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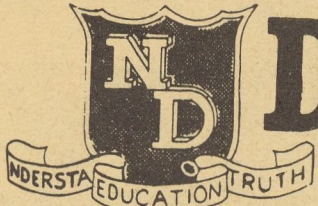
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# A Beginning Is Made

## The Civil Rights Bill Is Still in Jeopardy But the Power and the Grace of Yesterday's Freedom March Was Felt Thruout the Land

# NORTHWEST DEFENDER



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## EXCLUSIVE ISSUE

### Weary NW Marchers Start Return; Bus Due in Portland Sunday A.M.

By ALLEN HOFFARD  
Reporter's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Forty weary Pacific Northwesters boarded a homeward bound chartered bus at dawn Thursday after participating in Wednesday's historic march on Washington.

The civil rights demonstrators assembled at 5 a.m. for the return trip in the same bus which was plagued with mechanical difficulties and other delays on its east-bound journey.

They expect to arrive at their starting point, Highland Congregational church in Portland, Sunday morning. Fifteen will continue on to their homes in Washington state.

Marchers Wednesday night got their only chance of the week to sleep in beds, as house guests of members of the Christian Family movement, a Catholic group, in suburban Washington's northern Virginia communities of Arlington and Alexandria.

The early reveille made the visits very brief, however.

The hospitality, which had previously been scheduled for Tuesday night, was arranged by James Hunt, manager of Portland's Catholic Bookstore, who served as "advance man" for the bus riders.

Having arrived more than 12 hours late, the Portland contingent entered Washington just in time for the march and went directly to the assembly area. They carried signs prominently identifying them as Oregon citizens. The march itself was unmarred by violence or other incidents, and was adjudged a major triumph for its sponsors.

Rep. Edith Green greeted some of the Portlanders Wednesday night at their suburban assembly point, Blessed Sacrament Catholic church in Alexandria. The marchers were to have met with Sen. Wayne Morse in his office Wednesday morn-

ing, but arrived too late to keep the appointment. Sen. Maurine Neuberger was in Oregon.

The bus riders were joined in the march by State Rep. Howard Willits (D-Gresham), who flew in from a Methodist church meeting in Chicago.

Pastor Ralph Moore of Highland Congregational, chairman of the race relations committee of the Portland Council of Churches, was chief organizer of the

charter, but didn't make the trip himself. John Holley of the Urban League and Richard Celsi, a school teacher, were co-captains of the journey.

Hunt told the Portland Reporter Washington bureau that the Oregon marchers retained their good cheer despite the disappointments which had beset them, and the fact that a round trip cross-country bus journey in one week by no stretch qualifies as a vacation.

### Rally Due Sunday

#### Busload Returns; S. Oregon Race 'Problems' Seen

A rally will be held Sunday for the busload of Portlanders who traveled to Washington D. C. to participate in the Aug. 28 civil rights demonstration, The Journal learned Friday.

Mayfield K. Webb, local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the rally will be held either in

Highland Congregational Church, 4635 NE 9th Ave., or in Dawson Park.

"It depends on when the group arrives," Webb said. "If they get here in the afternoon it will be in the park. If they arrive at night, it probably will be in the church."

SEVERAL hundred are expected to attend, he said.

Arrangements for the rally are being made by Rev. Ralph Moore, pastor of Highland Church.

Webb described the Aug. 28 demonstration in Washington as "just great," but said there are no plans for a similar march on the capital at Salem.

"There's no need for it," he said.

"However," he said "I am somewhat disappointed that Gov. Mark Hatfield issued no statement on civil rights on the day of the march as Mayor Schrunk did. But I am not critical of the governor because he has been on our side—for civil rights—all along."

WEBB WARNED, however, that the NAACP intends to take action soon on what he termed racial problems in the Medford - Ashland - Grants Pass area. He did not specify the problems he had in mind, nor the type of action contemplated.

He said an announcement on the subject will be made within a few days by the local NAACP's executive board.



OFF WITH A SONG go riders on SNCC's "Freedom and Jobs" bus to mammoth demonstration in Washington,

D.C. Wednesday. At extreme right is the Rev. Ralph Moore, 27, pastor of sponsoring Congregational Church.



