





Montgomery Bus Boycott organized by
MIA (Montgomery Improvement
Association) named Martin Luther King, Jr
leader

December 5 – 90% of AA stayed off buses
“my feets is tired but my soul is rested.”

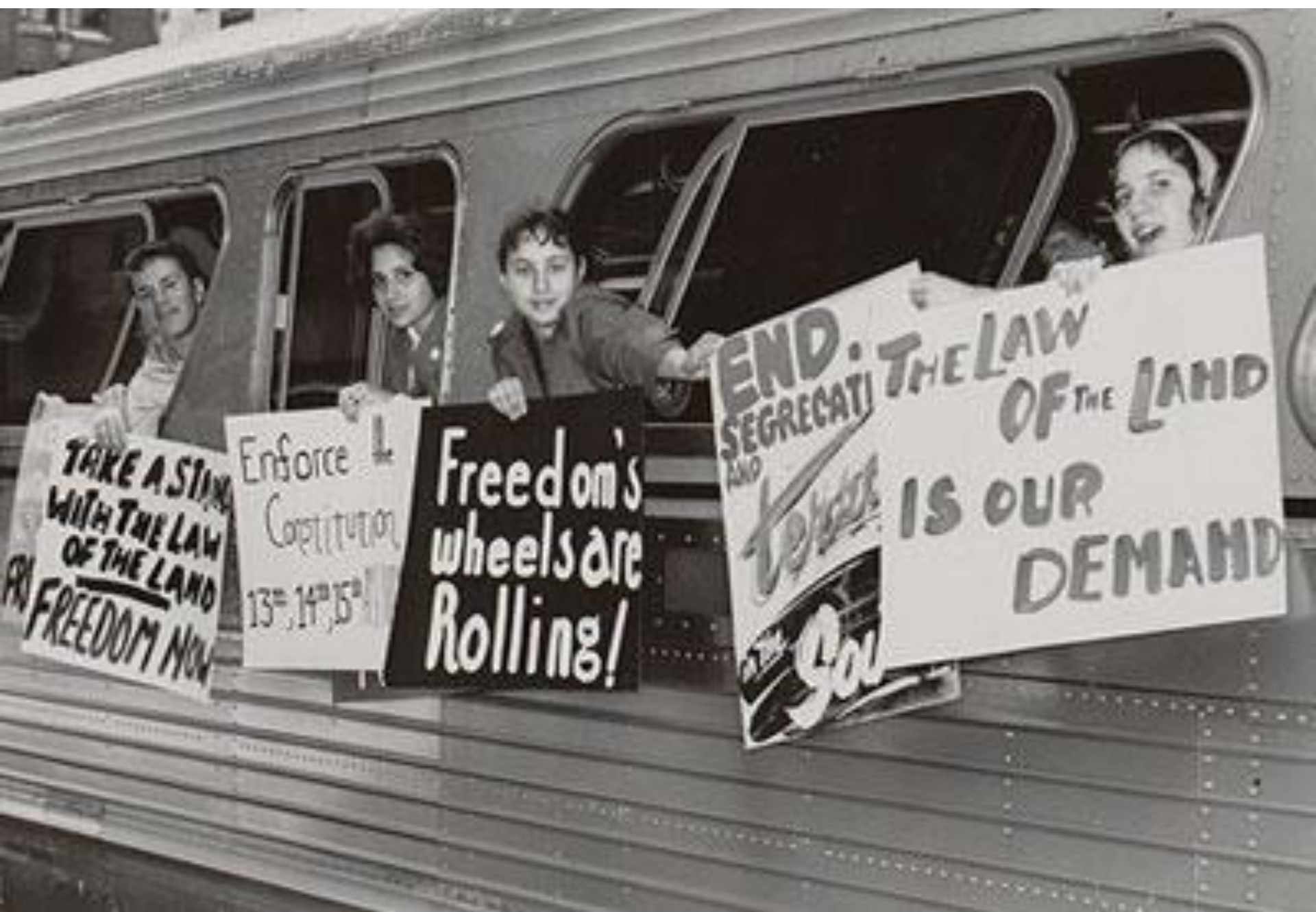
MLK promoted nonviolent protests





Freedom Rides – organized by CORE – bus rides through the deep south to test federal government

