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Today is Monday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2021. There are 347 days left in the year. It is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **Jan. 18, 1911**, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In **1778**, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In **1782**, lawyer and statesman Daniel Webster was born in Salisbury, New Hampshire.

In **1943**, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted).

In **1952**, Jerome "Curly" Howard of Three Stooges fame died in San Gabriel, Calif., at age 48.

In **1957**, a trio of B-52s completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In **1967**, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In **1990**, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

In **1991**, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In **1993**, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In **1998**, the motion picture "Titanic" won four Golden Globes, including best drama and best director for James Cameron; "Ally McBeal" beat out "Seinfeld" as the best TV comedy.

In **2005**, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

In **2019**, Jason Van Dyke, the white Chicago police officer who gunned down Black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014, was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison.

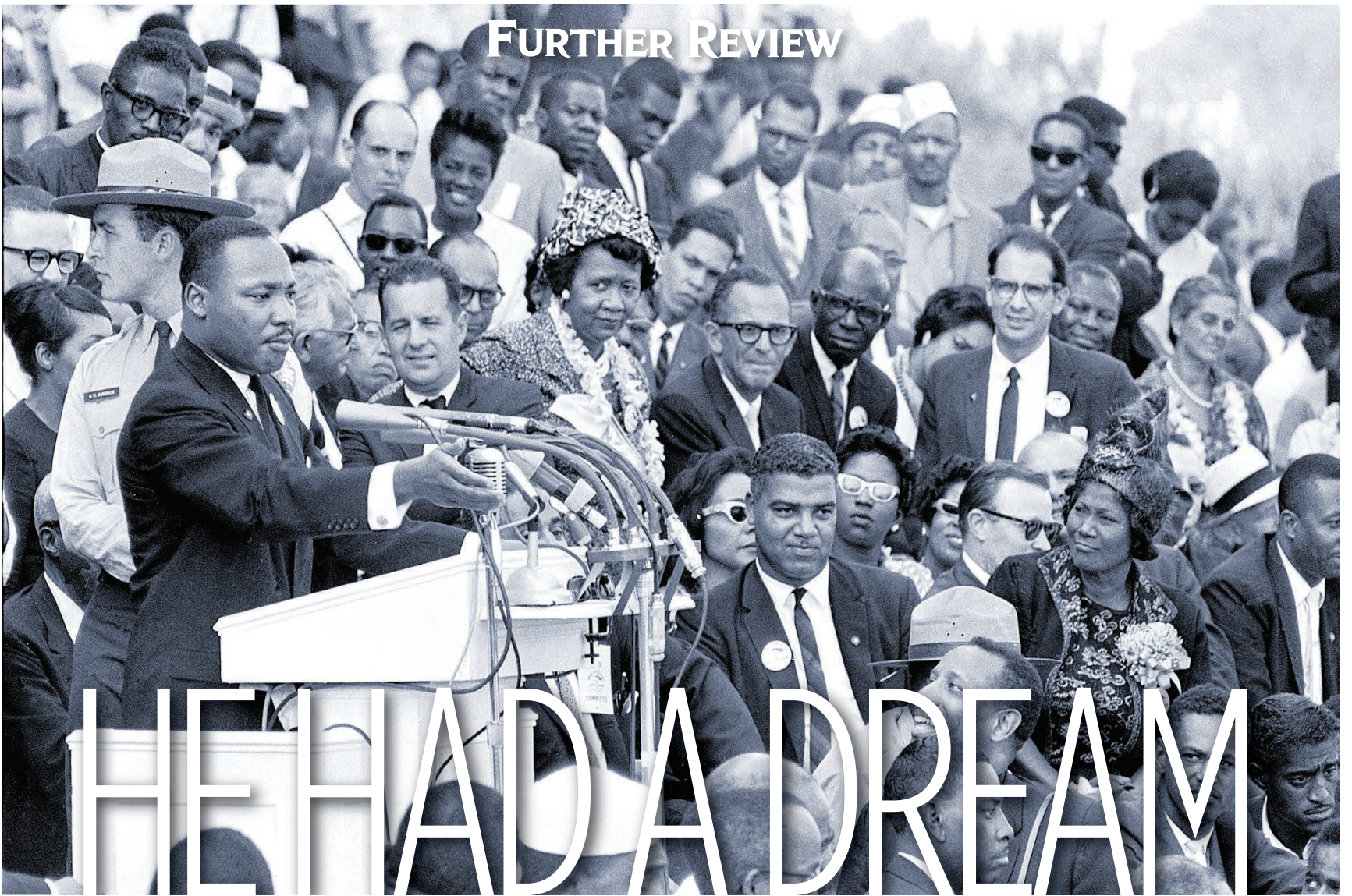
Ten years ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence.

Five years ago: For the first time in 17 years, civil rights leaders gathered at the South Carolina Statehouse to pay homage to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. without the Confederate flag present; it was one of many rallies throughout the country. Eagles co-founder Glenn Frey, 67, died in New York.