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# 'Jobs And Freedom' Bus Begins Long Trek To Washington

## EDITORIAL March Stirs Conscience of the World

Freedom—the sound and spirit of the word alike—reverberated yesterday across the grounds of the Washington Monument. At the end of the Mall, inside the great Memorial erected to his memory, the gaunt, grave, silent figure of the Great Emancipator sat and listened, remembering, perhaps, the words of other marchers for freedom long, long ago: "We are coming, Father Abraham, three hundred thousand strong." Surely Abraham Lincoln yesterday heard the voices singing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah," demanding fulfillment at last of the promise for which he lived and died, and shouting with simple faith in themselves and in their fellow Americans: "We shall overcome . . . We shall overcome."

They came from every portion of America. California had a throng there under a proudly held banner of the state. There was a delegation from West Memphis, Ark. The NAACP of Evansville, Ind., turned out in strength. So did the NAACP of Shreveport, La., and of Erie, Pa., and of Pittsfield, Mass., and of an endless catalogue of the towns and cities of the land.

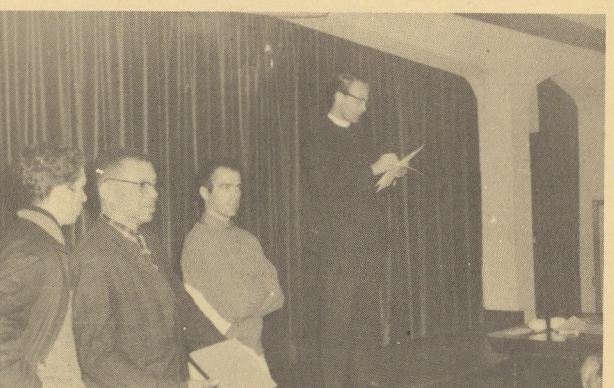
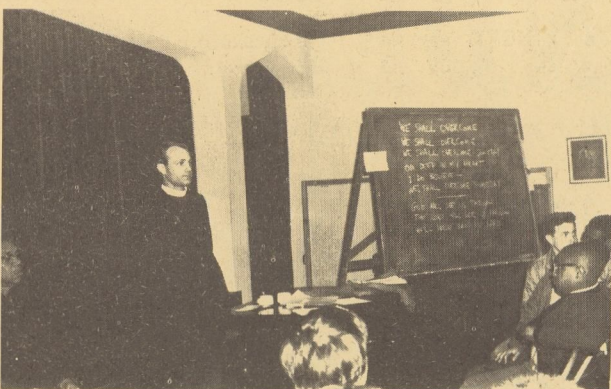
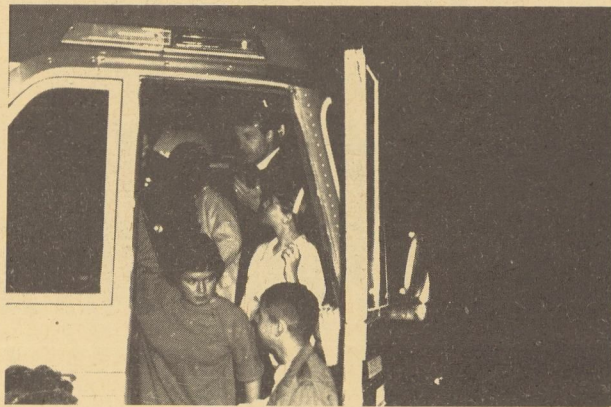
Every kind and class of American was there. The Vermont Stone Cutters Association formed a goodly group. The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of North America, the United Automobile Workers, the civil libertarians of every hue, the Protestants, Catholics and Jews, white men and black men, black women and white women, children and their parents and their grandparents, the humble and the great—all were present. America sent to that great meeting in her Capital the representatives of every one of her manifold aspects and estates.

It was part picnic, part prayer meeting, part political rally, combining the best and most moving features of each. It was a happy crowd, much more gay than grim, full of warmth and good feeling and friendliness, instinct with faith and high hope, united in a sense of brotherhood and common humanity. It was a most orderly march, not with the precision of a military parade but with the order that grows out of a clear sense of common purpose, a fixed and certain destination.

No one could view that vast sea of faces turned upward toward the Lincoln statue without an awareness of commitment and dedication. No one could hear the scourging words spoken yesterday by A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King and others without a sense of guilt and grief and shame. No one could hear the tones of Marian Anderson's deep and beautiful voice singing, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," without profound emotion and involvement.