Buses firebombed and attacked by mobs



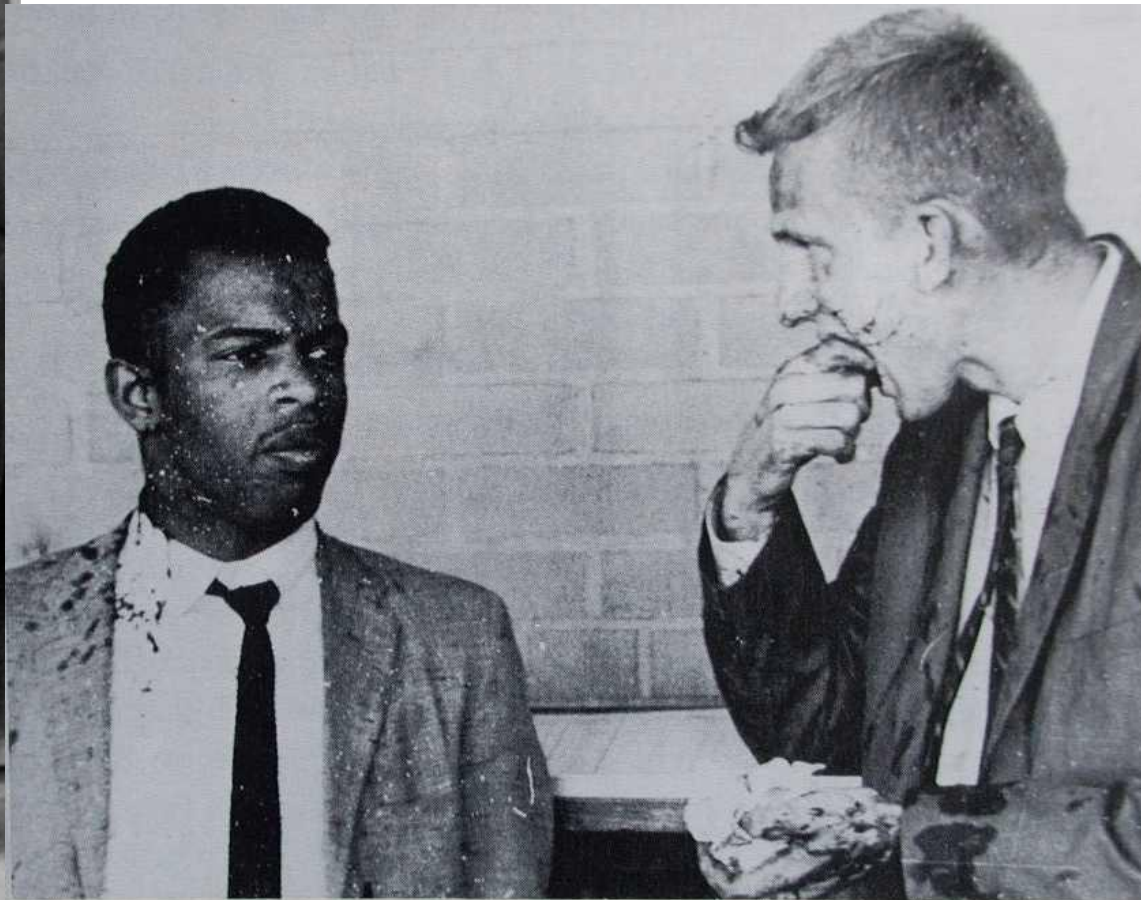
TAKE A STAND
WITH THE LAW
OF THE LAND
FOR FREEDOM NOW

Enforce the
Constitution
13th, 14th, 15th

Freedom's
wheels are
Rolling!

END
SEGREGATION
AND
THE LAW
OF THE LAND
IS OUR
DEMAND





John Lewis and Jim
Zwerg, after being

Birmingham Campaign

Birmingham, Alabama - most segregated city

“Bombingham” – More than 50 ‘unsolved’ bombings

Goals:

- Integration
- fair hiring practices
- a biracial committee to work toward desegregating the schools





Bull Connor – Commissioner of Public Safety



- beatings
- dogs
- high pressure fire hoses

















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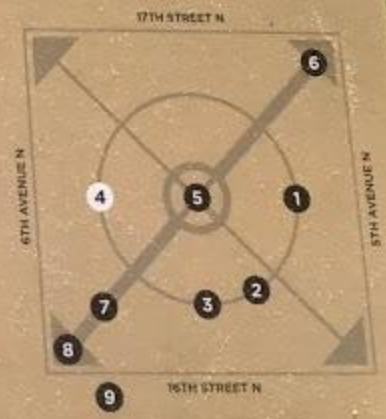
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WATER CANNONS

Bull Connor ordered the fearless "Child Crusaders" to be blasted with high-pressure fire hoses, and he once again loosed the dogs on the young demonstrators. When the media finally exposed the nation to the cruel scene, President John F. Kennedy attempted to intervene, but a defiant Connor continued to brutalize and imprison indiscriminately.



