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> African American freedom is often defined in terms of emancipation and civil rights legislation, but it did not arrive with the stroke of a pen

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or the rap of a gavel. No single event makes this more plain, Laurie Green argues, than the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike, which culminated in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Exploring the notion of ""freedom"" in postwar Memphis, Green demonstrates that the civil rights movement was battling an ongoing ""plantation mentality"" based on race, gender, and power that permeated southern culture long before--and even after--the ground