

Transcribed Excerpt from "Why Should We March" Flyer, 1941

Why Should We March?

15,000 Negroes Assembled in St. Louis, Missouri

20,000 Negroes Assembled in Chicago, Illinois

23,500 Negroes Assembled at New York City

Millions of Negro Americans all Over This Great Land Claim the Right to be Free!

FREE FROM WANT!

FREE FROM FEAR!

FREE FORM JIM CROW!

"Winning Democracy for the Negro is Winning the War for Democracy!" – A. Philip Randolph

What is the March on Washington Movement?

It is an all Negro Mass Organization to win the full benefits of democracy for the Negro people. It is pro-Negro but not anti-white nor anti-American.

What Has the Movement Done?

1. Won Executive Order No. 8802 from the President of the United States of America barring discrimination in war industries, government agencies and defense training because of race, creed, or national origin, the only such order issued since the Emancipation Proclamation.
2. Won the appointment of the Fair Employment Practices Committee to enforce this order.
3. Won thousands of jobs for Negroes in defense industries.
4. Brought together millions of Negroes in key cities all over the United States of America to protect against injustice and to demand redress of their grievances.

What Is Its Purpose?

1. To develop a disciplined and unified program of action of the masses of Negro people directed toward abolishing all social, economic and political discrimination.
2. To develop a strategy for non-violent struggle against jim crow and for the full integration of Negroes into every phase of American life.
3. To develop leadership from the mass of Negro people to struggle in their own behalf.