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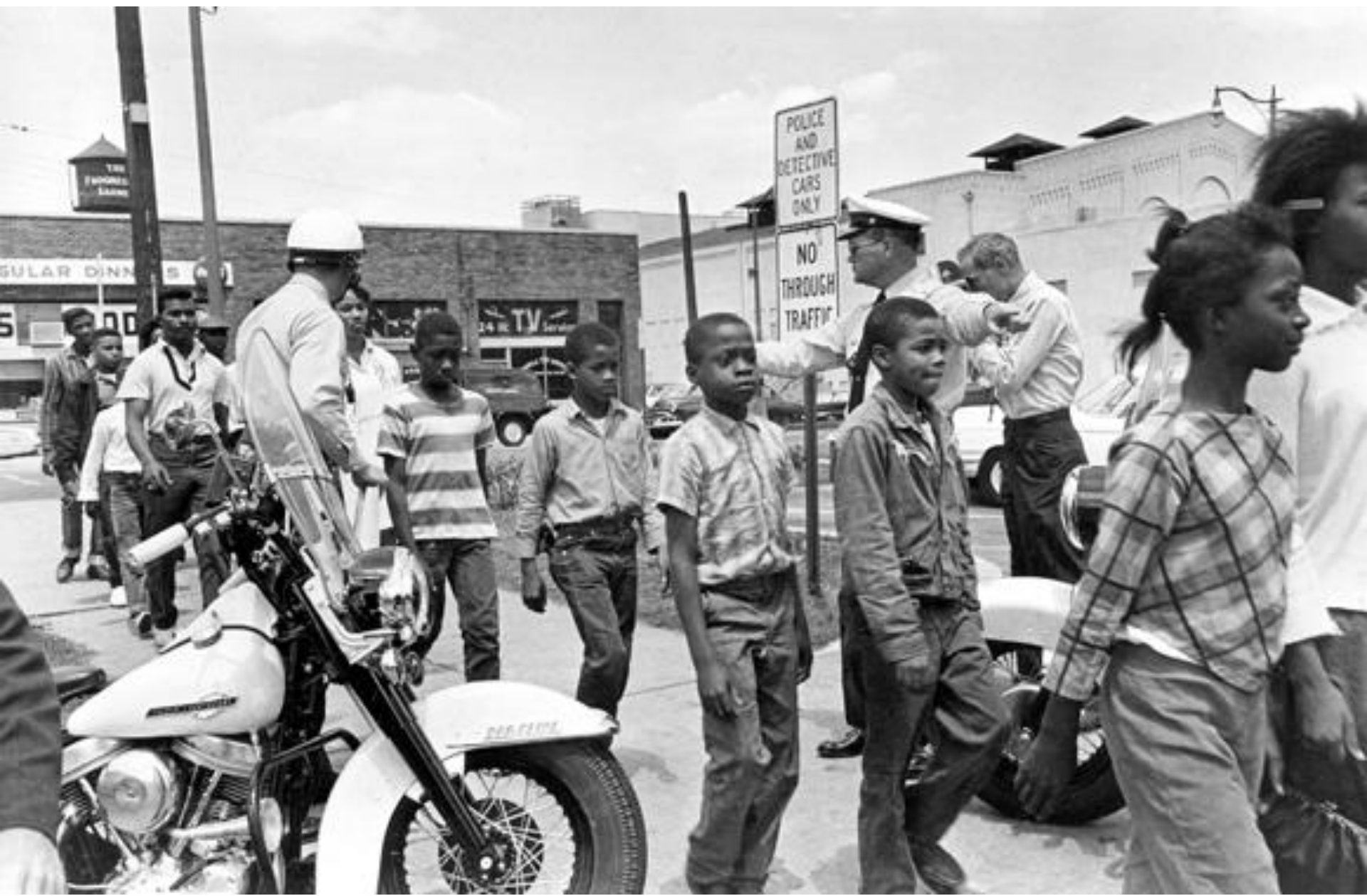




