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I am sure that every student must stand in awe of the efficiency of our fantastic police force and ever-vigilant Student Affairs when the security of this campus is threatened by panty raids. From all directions, bolstered by an amazing number of student police, pour these defenders of truth, justice, and the American way to pull ID cards with the skill of seasoned veterans.

However, the 10% (liberal estimation) of MSU students who are not racist necks (Yes, Cresswell, this includes you, too) may be wondering where the SS was during the services for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

While a group of approximately 70 Neanderthal types stood outside of the Chapel singing Dixie, waving Confederate flags (It is interesting to note that those who so vehemently condone "patriotism" choose as their banner the Confederate flag--symbol of the greatest traitors this nation has ever known.) and heaving missiles through the Chapel windows, our campus' finest made little effort to break up the disturbance which warranted at least the same punitive action as any panty raid participant has received.

While professors and their wives were assaulted with the basest language possible, while university property was damaged, while the YMCA was placed under seige, while the flag was raised to full mast (in violation of a Presidential proclamation), and while the rope was finally cut (which according to federal law is just as illegal as burning the flag) not one overt move was made by the fuzz or Student Affairs.

No doubt should Lurleen Wallace die there will be a great cry of anguish from all Mississippi for this martyr of racism, bigotry, and suppression of human dignity. The racist swine will file into their segregated churches and picture studded chapels to pray for her soul (she'll need it!).

I suggest that if at that time, 70 people gathered outside of the chapel waving American flags and singing WE SHALL OVERCOME, we would see our fuzz in full form pulling ID's, shoving around, and doing all of the fascist things that have made this state the great cesspool that it is.

This university through its inaction has condoned racism. When the educational institutions of this state take such a stand it merely reinforces the thesis that Mississippi will change in only one way--BY BURNING IT TO THE GROUND!

Those necks who performed in front of the chapel that day from their leaders to the basest cretin better rejoice now, because non-violence is all but dead. Their little burgs will be ashes this summer, and the time for singing will stop.

I cannot condone violence, but racist Mississippi seemingly leaves no choice.

It was John Kennedy who said, "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible, make violent revolution inevitable."

Memphis' bloody crime and the incidents that day two weeks ago indicate the seeming impossibility of peaceful revolution. Change will come, and Missis-

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sippi has chosen the path by which it shall enter.

Laugh now, racist. It won't be easy tomorrow.

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