A. Philip Randolph was a labor leader and social activist who founded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925. The organization was the first African-American-led labor union to sign a collective bargaining agreement with a major U.S. corporation and to be chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

Active in the civil rights movement, Randolph organized both the 1941 March on Washington and the 1963 March on Washington, the site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s “I Have a Dream” speech. In 1964, Randolph received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

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