NAACP’s Symbolic Silent March

Saturday
August 26, 1989
Washington, D.C.

Protesting the recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court on affirmative action and minority set-asides.

The Silent Protest Parade, July 28, 1917, in which thousands of New Yorkers marched, bearing banners asking, “Mr. President, Why Not Make America Safe for Democracy?” “Give Me a Chance to Live” and “Thou Shalt Not Kill.” That summer in New York City, under the auspices of the NAACP, thousands of Negroes silently marched down Fifth Avenue bearing banners protesting such violence and radical Negromagazins like Messenger, edited by A. Philip Randolph and Chandler Owen, published such strong editorials that the Department of Justice felt a government investigation into their sponsors was required. Pictured in second row, W.E.B. DuBois (with walking stick), to his left, James Weldon Johnson.

This 1989 MARCH will be symbolic of the historic 1917 March of the NAACP down Fifth Avenue in New York City.

ASSEMBLY: 10 A.M. National Mall (Between 4th & 7th) / SILENT MARCH: 12 Noon
ATTIRE: Black or White / RALLY AFTER MARCH: West Front, U.S. Capitol

Sound the Alarm! March For Freedom!
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