

March on Washington Movement

A. Philip Randolph: Therefore, the March on Washington Movement is designed to affect the dramatization of the civil rights revolution. The March on Washington Movement will serve as witness of commitment on the part of negroes all over America, as well as our white brothers and sisters, in a great model protest against racial bias.

The March on Washington Movement will provide an opportunity for the ordinary man to have participation in a great demonstration for his own liberation. It will give him a sense of his importance and responsibility to do something about the problem of abolishing racial bias.

Moreover, the March on Washington Movement will bring into focus, world focus, the struggle of peoples of color in America for first class citizenship. It will have the value of giving the peoples of the world some concept of this problem, because it will highlight the idea of the struggle of negroes in America to achieve the transition from second class citizenship to first class citizenship.

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