

PPT: The Civil Rights Movement: 1968 – 1970s



On February 21, 1965, one week after his home was firebombed, Malcolm X was shot to death by a Nation of Islam member while speaking at a rally of his organization in New York City.



MALCOLM X MURDERED



Gunned Down at Rally

Malcolm X, 39, is carried from Audubon Ballroom, 188th St. and Broadway, after he was shot while addressing a rally of his followers yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the Woodhull-Lothrop Hospital at the Woodhull-Lothrop Medical Center, which is 15 blocks from the scene of the attack. The men were taken to the scene from a building next to Wood-rod's Tailors who were protesting them on the street after the assassination. The film 'Supra' had been changing the film's line with printing in all his over since he de-facta from the group.



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The Death of Martin Luther King Jr.

On April 4, 1968, King went to Memphis, Tennessee to help striking sanitation workers. He led a march to city hall.

James Earl Ray shot and killed King as he stood on the balcony of his motel.





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Dr. King Shot, Dies in Memphis; Curfew On, 4,000 Guards Called



Arrow Indicates Where Dr. King Was Standing When Assassinated

Ralph McGill
A Free Man Killed By White Slaves
White slaves killed Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis. At the moment the trigger

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A Career Plagued By Violence
By ACISAH NEEMITH

President Expresses U.S. Shock

Pleds for Calm; Many Join Him

By BRIAN SULLIVAN
NEW YORK (AP)—From President Lyndon Johnson to a lady weeping in Detroit, the nation reacted to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Thursday night with anguish, shock and pleas that his death would not trigger the violence he deplored.

"We have been saddened," President Johnson told the nation on radio and television. "I ask every citizen to reject the kind violence that has struck Dr. King, who lived by non-violence."

The President said he was postponing his trip to Hawaii for a Vietnam strategy conference until Friday. He had been scheduled to leave about midnight Thursday.

CRIES SHAME

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the slaying "brings shame to our country. An apostle of nonviolence has been the victim of violence."

The vice president's daughter said Dr. King's death will bring new strength to the cause he fought for.

Mrs. Rosa Parks, one of the earliest prominent figures in the modern civil rights movement, wept at her Detroit home. "I can't talk now, I just can't talk."



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Rifle Found, Hunt For Killer Pressed

By EARL CALDWELL

MEMPHIS—The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize civil rights leader, was shot fatally here Thursday night while leaving over a second-floor balcony outside his hotel room.

The 39-year-old Negro leader's death was reported by Frank Holloman, director of Memphis police and fire departments, after Dr. King had been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

"I and all the citizens of Memphis," Holloman said, "regret the murder of Dr. King and all resources at our and the state's command will be used to apprehend the person or persons responsible."

Police issued a bulletin for a young, dark-haired white man who dashed out of a telephone booth across the street from King's hotel, dropped a semi-automatic Browning rifle on the sidewalk, and fled in a car.

Holloman said, "We have no definite lead we can report at this time regarding the assassin."

King's body was taken to the Shelby County Morgue, and police said it would be up to Dr. Jerry Francisco, county medical examiner, to order further dissection.

Four thousand national guard troops were ordered into Memphis by Gov. Buford Ellington after Dr. King's death. A curfew was imposed on the city of 350,000 inhabitants, about 50 per cent of them Negro.

Dr. King had been bleeding profusely from what appeared to be a huge wound in the right jaw or neck area as he lay face up on the concrete walkway before he was taken away in a fire department ambulance.

His eyes appeared first half-closed and then open but staring. One of his closest aides, James E. Bevel, grief-stricken, said after Dr. King was

An Editorial

"Free of hat, free of load, Lord God Almighty, I am free at last!"

Yes, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is free. The lesson of his life is written large. Let every man of every race search his heart now, as the President asked, and face the enduring truth.

No white American can fail to find here a deep and terrible shame. This was a believing and gentle man who said to his people that violence is not the way. To his death he strove to lead them in the path of gentleness. Vengeance was not in him. Love them, he said. And they killed him.

