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The Impact of the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March of Washington

The Legacy Is Still Important to Downstate

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Fifty years ago on August 28, 1963, Americans from all walks of life marched on the nation's capital in what now is simply referred to as "The March on Washington." Eighteen people were on the official program to give remarks, sing, and offer prayer. History forever set apart the sixteenth speaker, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

With Old Testament fervor, Dr. King delivered perhaps one of the greatest speeches in world history. Dr. King exclaimed, "We have come here today to dramatize the shameful condition.... we have...come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now."

More than a quarter of a million people participated in the March on Washington, making it the largest gathering of Americans up to that time seeking redress of issues from the federal government. Within two

On the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King's famous speech, Kevin Antoine and Shaundell Goldsmith reflect on its continuing relevance.

years, Congress passed both President Kennedy's landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Sadly, within three months of "The March," President Kennedy would be



assassinated, never living to see the passage of the civil rights and voting rights bills he sent to Congress. In less than 5 years, Dr. King would be assassinated, never living to see federal nondiscrimination laws become the law of the land and duplicated at state and local government levels, colleges and universities, private sector businesses, and at academic health centers.

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