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THE MONTGOMERY BUS PROTEST

(I) The origin and background

 (A) It is an eruption of a ground swell of social unrest
 (L) Some incidents causing social unrest

(B) Keeping the flames of unrest alive
 (2) Some of the leaders who contributed

(C) Preparing the people for the eventful hour

 (1) Uprooting deep seated fears of personal injury
 in a struggle for justice and human rights

(a) Fear of being jailed

(b) Fear of economic insecurity

(II) The Nature of the movement

(A) This is a movement of passive resistance

(1) Emphasis on non-violence in a struggle for justic
 (B) Persons contributing to the idea of passive resistance
 (1) A letter by Mrs. Morgan in the News Papers

(III) Choosing leadership for the crisis

(A) Here the hand of providence may be seen clearer than at any other point. Lava from the eruption ran together and conggealed into a solid mass. Individuals lost their group conscienceness. Church people forgot their denominational affiliations. At this point a man was chosen who had just come into the community. His fitness for leadership at such an hour is attested to be what has happened since the beginning.

(B) Men of more experience have followed like the least of the movement. Few if any of us have sought to take the others crown.

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(IV) Over comint the opposition's methods of control in such crisis

(A) The divide and conquer method

(B) The conflict of nerve

(V) The willingness on the part of the masses to suffer for this cause.

(A) Car pools

(B) The many who walks day after day

(VI) Prayers as a controlling factor;

(A) It has cooled the passions of those who might have resorted to violence

(B) It has encouraged those who might have become faint-

(C) It has given forceful status to the movement across the nation.

(D) It has taught many how to discipline themselves in the ordeals and social struggles