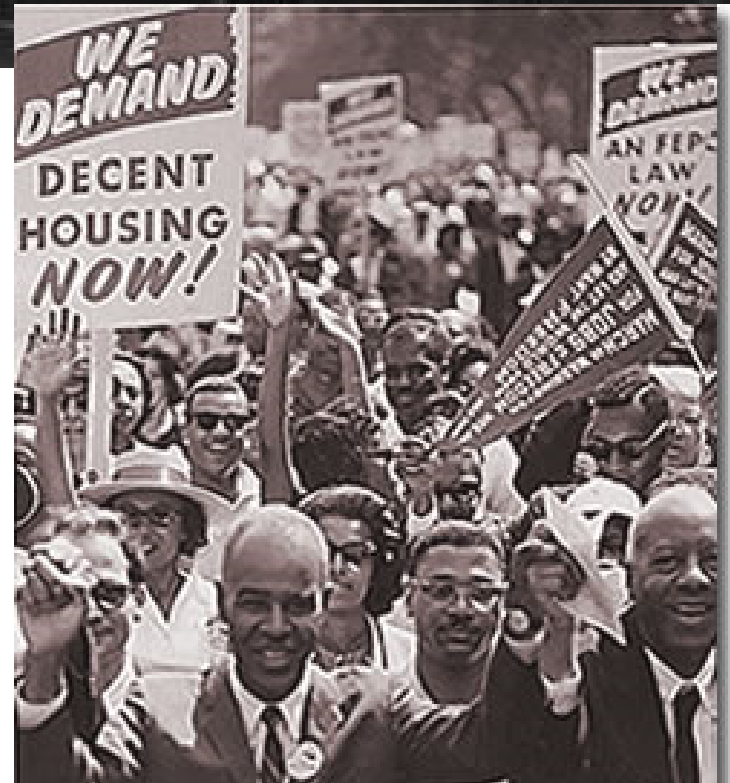
Every white American must face that lesson, as old as the Cross, and guide himself. Let the voice and the lead of the decent white South be raised at last in speaking and voting an end to the poisonous politics of hatred that have sickened us to murder. Dr. King was reviled from an Atlanta platform on the very day of his death. Let the white man say, "No more of this, ever," and put an end to it—not for the sake of the Negro, for the sake of his own immortal soul.

No Negro American can respond to this man's death with vengeance without destroying the meaning of his life. Dr. King based his life on the lesson of the Crucifixion, and he would

Within hours, rioting erupted in more than 120 cities. Within three weeks, 46 people were dead, some 2,600 were injured, and more than 21,000 were arrested.

Civil Rights Act of 1968 (aka Fair Housing Act)

- Congress passes the law days after the assassination of MLK, who had taken on the issue of racial discrimination in housing.
- bans discrimination in housing sales and rentals.
- The law gives the federal government authority to file lawsuits against those who violate the law.
- From 1950 to 1980, the total black population in urban centers increased from 6.1 million to 15.3 million.



- In 1968, Shirley Chisholm of New York became the first woman to win election to the House of Representatives (NY).
- In 1969, the black members of the House of Representatives form **Congressional Black Caucus**
- Over the years, the caucus has worked to address legislative concerns of African Americans.



**MOVE ON OVER
OR**



**WE'LL MOVE
ON OVER YOU**

- By 1970 the Black Panther Party had split so many times due to internal problems that it became ineffective.
- Carmichael left the party because he wanted all whites banned from it.
- Seale and Newton resigned in the same year. The party continued for a short time under new leadership providing service projects in the ghettos.

Civil Rights Changes in the 1970s

- Busing and political change—to speed the integration of city schools, courts began ordering that some students be bused from their neighborhood schools to schools in other areas
- **Affirmative action**—programs that gave preference to minorities and women in hiring and admissions to make up for past discrimination against these groups