Children's Crusade

News crews leave - James Bevel suggests using children demonstrations – less to lose than adults

Bull Connor orders it stopped – children arrested







“Don’t worry about your children; they are going to be alright. Don’t hold them back if they want to go to jail, for they are not only doing a job for themselves, but for all of America and for all of mankind.” –MLK



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THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

In May 2, 1965, more than 1,000 students stopped school and marched a 20-mile anti-poverty march at the 16th Street Baptist Church. The march was inspired by a petition signed by more than 600 children that day. In the hour-long march, 1,000 students filled the park to watch the parade. What do you think about the way that our country is doing?



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Sept 16, 1963 10:22 AM - 16th St Baptist
Church bombed

4 killed:

Addie Mae Collins, 14

Cynthia Wesley, 14

Carole Robertson, 14

Denise McNair, 11







<http://www.16thstreetbaptist.org/>



10th St N

BAPTIST CHURCH

ONE WAY

NO PARKING







SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

**NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARK**

THIS PROPERTY POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
IN COMMEMORATING THE HISTORY OF THE
UNITED STATES. IN 1963 IT WAS THE STAGING GROUND
FOR THE BIRMINGHAM CAMPAIGN CIVIL RIGHTS YOUTH
MARCHES AND THE PLACE WHERE A BOMB KILLED
FOUR YOUNG GIRLS, "MARTYRED HEROINES OF A HOLY
CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY."

2006

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR









KKK members responsible

Robert Chambliss – convicted 1977 on 4 counts of murder, life in prison

Thomas Blanton Jr – convicted 2001 on 4 counts of murder, life in prison

Herman Cash – died 1994 before conviction

Bobby Cherry – convicted 2002, life in prison

Ballad of Birmingham – Dudley Randall

*“Mother dear, may I go downtown
Instead of out to play,
And march the streets of Birmingham
In a Freedom March today?”*

*“No, baby, no, you may not go,
For the dogs are fierce and wild,
And clubs and hoses, guns and jails
Aren’t good for a little child.”*

*“But, mother, I won’t be alone.
Other children will go with me,
And march the streets of Birmingham
To make our country free.”*

*“No, baby, no, you may not go,
For I fear those guns will fire.
But you may go to church instead
And sing in the children’s choir.”*

*She has combed and brushed her night-dark
hair,
And bathed rose petal sweet,
And drawn white gloves on her small brown
hands,
And white shoes on her feet.*

*The mother smiled to know her child
Was in the sacred place,
But that smile was the last smile
To come upon her face.*

*For when she heard the explosion,
Her eyes grew wet and wild.
She raced through the streets of
Birmingham
Calling for her child.*

She clawed through bits of glass and brick,

Then lifted out a shoe.

“O, here’s the shoe my baby wore,

But, baby, where are you?”

March on DC for Jobs and Freedom

August 28, 1963



over 200,000 attend, 25% white

Organized by NAACP, SNCC, and SCLC
All day program with speakers and singers

Fed gov't prepare for violence

Goal: national civil rights legislation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n82rgdbM9G4>









Result:

Civil Rights Act of 1964

Freedom Summer – 1964

Thousands of volunteers – mostly black and white college students work for voting rights for all in deep south

Southerners view “invasion” of outsiders

Mississippi targeted:

fewest AA registered to vote (6.7% in 1962)

National legislation made no real
difference – literacy tests, poll tax, and
intimidation

Over 1,000 arrested, 80 beatings, 37 AA churches and 30 AA homes/businesses firebombed or burned









*HELP MAKE
MISSISSIPPI
PART OF THE
U.S.A.*

REGISTER TO VOTE ★

Violence

3 volunteers disappeared June 21

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael
Schwerner

Investigating church bombing, pulled over
for speeding – incarcerated and released
after dark

Murdered by KKK

Discovered Aug 4 buried in dam

MISSING CALL FBI

THE FBI IS SEEKING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ON JUNE 21, 1964. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE GOODMAN, CHANEY, AND SCHWERNER, WHO ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ANDREW GOODMAN



JAMES EARL CHANEY



MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER





2005 - former Baptist minister Edgar Ray Killen (80 years old) convicted of manslaughter and recruiting killers – 60 years prison



April 4, 1968 – MLK assassinated at 39

Memphis – Lorraine hotel balcony

James Earl Ray



LORRAINE MOTEL

NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM





Informational sign with red and white text, likely describing the cars on display.

