. He was much more unified his part of the world with and style of the black preacher to though. Martin Luther King, Jr. a central authority and a good the total society. was one of a long line of prophets road system. Dr. King came to thundering out condemnation of maturity in a world that had sura corrupt unjust society and issu- vived the coming of the atomic ing a challenge for it to live up to age and the widespread turmoil

the selfless efforts of Dr. King Nazareth, came along at the proper historical moment. Jesus turies, but King's rise to pro- tion of the church in social af-

your motto be resistance," of fruits that their recent military Richard Allen who founded the service had entitled them to. The AME Church and was the world in which King came to

the eloquent black preacher. King. These exhorters had been inspir- First, King advocated and ing the black community for cen-symbolized the active participaminence and the media exposure fairs. King, along with others he received brought the power took the church out of the con-

The effect on society was electrifying. King's oratory, brilliance and unique strategy of ma Ghandi in India prior to that,

development of the electronic tion Workers Strike, Dr. Martin media. King was a great orator, Luther King tried mightily to get poetic without being pretentious this nation to live up to the lofty and instructive without being rhetoric of its founding condescending. He was a speaker documents. There were several in the long and great tradition of major contributions made by Dr.

> brought it out on the picket line. insisting that the gospel was both

nonviolent passive resistance Christianity of the white church captured the attention of the which had, for the most part, world. Although he did not invent been either supportive of dant of Nat Turner the one they restless colonial subjects, civil disobedience as a tactic, segregation or silent about it. He called the Prophet, of Rev. Henry discontented blacks within the such actions had been used by firmly, but in a spirit of recon-

