

## **Post WWII Desegregation Efforts**

1. Desegregation of the U.S. Army
  - a. Military was segregated since Revolutionary War
    - i. Often in less important roles
  - b. Truman was told blacks would resist the draft if he didn't end segregation.
  - c. Truman signed Executive Order 981 to desegregate the armed forces in 1948.
    - i. Desegregation took 6 years
    - ii. Finally complete in 1954
2. Adam Clayton Powell
  - a. Congressman from Harlem, New York from 1945 to 1971
  - b. Worked tirelessly on civil rights issues
  - c. Charged with tax evasion and misuse of funds for vacation
3. Jackie Robinson
  - a. First African American major league baseball player
  - b. Signed with the Dodgers
  - c. The "great experiment" was to see if they could make it work
  - d. Robinson had an amazing career
    - i. Helped Dodgers win the World Series in 1955
    - ii. Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame-> 1st African American