

VI The Boycott Plan





After Mrs Rosa Park's arrest, Martin Luther King and other black leaders were angry about the unfair system on the buses in Montgomery, Alabama. They thought that all black people should stop using the buses, so that the bus company would lose a lot of money.

On the following Sunday, the ministers of all the black churches told people about the boycott. The Montgomery Bus Boycott had begun.

The next monday, no black passengers rode on the buses and the bus company lost a lot of money.

All through the early months of 1956 the black community continued their boycott. They did not use the buses: they walked. The Mayor and many of the whites in the city tried hard to break the boycott and they found an old Alabama law which said that boycotts were illegal, and Martin was arrested. But in November the US Supreme Court agreed with the Federal Court that segregation on the buses in Alabama was illegal and the boycott was over.

When segregation on the buses finally ended on the 21 of December 1956, Martin Luther King was the first black passenger. With him was Mrs Rosa Parks, the brave woman who had begun it all.

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