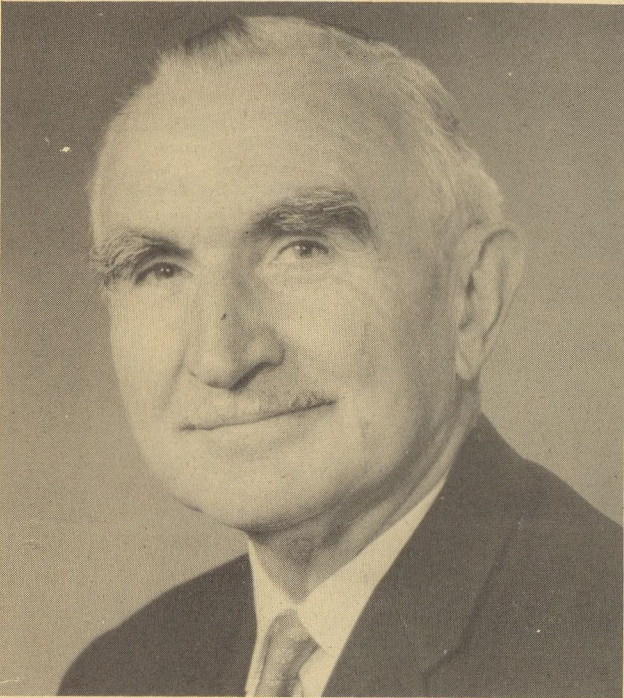
If the words spoken yesterday were heard by Abraham Lincoln at one end of the Mall, let us hope that they were heard by the Congress of the United States at the other end. For this was something much more than a mere outlet for emotion. Dr. King was altogether right in saying that "Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the Nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our Nation until the bright day of justice emerges."

There is a magnificent opportunity at hand to cut out once and for all a cancer in America demeaning and degrading to all Americans. Not Negroes alone, not white libertarians alone but Americans in general marched yesterday—and must march in unity and in brotherhood tomorrow and tomorrow.





# Sen. Morse, Rep. Green at Freedom March



STATEMENT BY SENATOR MORSE  
ON THE MARCH FOR FREEDOM  
AUGUST 27, 1963

The whole movement for fulfillment of Constitutional rights has been brought to its present head by demonstrations, sit-ins, freedom rides and all the other exercises of the right of petition.

This peaceful march on Washington cannot help but impress Congress with the necessity of adopting the pending civil rights bill. "Justice delayed is justice denied," says the old legal adage. In this case, the political and economic justice promised by the Constitution has been delayed and denied to colored Americans for 100 years.

The March, and the demonstrations that have preceded it, are fair warning to Congress. If we do not act, the struggle for equality will be taken out of the halls of Congress and put back in the streets, where not all demonstrations will be peaceful and where force and violence will prevail.



## Mahalia Focuses On Other Stars

GOSPEL SINGER Mahalia Jackson, whose swinging renditions of spirituals had the thousands of Marchers swaying and clapping along yesterday at the Lincoln Memorial was on the lookout for celebrities herself.

As she waited to go on, Miss Jackson operated a motion picture camera. Sitting in the VIP section on the Memorial steps, she focused her camera on the other stands below and, at one

point, broke off her enthusiastic comments on the March to say, "Wait a minute—I have to get Sammy Davis Jr." as she spotted the actor through her camera.

MEMBERS of the entertainment world who flew in from all parts of the United States yesterday to lend their support to the March for Jobs and Freedom made it clear that they came as citizens, not as performers.

"The actors in town, this week," said Charlton Heston, "are members of Congress. The play is 'Democracy.'"

Heston also read a statement from all entertainers. It was written by Negro author James Baldwin, and Heston said, "It represents the way we feel."

Freedom is not licensed, read Heston, and no one is licensed to depress or demoralize another. He mentioned several ways in which the Negro is depressed, saying that it "varies in degree, but never in intent."

The stars of stage, screen, TV, radio and night clubs came here, Heston said, to protest this evil.

He added that the "energies of these people to whom we have so long denied" equality and freedom are needed.

