**Meeting MLK**

***James Lawson Biography #4***



excerpts from *The Children* by David Halberstam (1998)

*On the eve of his assassination, Martin Luther King called Lawson "the leading theorist and strategist of nonviolence in the world."*

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THE EVENTS WHICH WERE just about to take place first in Nashville … Movement.

By chance, a few months after Jim Lawson had arrived [as a divinity student] at Oberlin in the fall of 1956, Martin Luther King was invited to speak there.

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When the speech was over, …sought to place each other.

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Lawson spoke of his particular interest in what King and the others …Korean War.

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When Lawson mentioned his time in India, King had gotten excited and had spoken … Jim Lawson had heard himself saying, “Yes, I understand. I’ll arrange my affairs, and I’ll come as quickly as I can.”