

Monuments to America's racist history toppled amid mass protests



Philadelphia, June 7 (RHC)-- Monuments celebrating U.S. racist history are coming down in several states after being targeted by protesters over the past week. The city of Philadelphia removed a statue of the city's former racist police chief and mayor, Frank Rizzo, just days after protesters attempted to topple it and light it on fire. Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said: "The statue represented bigotry, hatred, and oppression for too many people, for too long."

In Virginia, Governor Ralph Northam is expected to order the removal of a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee from the state Capitol grounds in Richmond after it was vandalized during the protests.

In Birmingham, Alabama, protesters toppled a statue of Confederate officer Charles Linn and vandalized a monument known as the Confederate Sailors and Soldiers Monument. Following the action, Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin ordered the rest of the statue to be removed.

In Nashville, Tennessee, protesters toppled a statue of Edward Carmack, a racist politician and newspaper publisher who incited violence against Ida B. Wells for her reporting on lynchings.

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