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Break Resistance In Mississippi, King Tells Group

ATLANTA (AP) — Negro integration leader Martin Luther King Jr., said Thursday night that opponents of segregation "must concentrate on Mississippi."

He told an Atlanta University audience that "Mississippi stands as a symbol of resistance. If we can break segregation there, other places will fall."

King's remarks on Mississippi came during a question and answer session following a lecture on nonviolent direct action—such as sit-ins—as a weapon against segregation.

In reply to a question, he said desegregation will come to Mississippi schools as it has come in other areas. The first problem, he said, is to find parents who are not afraid to sign desegregation applications. In due course, courts will order Negroes admitted to white schools, he said.

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