

# Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

## NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLER

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In today's Baffler, five names of famous black personalities will be given--followed by 10 descriptions, some of which don't go with any of the names. Your job is to match them.

Scoring: 4-7: tops; 3: excellent; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question at the end counts two points. Here's the quiz:

### NAMES:

1. P. B. S. Pinchback; 2. Autherine J. Lucy; 3. Dr. Charles Richard Drew; 4. Denmark Vesey; 5. Robert L. Vann.

### DESCRIPTIONS:

A. He was the first black man to die in the American Revolutionary war.

B. He was the founder of the Pittsburgh Courier, one of the most widely known black newspapers.

C. He was the only black man sent to the U.S. House of Representatives from Mississippi during the Reconstruction era.

D. He served as acting governor of Louisiana for several days during the Reconstruction period--the only black governor in U.S. history.

E. He was founder of the first Negro Masonic lodge in the U.S.

F. In 1822, he organized one of the most elaborate slave plots in U.S. history. The insurrection, involving thousands of black people in Charleston, S.C., was averted when a "house slave" turned him in.

G. This "pioneer" was the first black student admitted to the University of Alabama, in 1956. After rioting broke out, the student was expelled.

H. He helped produce blood plasma and developed the blood bank in the years before World War II.

I. He was the first black man elected to Congress in the 20th century.

J. One of the writers who took part in the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s, he wrote "Harlem Shadows" in 1922.

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**BONUS QUESTION:** Who was the Negro pilot who sailed an armed Confederate steamer, "The Planter," out of the Charleston (S.C.) harbor and presented it to the U.S. Navy on May 13, 1862--before black people were even allowed to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War?

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ANSWERS: 1. D; 2. G; 3. H; 4. F; 5. B.  
BONUS ANSWER: Robert Smalls

## CURRENT EVENTS BAFFLER

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One thing often leads to another on today's turbulent news scene. A riot which erupts in a city may trigger even worse trouble; or a "conference table" agreement may result.

In today's Baffler, identify the follow-ups of recent news events. Scoring: 4-7: excellent; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question counts two points. Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. The recent slaying of three black students in Orangeburg, S.C., has resulted in what action by local Negro leaders:

--A. They're planning "two-for-one" vengeance;

# THE LOMAX POLL - (A Monthly Sampling Of Negro Opinion)

## NEGROES NOT IN FAVOR OF UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM

By Almena Lomax

LOS ANGELES -- A poll of national Negro opinion about the war in Vietnam discloses firm Negro opinion that there must either be a negotiated peace or that the war must be won before the United States withdraws, at the same time that more Negroes than before are allied with movements which would see the U.S. unilaterally withdraw from Vietnam, leaving the Vietnamese to "settle their own differences."

Reflecting a broadened awakening to the war, more Negroes (76%) think the U.S. should achieve a satisfactory negotiated peace, or defeat the Communists in Vietnam before withdrawing, than feel the Americans should pull out now. Only 13 percent were found to have no opinion on the subject at all. "Those buggers attacking the United States' very own embassy in Saigon woke everybody up to the fact that we could lose this thing," was the way a 46-year-old Southern California trash collector explained the heightened concern.

Contrary to the opinion expressed in many news media that the adversity experienced by the United States in the conduct of the war in Vietnam has not had the effect of drawing Americans any closer together, the Lomax Poll for February reflects the nation's Negroes becoming more vocal about their legendary allegiance to the great American center, or middle class opinion. Negroes are feeling more "involved" in the war than ever before, are expressing more concern for the outcome and aftermath as it will affect America, are beginning to consider Vietnam an outpost in the 'inevitable confrontation' with Communism, and are less inclined to express the sotto voce aside that the Viet Cong "are really fighting our war."

THE FOLLOWING question opened the 11th monthly survey of national Negro opinion, completed five days before its release Feb. 23: "At this stage of the war in Vietnam, whatever your view of it in the past, do you think the U.S. should withdraw without either a negotiated peace or victory, and let the Vietnamese settle

--B. They're staging a boycott of white-owned businesses;

--C. They defend police action in putting down "wanton acts of destruction."

2. What has the civil rights movement inspired in the mountains and desert areas of the Southwest?

--A. A Mexican-American struggle for freedom, in many ways patterned after the rights movement;

--B. Increasingly frequent cries of "Cowboy Power";

--C. A sit-in by Eartha Kitt at the LBJ ranch.

3. What did Richard G. Hatcher do in Gary, only days after Mayor Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland fired his executive assistant;

--A. He named Chuck Stone as his administrative assistant;

--B. He hired Miss Williams as his executive assistant;

--C. He fired Building Commissioner William Boyd, Jr., whom he had hired only a week before.

4. What happened after Naval Petty Officer First Class Fred Tranzor was denied housing near Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Ill.)?

--A. He moved to Chicago's Southside, and was given special permission to commute from there to the Training Center;

--B. The Center's housing referral office removed the name of four area real estate brokers and rental agents from its housing list, and the officer's director, Commander Edward Kinsler, went before the Waukegan Human Relations Commission in a plea for enactment

their own differences?"

Answer: No, 76%; Yes, 11%; Don't know, 13%.

Respondents favoring withdrawal and identifying with peace movements, said they were going to vote for Senator Eugene McCarthy, or wanted Senator Robert Kennedy to run, or were for whoever is run by the Peace and Freedom Party; were mainly in the 21 to 30 age group, largely students allied with, or leaning toward, black nationalist or black power groups; were usually the first generation of their family to live out of the South or out of ghetto poverty areas, the first to go to college and to aspire to middle class living standards; were usually Protestant or no professed religion, and Democrats or not registered voters. Unemployed ghetto youth were also heavily opposed to the war, but were unallied with peace movements, and, paradoxically, were little disturbed by the draft and were often found in agreement with a 28-year-old urban Georgian who said he was "thinking of joining up if things don't pick up for me."

For all their criticism of America for its treatment of them, Negroes are as concerned as American whites about U.S. status and prestige, its safety from attack or provocation, and the possible damage to the national personality in withdrawal without victory or a negotiated peace; the Lomax Poll found further, the majority citing destruction of "morale" and now repressiveness of minorities as major casualties. The question, "Do you think there would be any serious damage or danger to U.S. status, territorial integrity, nationals abroad, or to its own national psycho in withdrawal?", produced the following response:

No, 23%; Yes, 58%; Don't know, 19%.

"Every nation in the world that we've helped is waiting to kick us if we once get down," was the pessimistic response of a 51-year-old Alabama farm worker, agreed to by a 29-year-old housewife and mother of 8, who added, "And white people gon' have to have someone to kick."

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of an open-housing ordinance;

--C. Navy officials found him a place to live in an all-white area and provided him 24-hour-a-day protection.

5. What was the incident that sparked the Orangeburg outbreaks:

--A. Klansmen bombed a Negro church;

--B. Police arrested a speeding driver, and area residents rallied to the driver's defense;

--C. Black students were turned away from whites-only bowling alley.

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**BONUS QUESTION:** Some people thought Rufus (Catfish) Mayfield had had it after resigning as chairman of Pride, Inc., during an upheaval in the anti-poverty organization. But then he bounced back to life by announcing what project?

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ANSWERS: 1. B; 2. A; 3. C; 4. B; 5. C.  
BONUS ANSWER: Rat control and youth development programs he is organizing, for which he demanded \$1 million in federal funds.

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