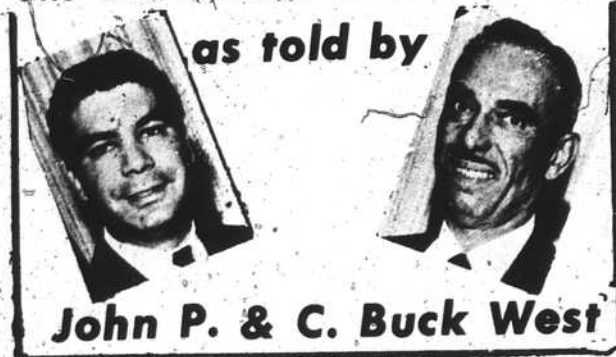


Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by



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"MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS OF NEGROES IN HISTORY"

(Chroniclers of standard history texts have, in the past, employed two tactics which have discredited the Black Man's contributions. The stereotyped writers of yesteryears have either failed to record the names of Negro contributors, or, they have failed to make mention of the Negro ancestry of those names which they have recorded.

The combination of these two tactics has created the impression that the Negro has made little, if any, contribution to history. We cite below several examples which should help our readers to dispel this fraudulent concept.)

PETER THE GREAT of Russia adopted an African as his son. The adopted son became Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army. He was General Abraham Hannibal who died in 1782 at age 90.

A Dutch West Indian Negro who was raised in Lynn, Mass., invented the machine which made the United States the leading manufacturer of shoes.

The principle of Matzelliger's "Shoe-lasting Machine" remains in use today.

A Negro, Matthew Henson, a member of Admiral Peary's expeditionary party, was the first human of record to reach the 'top' of the world. On April 6, 1909, Mat Henson stood upon the North Pole and placed the American flag at the exact polar site.

The first surgeon of record to perform successful surgery upon the human heart was Dr. Daniel Williams, a Negro, in Chicago, Illinois. The historic operation was performed in Provident Hospital, Chicago, July 9, 1893.

The Koran, the Mohammedan Bible, relates that Moses was a black man.

According to the Koran, God told Moses to put his hand into his bosom, which Moses did, and when he (Moses) removed his hand from his bosom, the hand was white.

The Septuagint, or Greek Bible, concurs with the Koran.

The city of Chicago was founded in 1779 by Baptist Pointe de Saible, a Negro.

Estevanico, a Negro, led the first expedition which crossed the North American Continent in 1536. The journey required nearly 10 years. The party traveled from Florida across the Continent to the Pacific Ocean.

Estevanico is credited with discovery of the territories now known as Arizona and New Mexico in 1539.

Negroes lived in South America for thousands of years before Columbus set foot upon the New World.

African explorers had crossed the Atlantic to South America, a short 1,600 miles from the Northwest hump of the Dark Continent, many centuries before any European had knowledge

INTEGRATION CHUCKLES



HI... NEIGHBOR !
A Good Thing to Remember
And A Better Thing to Do
Is to Work for the Construction Gang
And NOT the Wrecking Crew

of the West Coast of Africa.

BENJAMIN BANNEKER, a Negro of many talents, constructed the first clock made in America, and was the chief architect of the commission which laid the plans for Washington, D.C.

The Great Pyramid, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, was built by Cheops, a black man.

The Great Pyramid covers 13 acres of ground. It is 451 feet high. 100,000 laborers worked for 30 years to lay in place two and a half million blocks of stone weighing more than two tons each.

Alessandro de Medici, first ruling Duke of Florence, was the son of Pope Clement VII by an African servant girl. Alessandro was born in 1511. He married Princess Margaret, only daughter of Emperor Charles V, ruler of Germany, Holland, Spain, and Austria, in 1536.

THERE HAVE BEEN three African Popes. Victor (189-199 AD), Melchiodes (311-312 AD), and St. Gelasius (496 AD).

Pope Melchiodes brought Christianity into reign over the Roman Empire.

John VI, King of Portugal, was a dark mulatto. He was the founder of Brazil. In 1808, King John VI moved his throne from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, and ruled both Portugal and Brazil from Rio.

Many members of European royalty were related to Portugal's Negro king.

The founder of Sweden's royal family was Jean Baptiste Bernadotte, a Negro who rose from private to field-marshal in Napoleon's army.

In 1818, he ascended the throne of Sweden as Charles XIV.

The American Negro has distinguished himself in every war in which the U.S. has been engaged.

Forty-one Negroes have received the Con-

THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

NEGRO HISTORY

- JULY 4, 1831 Nat Turner's insurrection against slavery began in Virginia.
- JULY 4, 1881 Booker T. Washington began his work at Tuskegee.
- JULY 4, 1900 Louis Armstrong, internationally-known jazz trumpeter and bandleader, born in New Orleans.
- JULY 4, 1952 Mrs. Charlotta Bass, a Negro woman, was nominated for the vice presidency by the Progressive Party.
- JULY 5, 1809 Abyssinian Baptist church, where Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. serves as pastor, was organized in New York City with 19 members.
- JULY 5, 19-- Sidney Poitier, T-V actor and movie star, was born.
- JULY 6, 1921 Ezzard Charles, former heavy-weight boxing champion, was born in Atlanta.
- JULY 7, 1863 Slavery was abolished in Dutch West Indies.
- JULY 7, 1949 Willie (Bunk) Johnson, musician who taught Louis Armstrong to play the trumpet, died.
- JULY 8, 1914 Billy Eckstine, popular singer, was born in Pittsburgh.
- JULY 9, 1830 John D. Rockefeller, Sr., who began accumulation of vast fortune, was born. His wealth later benefitted Negroes and other minority groups around the world. Through individual grants and foundations, the Rockefeller family has given more money to Negro education than all other philanthropic groups combined.
- JULY 9, 1957 Charles W. Jones, first Negro judge in Michigan, died in Detroit at age 55.

gressional Medal of Honor, the highest U.S. award for valor.

There have been three Alexander Dumas. Each became a legend in French history.

The first Alexander Dumas was a West Indian Negro who became General of the Army under Napoleon.

His son, second generation, Alexander Dumas is known as 'Pere'.

The third generation Dumas is known as 'Fils'.

The 2nd and 3rd generation, Pere, and Fils, are known as France's more prolific literary geniuses.

(The VOICE will feature the legend of the 3 Dumas in the near future.)

NAPOLEON HAD 12 Negro generals. In addition to Alexander Dumas, who was once Napoleon's Chief-of-Staff, there were, Andre Regaud, Martial Besse, B. Leveille, Antoine Cloulatte, J. B. Belley, Magloire Pelage, Alex Peition, A. Charlotte, Barthelmy, Villate, and Etienne Mentor.

Dr. Eugene Chen, Minister of Foreign Affairs for China in 1927, was born in Trinidad in 1878. His mother was a black native.

Dr. Chen also served as secretary to the first president of China.

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