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QUAKERS WILL SPONSOR TRIP
OF MONTGOMERY LEADER TO INDIA

Philadelphia--Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King will leave February 3 on a Quaker-sponsored trip to India, where they will study the Gandhian non-violent movement.

During a month in India they will meet with top leaders of the government as well as the Gandhian movement. Mrs. King will be particularly interested in examining the role of women in the Indian independence movement.

The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) has been planning the trip for several months. James Bristol, the Committee's representative in Delhi, and Dr. William Stuart Nelson, dean of Howard University, have been making arrangements in India.

Dr. Nelson is the former director of two programs in India for the Quaker organization. He is in that country now studying non-violence as currently applied to the political life of India.

The Kings will be accompanied by Dr. Lawrence Reddick, professor of history at Alabama State College, who will study basic education programs in Gandhian centers.

A prominent Indian leader will accompany the Kings during their travels in the country.

Also cooperating in the visit of the Kings is the Gandhi Peace Foundation, a new international center devoted to the teachings and philosophy of Gandhi.

Dr. King gained national and international recognition when he led the successful bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. He is pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery and president of the Montgomery Improvement Association and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The latter two organizations also helped make the trip possible.

His story and analysis of the Montgomery protest, Stride Toward Freedom, is being widely acclaimed.

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