"The American Negro has endured for many years, in this country which he helped to build, terrible injustices . . . In cutting ourselves off from them, we are punishing and diminishing ourselves."

Harry Belafonte repeated the group statement later in the day at the March program at the Lincoln Memorial.

Josephine Baker, the St. Louis Negro singer who helped bring the jazz age to Paris, was among the celebrities who came.

"Why am I here? There are so many reasons," said the blues singer who in the past has bitterly criticized America's treatment of members of her race. "Say I am here because I believe in the rights of man . . . in the dignity of human beings."

Miss Baker flew in from Paris Tuesday evening, is returning this morning. "I am here just for the March," she said.

"This is the happiest day of my life," the 60-year-old Miss Baker later told the Lincoln Memorial throng.

Referring to the White and Negro crowd as "together as salt and pepper, just as you should be," she said, "You are a united people at last."



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
REPRESENTATIVE EDITH GREEN (Democrat-Oregon)

When Americans of all races and creeds travel together thousands of miles — it's demonstrably clear that we have reached the place where neither a wall of bricks and stones nor a Congressional wall of complacency will stop the march to freedom.

I regard today's demonstration as a commendable, logical and traditional avenue of protest. The demonstration would not be taking place here today if White America were treating Negro Americans in the work-a-day world in the same manner it expects and demands that it be treated.

Congress has before it meaningful Civil Rights legislation which should be passed. After that first but important step, we then must try the even more difficult task of applying the Golden Rule in America to Negro Americans just as we expect Black Africa to apply the Golden Rule to its white minority. And in step with this obligation, we must continue our fight to achieve real freedom and jobs for all.

"I'm glad that in my homeland this day has come to pass. Today you are on the eve of complete victory. Tomorrow time will do the rest. The world is behind you."

Going to France as a member of a Negro revue soon after World War I, Miss Baker soared quickly to popularity, and during her many years in France was known affectionately as "La Josephine."

During World War II, she

walk to the Memorial in such fragile shoes? "If I can't," stated Miss Carroll, "I'll get there barefoot."

Burt Lancaster flew in from Paris with a freedom proclamation bearing the signatures of some 1500 persons overseas. The actor, who is making a French film, read the proclamation later to the audience at the Lincoln Memorial. He will fly back to Paris today.

"It is unthinkable that all these rights are for us and not for them," said the movie star. "There is great sympathy in Paris for the march."

## Marchers Asked To Make Pledge

Each individual who participates in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom will be asked to pledge his personal commitment to the civil rights struggle.

This is the pledge they will take:

"Standing before the Lincoln Memorial on the 28th of August, in the Centennial Year of Emancipation, I affirm my complete personal commitment to the struggle for Jobs and Freedom for all Americans.

"To fulfill that commitment, I pledge that I will not relax until victory is won.

"I pledge that I will join and support all actions undertaken in good faith in accord with the time-honored democratic tradition of non-violent protest, of peaceful assembly and petition, and of redress through the courts and the legislative process.

"I pledge to carry the message of the march to my friends and neighbors back home and to arouse them to an equal effort. I will march and I will write letters. I will demonstrate and I will vote. I will work to make sure that my voice and those of my brothers ring clear and determined from every corner of our land.

"I pledge my heart and my mind and my body, unequivocally and without regard to personal sacrifice, to the achievement of social peace through social justice."

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Arranged by James A. Williams

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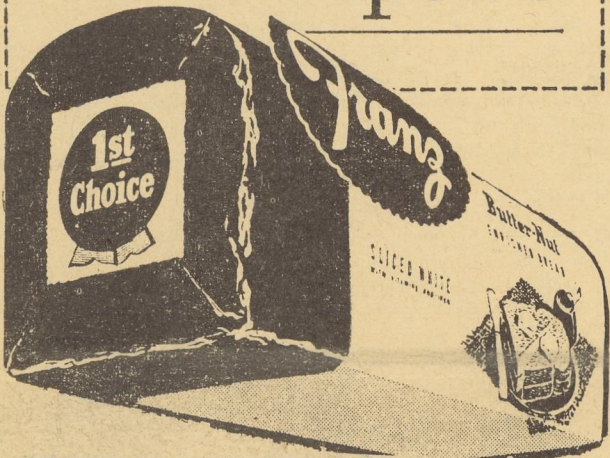
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