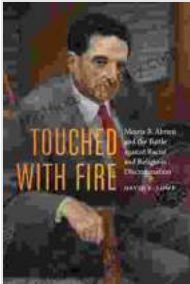


Morris Abram: Champion of Justice and Equality



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Morris Abram, a distinguished American lawyer and diplomat, dedicated his life to combating racial and religious discrimination. As a prominent figure in the American Jewish Committee and the United Nations, Abram's unwavering commitment to justice and equality left an indelible mark on the world.



Early Life and Education

Morris Birk Abram was born on October 8, 1918, in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Growing up in the Jim Crow South, he witnessed firsthand the systemic racism and discrimination that plagued the country.

Despite the challenges, Abram excelled academically. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1940 and went on to

Yale Law School, where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal.

Legal Career

After graduating from Yale, Abram practiced law in New York City, focusing on civil rights cases. He quickly gained a reputation as a brilliant and dedicated advocate for the underrepresented.

In 1951, Abram joined the American Jewish Committee (AJC), a leading organization dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and promoting interfaith understanding. As the AJC's legal director, he played a pivotal role in the desegregation of schools and the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

United Nations Involvement

President Jimmy Carter appointed Abram as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1977. As the first Jew to hold the position, he faced significant opposition from Arab and Muslim nations.

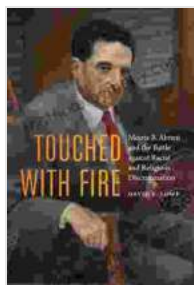
Undeterred, Abram used his diplomatic skills to bridge divides and promote international cooperation. He was particularly outspoken against human rights abuses and the suppression of religious freedoms.

Legacy and Impact

Morris Abram's unwavering commitment to justice and equality left a lasting legacy on the United States and the international community. Through his legal advocacy, diplomatic efforts, and personal example, he inspired countless others to stand up against discrimination and promote a more just and inclusive society.

Abram received numerous awards and accolades throughout his career, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United Nations Human Rights Prize, and the Anti-Defamation League's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Morris Abram's story is a testament to the power of one individual to make a difference in the world. His unwavering dedication to fighting racial and religious discrimination left an indelible mark on history, inspiring generations to come. We owe a profound debt of gratitude to this extraordinary champion of justice and equality.



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