

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLER

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Today's Baffler will test your knowledge of the places and dates of well-known events in our history.

Five occurrences will be given, followed by a "Grab Bag" filled with places and dates which go with some of the events but not with others.

Your job is to match the events with the places and dates. Scoring: 4-7: tops; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question at the end counts two points. Here's the quiz:

1. Nat Turner staged one of the most devastating slave revolts in American history.

2. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional.

3. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., launched his civil rights program by staging a bus boycott.

4. Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a French-speaking black man from Santo Domingo, established the first permanent settlement on the site of what later became a large city.

5. Dorie Miller, a messman on the USS "Arizona," became one of this nation's first World War II heroes by manning a machine gun during a Japanese attack on an American naval installation and downing four enemy planes.

GRAB BAG: A. Paris, France--April 6, 1917; B. Washington, D.C.--May 17, 1954; C. Washington, D.C.--Jan. 1, 1863; D. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii--Dec. 7, 1941; E. Oxford, Miss.--Oct. 1, 1962; F. Southampton county, Va.--Aug. 21-22, 1831; G. Dallas, Tex.--Nov. 22, 1963; H. Boston, Mass.--March 5, 1770; I. Chicago--1790; J. Montgomery, Ala.--Dec. 5, 1955.

BONUS QUESTION: The University of Mississippi was integrated, with the aid of federal marshals and despite the opposition of state officials, at one of the places and times mentioned in the Grab Bag. Who broke the color line at the institution, where, and when?

ANSWERS: 1. F; 2. B; 3. J; 4. I; 5. D.
BONUS ANSWER: James H. Meredith, Oxford, Miss., Oct. 1, 1962.

CURRENT EVENTS BAFFLER

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What people say they're going to do makes news, even if the announced event doesn't come off.

Boycotts, protest marches, and demonstrations announced by community leaders have news value in that they reflect what is on the leaders' minds. When the announced protests fail to materialize, the gap between the leaders' pronouncements and their action is revealed.

Today's Baffler will test your knowledge of announced programs--some for real, others not--making the big headlines of today. Scoring: 4-7: tops; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question counts two points. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. Comedian Dick Gregory, who has been fasting in protest against the Vietnam war, has announced another protest action:

--A. He'll fast in protest against the War of 1812;

--B. He'll eat six meals a day to protest against people who stage public fasts for publicity's sake;

--C. He is threatening to use his "full"

'67 Highlights In Negro Community

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Here is a list of what NPI considers to have been the 10 most outstanding events in the Negro community during 1967. The occurrences are not listed according to time, sequence or relative significance:

1. The interracial wedding of Guy Smith to Peggy Rusk, daughter of Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The wedding was handled fairly by the mass media, and mixed marriages became a little less of a national bugaboo.

2. The Negro in Vietnam war. Because of the Negro fighting man's valor in the Asian conflict, the black man's image has been enhanced. Returning servicemen may play key roles in the civil rights struggle back home.

3. The election of two Negro mayors of major cities--Carl Stokes in Cleveland and Richard Hatcher in Gary. Both men have problem cities to administer, and the eyes of the world are on their every action.

4. The Rev. James Groppi's leadership of open-housing efforts in Milwaukee. Fr. Groppi's actions are continued evidence of white involvement in the civil-rights struggle, at a time when some are seeking to make it a "Negro-only" battle.

5. H. Rap Brown's continuation of his pre-weight to block the 1968 Democratic national convention in Chicago next summer. The comedian is protesting Illinois' lack of a housing law and inability of the city's black people to travel freely in Chicago.

2. Gary's new mayor, Richard G. Hatcher, plans:

--A. To re-segregate the city's lunch counters and rest rooms;

--B. To crack down on the city's vice and crime, for which it has a far-flung reputation;

--C. To require everyone who doesn't believe in brotherhood to get out of town.

3. What political plans has Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., made, with reference to the 1968 Presidential elections?

--A. None, for the record, although he has indicated that Richard M. Nixon would not win Negro support, and Nelson Rockefeller would;

--B. He has announced his candidacy for President on a peace ticket;

--C. He's backing Stokely Carmichael's campaign for U.S. chief justice.

4. Dr. King has announced a controversial program to take place in Washington. If the action materializes, the nation's capital will:

--A. Be moved to Philadelphia, Miss.;

--B. Have desegregated lunch counters and buses at long last;

--C. Be hit by a civil disobedience campaign designed to "dislocate" the district's functions.

5. In Chicago, the Prudential Insurance Company has announced a \$5 million plan to help low-income families;

--A. Buy insurance now and pay later;

--B. Obtain mortgages to purchase homes, rather than having to buy on contract.

--C. Cut through red tape to cash in their life insurance policies.

BONUS QUESTION: Richard M. Nixon, Presidential hopeful, would like it known that he favors what plan to help low-income-area residents?

ANSWERS: 1. C; 2. B; 3. A; 4. C; 5. B.
BONUS ANSWER: He wants them to be given an "extra dividend" in order to equip them for full and meaningful participation in society.

decessor Stokely Carmichael's war against the "establishment." Both SNCC leaders were identified with the slogan, "Burn, baby, burn!" --but the flame of unrest had been ignited long before their arrival on the racial scene.

6. Muhammad Ali's decline. The world's heavyweight champion was kayoed--outside the ring--after making anti-draft remarks in a country supposedly guaranteeing its citizens freedom of speech.

7. The New Politics convention in Chicago, which showed that the race problem must be dealt with successfully before any major breakthrough in politics or leadership can be achieved.

8. The fall of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Once the highest elected Negro official, he declined in political influence, while continuing to be a symbol of black resistance.

9. The appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first Negro Supreme Court Justice. This, in NPI's view, was the crowning achievement of the year.

10. President Johnson's appointment of Walter Washington as the first Negro mayor of Washington, D.C., moving the district toward self-rule.

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THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

Jan. 11, 1946	President Elie Lescot of Haiti driven into political exile by an army junta.
Jan. 12, 1809	Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States was born.
Jan. 12, 1890	Birth of Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president-emeritus, Howard University.
Jan. 13, 1869	First convention of Negro labor was held.
Jan. 13, 1873	C. C. Antoine became lieutenant governor to W. P. Kellogg in Louisiana.
Jan. 13, 1941	The Four Freedoms proclaimed by Great Britain and the United States.
Jan. 14, 1907	Jamaican earthquake occurred.
Jan. 14, 1923	Bishop Benjamin T. Tanner, AME church leader, died.
Jan. 15, 1881	Dean William Pickens, author and NAACP field secretary, was born in Anderson County in South Carolina.
Jan. 15, 1941	Prof. S. H. Archer, president, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., died.
Jan. 16, 1955	Andrew M. Bradley, first Negro to serve in Pennsylvania governor's cabinet, named to post of secretary of property and supplies.
Jan. 17, 1941	Henry "Hammering Hank" Armstrong, only fighter to hold three fistic titles simultaneously, retired.

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