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History

PAPER 3: Modern depth study

Option 33: The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad

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SECTION A.

SOURCE A: From a book by Robert F Williams. Williams was a Black American leader of the civil rights movement in North Carolina. Here he is describing the situation in 1958, after he led a campaign to integrate a public swimming pool.

My telephone would ring day and night with threatening calls, sometimes every fifteen minutes.

White racists would come through our colored neighborhood at night and fire guns. One night, an armed attack on my house was led by a sergeant of the State National Guard. He was identified, but no action was taken against him. The Chief of Police even denied that an attack had taken place.

The only way that we could prevent attacks by the racists was to have about twenty volunteers keeping watch every night.

Sources /interpretations for use with Section B.

SOURCE B: A photograph of the March on Washington DC, 28 August 1963. Here Martin Luther King is shown waving to crowds taking part in the March.



SOURCE C: From an account by Bob Lucas, given in an interview for a television documentary series that was shown during the 1970s and 1980s. Lucas was a Black civil rights leader in Chicago. He worked closely with King in a campaign to improve living conditions for Black Americans in the city.

Dr Martin Luther King had failed to get improved living conditions for Black Americans in Chicago. Furthermore, after he left the city, in late August 1966, we began to notice a wider split between the Black activists and White activists in the civil rights movement. The split had started around 1964 but, while Dr King was here, that division between us had been sort of kept quiet, out of respect for him. However, after he left, the split really began to show itself. Our Black activists literally asked Whites to leave meetings and even to leave the movement.

**INTERPRETATION 1: From The USA:
A Divided Union? by N DeMarco,
published in 2001.**

King's commitment to non-violent direct action meant that influential white people, such as President Kennedy and President Johnson, could support the Civil Rights Movement without damaging their political positions.

King's dignified behaviour and inspiring speeches attracted international attention. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, which put more pressure on the government to end discrimination against Black Americans.

King worked hard to bring about important new laws, particularly the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

INTERPRETATION 2: From Civil Rights in America, 1945–89 by T Lancaster, published in 1990.

By 1965, the progress made by the civil rights movement had raised the hopes of Black Americans enormously, yet the lives of many remained unchanged.

There were also problems as the movement became more active in northern cities. In 1966, Martin Luther King started the Chicago Freedom Movement, which aimed to highlight the discrimination in housing. The city authorities agreed to try to prevent Black Americans being excluded from certain areas, but little was actually achieved.

Segregation still existed all too clearly in many areas of northern life and ‘Black Power’ became an attractive idea.

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