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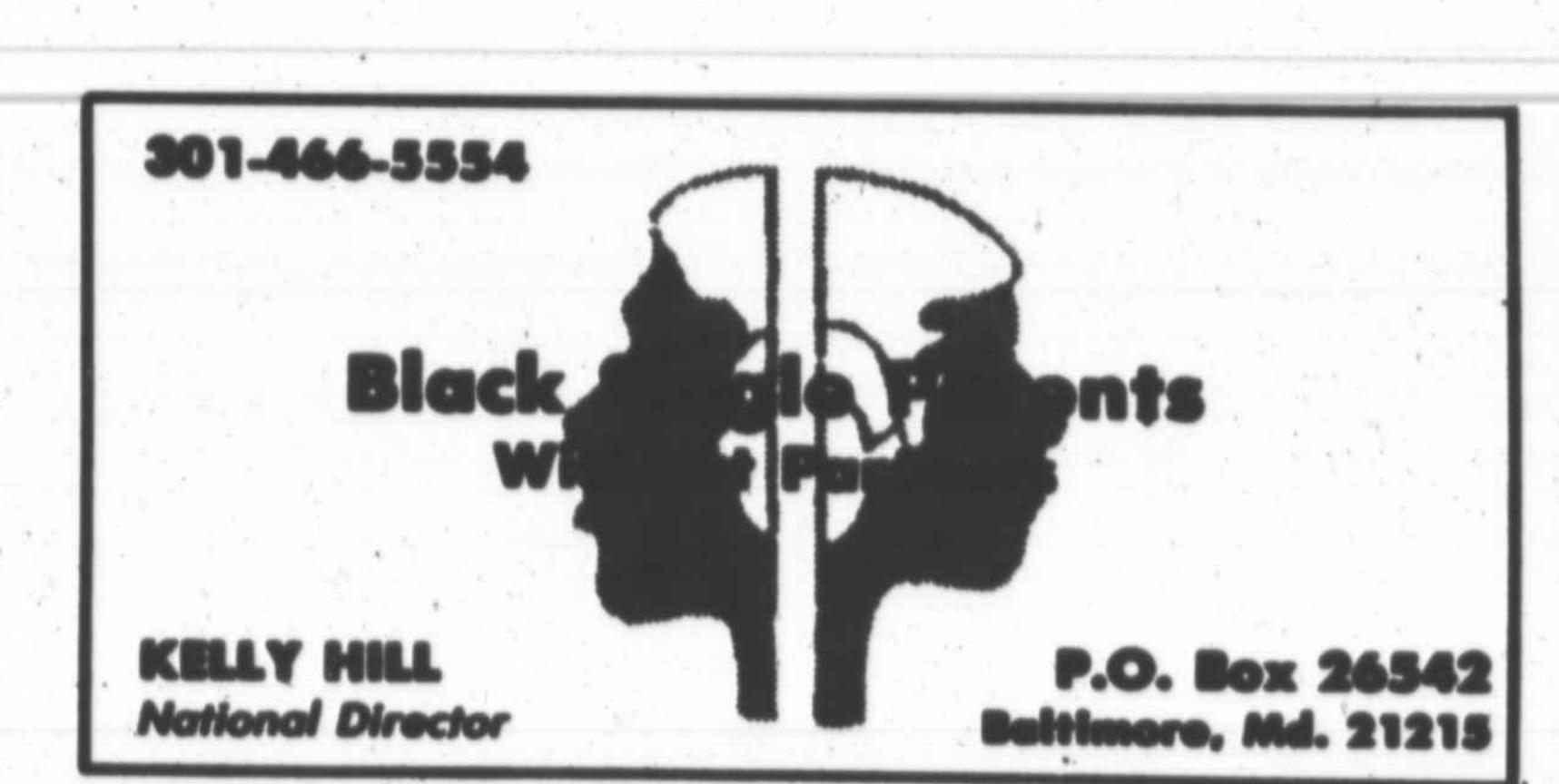
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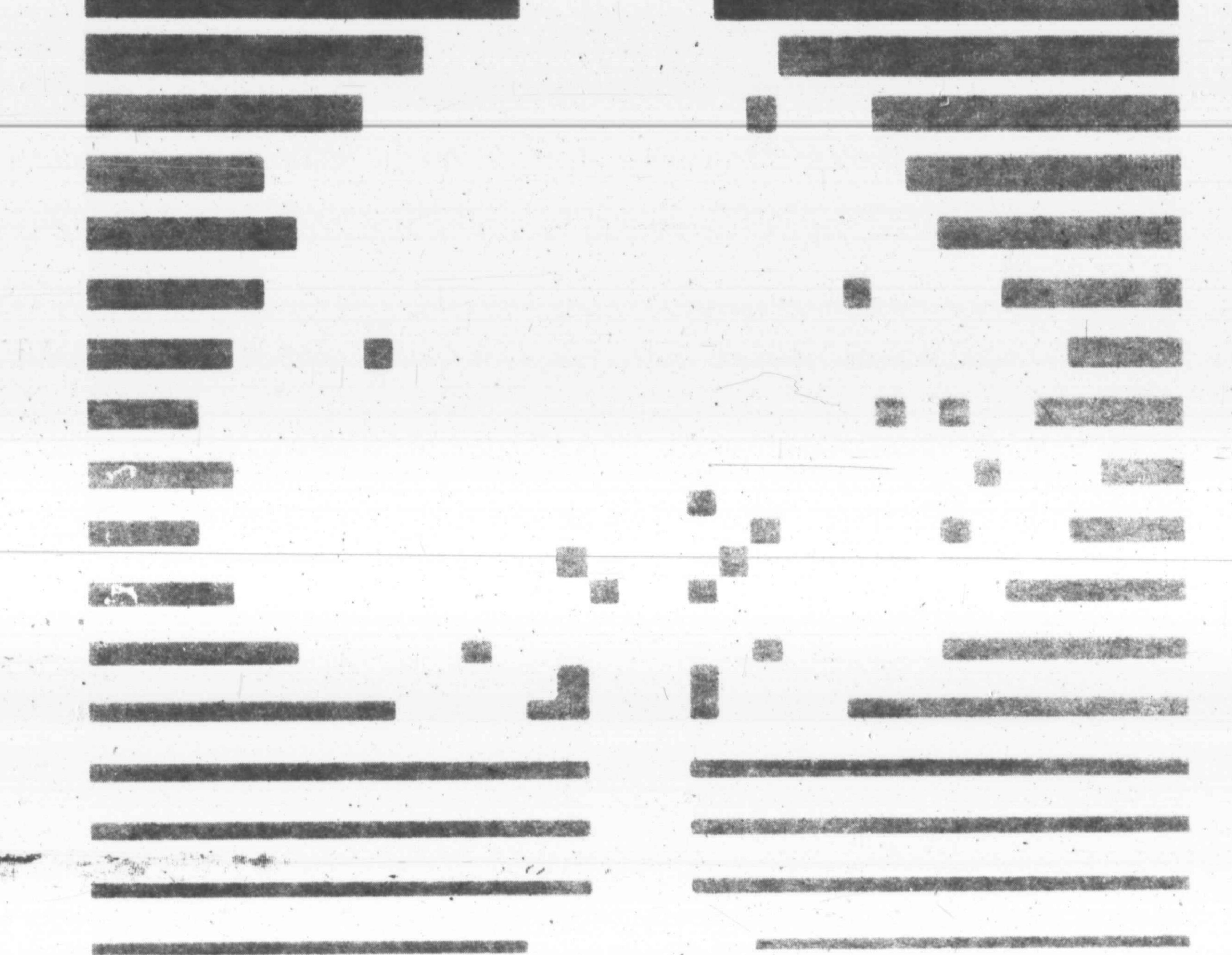




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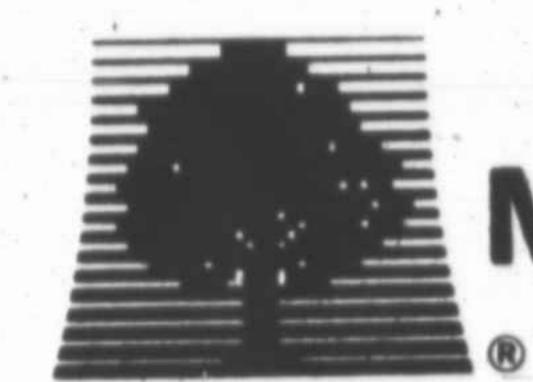
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