Mrs. King To Give Class Day Speech

Mrs. Martin Luther King will take the place of her late husband as a speaker at Class Day on June 12.

The 1968 Class Committee had originally invited King as its own guest speaker to discuss the issues of civil rights and the Vietnam war.

But after King was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn.—only a week after he accepted the Harvard engagement—the Committee extended the invitation to Mrs. King, and she has accepted.

“Whenver it was impossible for my husband to be in a place where he wanted to be and felt he needed to be,” Mrs. King said after the assassination, “he occasionally sent me to stand in for him.”

The Class Committee and Administration representatives will meet tonight to work out the final format for Mrs. King’s visit.

King’s address, which was originally expected to deal with what the Committee called in its invitation letter “Asian conflict and urban crisis,” had been scheduled for the morning of Class Day in the Sever Quadrangle. But it is understood that Mrs. King’s remarks may be brief, and the Committee may change its plans for the speech.

First Time

The King invitation was the first time that a senior class had invited its own speaker to Commencement ceremonies.

Members of the Class Committee and of an ad hoc group of seniors confirmed that the purpose of the speech was to assure that the questions of war and peace were touched on during Commencement week, and to dramatize the singularity of a year in which many seniors face immediate induction.

Class Day has traditionally been reserved for orations and skits, although Dean Ford attacked the Vietnam conflict as “a bum war” in his Class Day speech last year.

Unaware of Plans

At the time of her husband’s death, Mrs. King was unaware of his plans to speak at Harvard, according to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference office in Atlanta. King was president of SCLC.

But she consented to appear in his stead when the Class Committee contacted her through a personal friend at Harvard.

Rocky, Gene Win

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller won the Massachusetts Republican Primary over Gov. John A. Volpe with 30,773 write-in votes. Volpe received 29,545 votes.


F.B.I. Searches Cabot for Origin Of Bomb Threat

Last weekend both the Secret Service and the FBI were at Cabot Hall, Radcliffe, investigating a telephoned bomb threat on the White House that had been traced to Cabot Hall.

The threat was made at 2:50 a.m. last Friday by a male, who asked to talk to the White House Secret Service and then told them he had planted a bomb in the East Room.

He talked for forty-five minutes, allowing the Secret Service to trace the call twice. Five minutes later he called back, said there was no bomb, and apologized.

The call was traced to a phone in Cabot Hall. The phone’s owners said they were asleep at the time. Other girls on the floor were questioned and have corroborated their story.

“We’re convinced that the telephone company made a mistake in tracing the call, or that someone worked out a method of plugging into our line,” one of the girls said.

FBI Takes Names

The FBI took the names of all males who had been in Cabot Hall during parietal hours on Thursday. However, parietals end at 10 p.m. during the week, and the dormitory is locked at 12 midnight.

The Secret Service returned Monday afternoon because they had received another apologetic call about the bomb threat. This call apparently was not traced back to Cabot.

The FBI refused to comment on the story, but they did admit that there was an investigation going on.