

Transport Workers Union, Local 100 honors

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

TWU Honors the Life of A. Philip Randolph

The Transport Workers Union Local 100, representing 45,000 workers at the MTA and private and public bus companies in New York City and Yonkers, honors the life and legacy of A. Philip Randolph, a central figure in the history of the American labor and civil rights movements.

Randolph waged a lifelong battle for the economic empowerment of African Americans. In 1925 he organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters — the first black labor union chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

Randolph organized a mass protest decrying the exclusion of black workers from defense industry jobs. His efforts led to President Franklin Roosevelt signing an order mandating an end to discriminatory practices by government contractors.

Randolph also waged a civil disobedience campaign against the draft until President Harry Truman ordered an end to segregation in the military in 1948. Randolph, along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized the celebrated March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

He has served as an inspiration to TWU and the trade union movement for generations. To learn more about his history, go to the A. Philip Randolph Institute at: www.apri.org



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