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The visit of the Reverend Martin Luther King, jr., to Davenport, April 28, will of necessity be brief, officials of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council announced today.

Dr. King is scheduled to appear at the C.I.C. civil rights banquet at 7 p.m., Wednesday 28, in the Davenport Masonic Temple when he will formally receive the 1965 Pacem in Terris peace and freedom award.

Responding to numerous inquiries from interested persons and organizations, Charles W. Toney, C.I.C. president, revealed in a statement today that Dr. King's only appearance while in the city will be at the C.I.C. banquet.

Because of an already crowded schedule, Dr. King will not arrive in Davenport until shortly before the banquet. He will depart early the following day, Toney stated.

The C.I.C. president further disclosed that the auditorium facilities of the Masonic Temple will not be used April 28. Arrangements, however, have been made for more than a thousand places at the banquet.

All banquet ticket sales are being handled by mail. Tickets priced at \$10 a plate may be obtained by addressing requests, with remittance, to C.I.C., P.O. Box 866, Davenport, Iowa. No tickets will be sold the evening of the banquet.

In other action the executive board of C.I.C., Monday, telegraphed an expression of sympathy with assurance of prayers to the family of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, Detroit mother of five who was killed late last week while participating in the Montgomery, Alabama, civil rights rally.