Informational sign with white text, likely describing the cars on display.



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1965



Lorraine
MOTEL

MLK50
APRIL 4 2018











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THE LORRAINE MOTEL

Originally the Windsor Hotel (c. 1925) and later one of only a few hotels for blacks, it hosted such entertainers as Cab Calloway, Aretha Franklin, Count Basie, B. B. King, and Nat King Cole. Walter and Loree Bailey bought it in 1942, renaming it the Lorraine. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated outside Room 306 on April 4, 1968, making it a symbol for the civil rights movement. In 1982, a local nonprofit group saved the site from foreclosure for use as America's first civil rights museum.

JACQUELINE SMITH
IN PROTEST HERE
31 YEARS 85 DAYS

Welcome to the James Earl Ray Memorial

My aim is to relocate the National Civil Rights Museum and establish the Lorraine Motel as a living testimony to Dr. King's dream

- Shelter for the homeless
- Assistance for the needy
- Care for the elderly and infirm
- An end to gentrification
- Help for the unemployed
- Support for drug and alcohol addictions

Nearly 22% of Memphis children living at home are below poverty line, much higher than national average



the well off and the secure have too often become oblivious to the pain and degradation in their neighborhoods

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Where were the road blocks in 1968?

NO PARKING
FIRE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES ONLY
ALL OTHERS
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NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM
THE LEGACY
AT THE TERRY LEE MEMORIAL BUILDING & BOARDING HOUSE

— Dr. MLK Jr
Monday - April 11, 1968
In Memphis, Tennessee



the windows in the next room.
Photographs used to guide reconstruction of bathroom.



