

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by



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Integrated School Textbooks

ROY WILKINS, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announces the publication of the Association's "Integrated School Books" listing which covers a range of 399 titles of pre-school and elementary subject textbooks and story books together with annotations indicating the extent of "integration" reflected in each publication. This project represents a major factor in the accelerated NAACP campaign to make school curricula reflective of the racial diversity of American life and of the Negro's historical contributions to it.

As Francis Keppel, former United States Commissioner of Education, says in his Foreword "The nation has begun to learn how tragically blind we really were. Simply because we did not see the Negro, we left him out of our records--thereby distorting the black man's history and the white's as well. Because we did not see the Negro, we did more than deny our past. As a people we compromised our ethical standards, and as a nation we placed a limit on our future."

"BUT THE schools have less reason than the rest of us, perhaps, to remain blind. Because of our past, we must ask our schools to be especially clear-sighted in the future."

"To anyone concerned with how children acquire a sense of their own dignity, therefore, the value of this listing of books by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is clear."

Mr. Wilkins says, "In the crucial effort to guarantee to all our children, white and black, a curriculum that makes sense in a multi-racial society, such a listing is long overdue."

"We believe that publication of this bibliography and its conscientious use will not only meet an immediate need in scores of communities, but will help to accelerate the attainment everywhere of curriculum and materials adequate to the times."

Miss June Shagaloff, NAACP Director for Education program, who is directing the project, says the Association has two goals in mind in making this listing available. "First, we want to show school officials, parents and interested community groups that multi-ethnic texts are available. Second, we will urge that these books be used in both public and private school systems for white as well as Negro children. There is no longer any excuse for using the outmoded textbooks which pretend that our country is entirely white when more realistic multi-racial books are available."

THE LISTING covers the books of 58 publishers, with brief description of each elementary book. It covers such subjects as Arithmetic, English, Health, History, Music, Science, Social Studies and Spelling as well as Readers and Story books. The listing is alphabetized by publisher and indicates either the grade or age level for which each book has been designated.

Miss Shagaloff feels that this study, believed to be the most comprehensive of its kind, will be most valuable in implementing Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. This Title authorizes the allotment of \$100,000,000 to the State for school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials beyond their present budgets.

As stated in the Introduction, "Each title

VOICE READERS COMPRISE A \$30,000,000 MARKET

EDITORIAL

(PART II OF A SERIES ON PARTY POLITICS AND THE NEVADA NEGRO VOTE)

Voter registration in the State of Nevada shows a ratio of 2.5 Democrats for each Republican. The ratio among Negro voters is about 50 Democrats to one Republican. However, with the exception of the Party Loyal Negro voters, the Democrats in Nevada have been voting for Republican candidates just as frequently as for candidates of their own party.

The Democratic Party of Nevada has lost its power at the polls because it has lost its party unity. In recent elections, Nevada Democrats have distinguished themselves by a flagrant display of Benedict Arnoldism when they have cast their ballots behind the shield of the curtain in the voting booths.

Negro Democrats, however, have remained just as Party Loyal behind the curtains as outside the secrecy of the booth. They rarely cross party lines when they vote. They are the only obviously faithful segment of the Democratic Party of Nevada.

IT IS EQUALLY obvious that the Democrats have taken the Negro vote for granted. Party Patronage has been doled to the questionably loyal Democrats while the Party Faithfuls have been "included out" of the dole. The traitors have been rewarded, but the patriots have been ignored.

The Republican Party is presently formulating plans to capture a more equitable share of Negro voters by capitalizing on the Democrats political boo-boo. The GOP learned first hand that the Negro vote cannot be taken for granted. They had the Black Power vote in their hip pockets, so they thought, from Emancipation up to the Roosevelt New Deal in 1932.

The Republicans took the loyalty of their Negro faithfuls for granted and they lost them to F.D.R. and the Democrats 35 years ago.

During those intervening years the GOP has been a stupid party right up to the present.

Republican strategy to lure the Negroes back to the party of the Emancipator is certainly well timed. The New Negro is sensitive and impatient--he is a far cry from the stoic, patient Negro of yesterday. He might listen to the GOP.

NOT ONLY does the New Negro resent being passed-by when patronage is doled, he will no longer tolerate such indifference to his loyalty. The New Negro is much more politically sophisticated than his father. He is far more demanding than his father. He has retained none of the patience of his father. His only loyalty today is loyalty to his own cause, equality.

The New Negro is dedicated to counter attack wherever discrimination appears. His dedication to eliminate racial discrimination has top priority in political circles.

The Negro today feels absolutely no sense of obligation to the Democratic Party, but he has had little to choose from because the Republican Party has offered nothing. For the past 35 years, the GOP made no overtures to attract the Negro. Today it is different. The Big Push for the Negro Block Vote is on.

REGARDLESS OF how the political pendulum shall swing, the Negro should make substantial gains if the Republicans are sincere in their plans to capture more Negro voters for their party. As the Republicans begin to romance the Negro with promises of better things, the Democrats shall be obliged to counter with favorable actions rather than promises. They can demonstrate such favorable action by placing more plums of patronage into the hands of Negro Faithfuls.

THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

June 30, 1840	W. J. Simmons, Baptist minister and organizer of the National Baptist Convention in 1886, was born in Charleston, S.C.	July 4, 1831	Nat Turner's insurrection against slavery began in Virginia.
July 1, 1896	Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" died.	July 4, 1881	Booker T. Washington began his work at Tuskegee.
July 1, 1955	Walter White, executive secretary of NAACP died.	July 4, 1900	Louis Armstrong, internationally-known jazz trumpeter and bandleader, born in New Orleans.
July 2, 1964	President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights bill.	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, 1921	Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight boxing champion, was born in Atlanta.

has been read and each entry includes a brief description and evaluation. Obviously, opinions, will differ, and the judgments expressed are not offered as rigid or categorical. The presence of a book on this list does not mean its unqualified endorsement by the NAACP."

THERE WILL be a nationwide distribution to the approximately 1,500 branches, state conferences, youth councils and college chapters of the Association. Additional distribution will be made throughout the country to a selected listing of local superintendents of schools, local boards of education, professional teachers' organizations, state departments of education, state boards of education and public libraries.

Copies will also be made available to teacher training colleges and institutions; pre-school and Head Start program directors; to civic, religious and labor groups; and to local and state human relations agencies.

Periodically, supplementary listings will be distributed by the Association as newly published multi-racial textbooks are made available.

Copies of the "Integrated School Books" listing are available to the general public through the National Office of the NAACP. Single copies cost \$1.00 each; 10-25 copies at 75¢ each; 25-50 copies at 60¢ each; and 50 or more copies at 50¢ each.

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