

A color photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. in profile, facing right, with his right arm raised in a gesture. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. A large, dense crowd of people is visible in the background, filling a valley. In the distance, the Washington Monument is visible against a clear sky. The scene is set outdoors with green hills in the background.

Today in History

August 28, 1963

▲ U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech at a rally in Washington DC attended by 200,000 people

1845: The first issue of Scientific American was published

1988: Three Italian jets collided at an aerobatics display at an air show in West Germany, killing 33 spectators

1998: Global equity markets slumped due to financial turmoil in Russia; Japan's Nikkei index hit a 12-year low

2003: A Peruvian commission said that some 69,000 people, mostly Quechua Indians, were killed in the civil war between 1980 and 2000