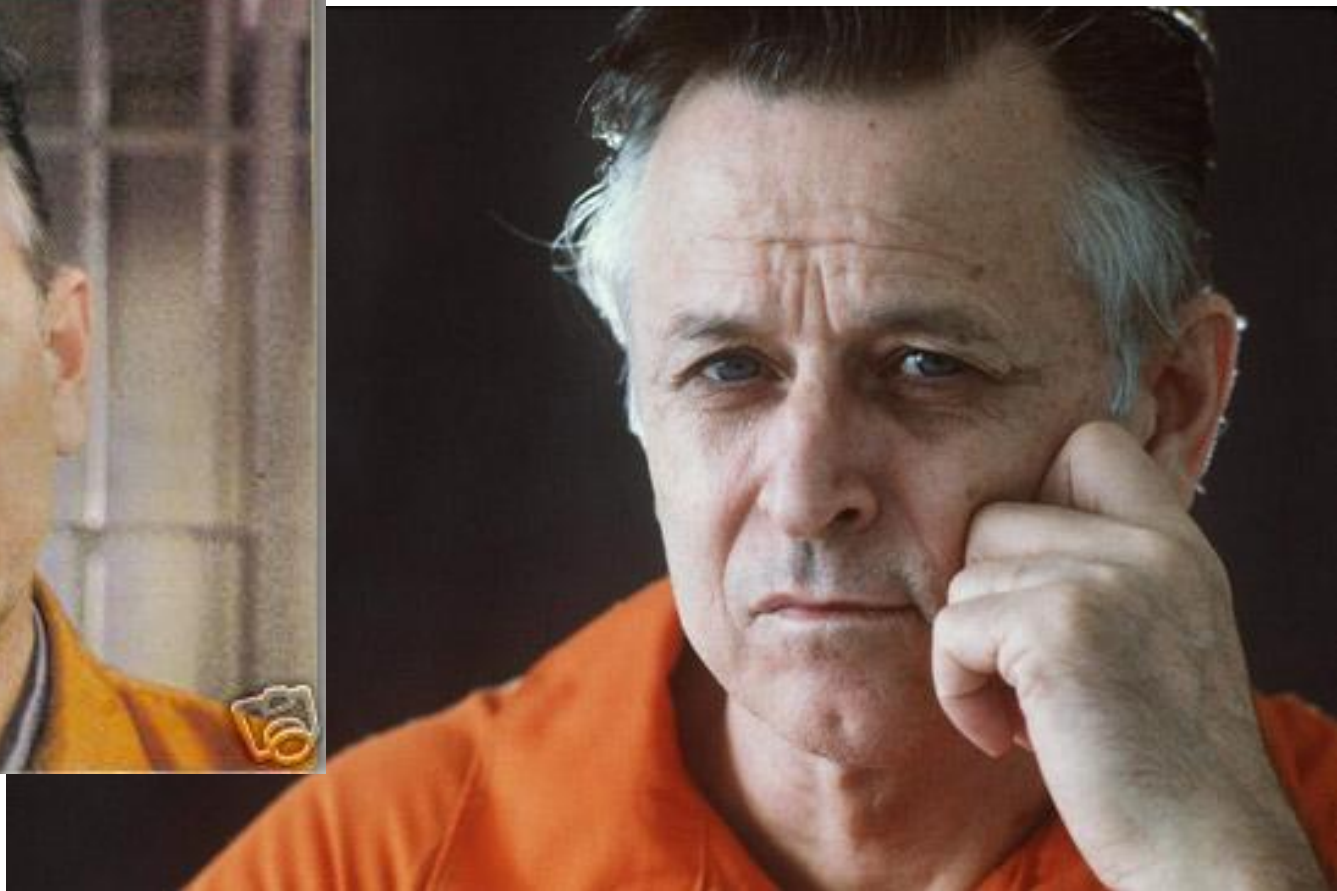
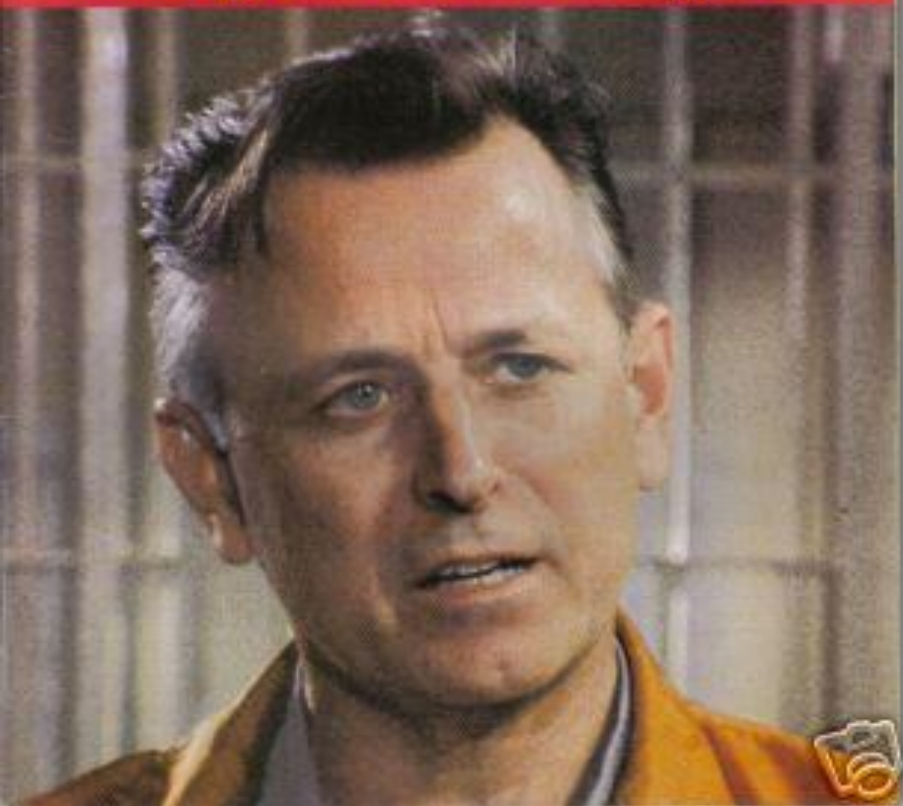


In Color: The Queen's Jubilee

June 20, 1977 / \$1.00

Newsweek

Ray's Escape



Black Nationalism – belief in AA national identity – separation from whites

Malcolm X – represented militant side of CRM. Clashed with MLK – promoted education, self defense, action