One year ago: Ahead of opening statements in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, House prosecutors wrote that Trump had "used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," while Trump's legal team denounced what it called a "brazen and unlawful attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 election." Buckingham Palace said Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, would no longer use the title "royal highness" or receive public funds for their work under a deal allowing them to step aside as senior royals.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 88. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 80. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 68. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 66. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 65. Actor Mark Rylance is 61. Actor Alison Arngrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 59. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 58. Comedian Dave Attell is 56. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 52. Rapper DJ Quik is 51. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 50. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 48. Actor Derek Richardson is 45. Actor Jason Segel is 41. Actor Samantha Mumba is 38. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 37. Actor Devin Kelley is 35. Actor Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 33. Actor Zeeko Zaki is 31. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 33.

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Fifty-seven years ago last August, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. took the struggle for civil rights up a notch with his nationally-televised "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

While King's speech has become one of the most recognized pieces of oratory in American history, the fact is, King built up to that moment over the course of months.

King reportedly first used "I have a dream" in Rocky Mount, N.C., on Nov. 17, 1962:

"And so, my friends of Rocky Mountain, **I have a dream** tonight. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream ... **I have a dream** tonight: One day my little daughter and my two sons will grow up in a world not conscious of the color of their skin but only conscious of the fact that they are members of the human race ... **I have a dream** tonight. Someday, we will be free."

On June 23, 1963, King told a large rally in Detroit:

"**I have a dream** this afternoon that my four little children, that my four little children will not come up in the same young days that I came up within, but they will be judged on the basis of the content of their character, not the color of their skin ... **I have a dream** this afternoon that one day, right here in Detroit, Negroes will be able to buy a house or rent a house anywhere that their money will carry them, and they will be able to get a job."

The 1963 March on Washington speech

"When it came to my speech drafts," wrote King's speechwriter, Clarence Jones, King "often acted like an interior designer. I would deliver four strong walls and he would use his God-given abilities to furnish the place so it felt like home."



Clarence Jones

Jones wrote a draft for King's remarks to the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. As usual, he delivered the draft to King's hotel room.

At 4 a.m., an exhausted King gave a revised copy of the text to his aides to distribute. The "I have a dream" section was not in it.

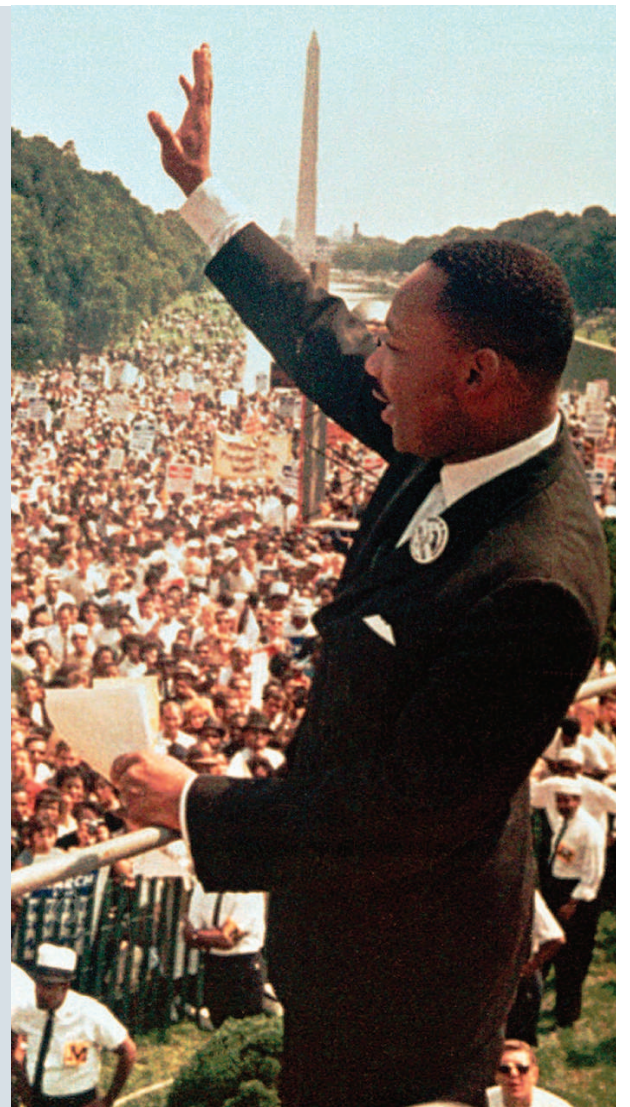
As the final speaker of 16 on a hot, humid day, King neared the end of his prepared remarks when gospel singer — and one of King's favorite entertainers — Mahalia Jackson, who was sitting behind him, urged King: "Tell them about the dream, Martin! Tell them about the dream!"

"When he was reading from his text, he stood like a lecturer," Jones wrote, but then King set that text aside. Jones wrote that he turned to a person next to him and said: "These people don't know it, but they're about to go to church."

That day — Aug. 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial — King said, in part:

"**I have a dream** that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

"**I have a dream** today. **I have a dream** that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; that one day right down in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. **I have a dream** today."



"Though (King) was extremely well known before he stepped to the lectern," Jones wrote, "he had stepped down on the other side of history."

The King estate owns the copyright of the speech, and rights to publishing the "I Have a Dream speech" are fiercely guarded by EMI group. Both CBS News and USA Today have been successfully sued for copyright infringement.