

Dr Martin Luther King, Arrested

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On 30 January 1956, the house of Civil Rights activist, Dr Martin Luther King was firebombed. Three weeks later he was arrested and ordered to pay a fine and court costs of five hundred dollars or three hundred and eighty six days of hard labour. The alleged 'crime' was his support for the boycott against racial segregation started by Civil Rights heroine Rosa Parks. City officials used the full weight of the criminal justice system to crush the boycott.