

On the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

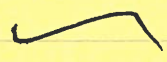
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I began this class today with a heavy heart at the tragedy that has befallen America. As Dean, I would be remiss in my duty to the calling of the law if I did not take this opportunity to denounce the outrageous ^{and foul} crime that has been committed in the slaying of a distinguished American, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. Martin Luther King. The Constitution guarantees the right of peaceful assembly to petition for the redress of grievances. Dr. King exercised that right and sought social and economic justice for those of his race, for the poor and ^{for the} ~~the~~ ^{convict} ~~convicted~~. His penalty was death, ^{no doubt} ~~no~~ ^{conceived} in the mind of some maniac ~~and~~ ^{but} nurtured in the discord bred by a searing hate which should never exist between American citizens. The criminal act of one man has created a grave situation throughout the Nation.

What can one do or say? I suggest that we all search our own consciences and that we ^{now} bow our heads in a moment of ~~silent prayer~~ ^{silence} ~~prayer~~ ^{silent prayer} asking that somehow we may find the way to justice, to peace and to harmony among all men in this great Nation, regardless of a man's creed or the color of his skin.

