

Frederick Douglass' words still powerful

To the Editor:

As we find different ways to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, don't miss the PBS special "The Abolitionists," which features Frederick Douglass. The third and final show will be broadcast at 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Syracuse Cultural Workers is a local publisher and wants to share its new Frederick Douglass poster, "Power Concedes Nothing," which is sponsored by and also available at the Onondaga Historical Association. In 1863, Douglass was the most famous African American in the United States. His story is fascinating and his contributions to African-American and women's rights were enormous.

He had it right when he said: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing the ground. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

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