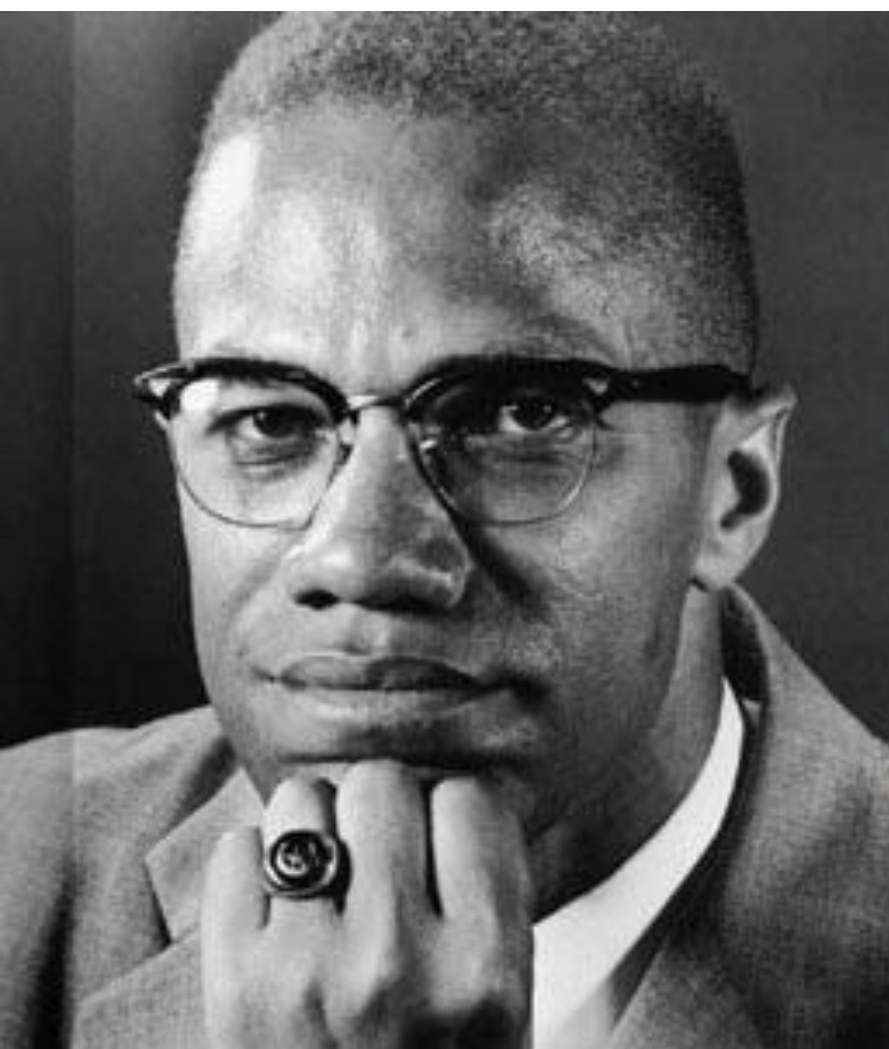
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Yes, I was there. I observed that circus. Who ever heard of angry revolutionists all harmonizing "We Shall Overcome. . .Suum Day. . ." while tripping and swaying along arm-in-arm with the very people they were supposed to be angrily revolting against? Who ever heard of angry revolutionists swinging their bare feet together with their oppressor in lily-pad park pools, with gospels and guitars and "I Have A Dream" speeches?

And the black masses in America were--and still are--having a nightmare.



"Nobody can give you freedom. Nobody can give you equality or justice or anything. If you're a man, you take it."

Malcolm X

**Concerning 'nonviolence' --
it is criminal to teach people
not to defend themselves,
when they are the victims of
constant brutal attacks.**

-Malcolm X



Born Malcolm Little

Imprisoned

Brother Reginald visit – shared the teachings of Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam

1952 - Malcolm Little changed last name to X to represent stolen history



Nation of Islam taught:

1. Whites actively work to keep AAs from empowering themselves and being successful - “White devils”
2. **Separatism**: segregation – AAs should have own separate black state
3. Protect and honor women

1964 – Left NOI – targeted for
assassination

February 21, 1965 – 3 NOI gunmen rush
Manhattan stage and shot 15 times



EDMUND PATTUS BRIDGE



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14'-10"

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