

# Hidden History

## The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

### NEGRO HISTORY BAFFLER

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Today's Baffler challenges you to identify the places where significant events in our history took place. Five events are given, with 10 places from which to make selections.

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

**EVENTS:**

1. On July 18, 1863, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers, an all-black regiment of freedmen from the North, made a famous attack on what Confederate stronghold?
2. Where did Booker T. Washington, on Sept. 18, 1895, deliver his famous admonition to fellow Negroes to "cast down your buckets where you are" and thus to accommodate to Southern segregation?
3. On Feb. 1, 1960, four college students started the sit-in movement at a five-and-ten cent store in what city?
4. The African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at a convention in what city on April 9, 1816?
5. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, in 1904, established an institution that later became Bethune-Cookman College in what city?

**PLACES:** A. Houston, Tex.; B. Greensboro, N.C.; C. Atlanta, Ga.; D. New York; E. St. Louis, Mo.; F. Fort Wagner, near Charleston, S.C.; G. Boston; H. Fort Worth, Tex.; I. Daytona Beach, Fla.; J. Philadelphia.

**BONUS QUESTION:** In which of the above cities do more than a million Negroes live today?

**ANSWERS:** 1. F; 2. C; 3. B; 4. J; 5. I.  
**BONUS ANSWER:** New York

### CURRENT EVENTS BAFFLER

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Protests are making the big news these days. So are efforts to pin the blame for recent disorders and the possibility of more disturbances this summer.

In today's Baffler, identify the causes given for recent acts of protest and turmoil. Scoring: 4-7: excellent; 3: fair; 0-2: poor. Bonus Question counts two points.

Here's the multiple-choice quiz:

1. The President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders has found what phenomenon largely to blame for the recent outbursts of rioting?
  - A. SNCC's black nationalist efforts and anti-white campaign;
  - B. "White racism" responsible for driving the races apart.
  - C. The President's War on Poverty programs, for raising expectations beyond realizable goals.
2. Recent disorders in Omaha, Neb., were sparked by:
  - A. Presidential candidate George C. Wallace's appearance in the city;
  - B. Stokely Carmichael's appearance in the city.
  - C. Ku Klux Klansmen on the local police

# VFW Hears Vice President On "Rights"

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Vice President Hubert Humphrey insisted last week that America cannot afford to let its "first-class (Negro) soldiers return to second-class citizenship."

Speaking before a Washington Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Vice President said American boys living and fighting together in Vietnam have proved that integration works.

He said: "I don't need to give this audience the statistics to prove that courage, willingness to volunteer for hazardous duty, bravery in the face of the enemy, are qualities that seem to emanate from the heart, not from the skin."

The Vice President pointed out that Vietnam has taught us that "those supposedly deep-rooted, life-long, built-in human prejudices do not take generations to disappear."

He added, "Where there is an important job to be done -- where there is equal opportunity and equal dignity and respect for all -- prejudice seems to evaporate fairly quickly."

He went on to say, "We can ask a young man to put on a uniform and send him to a combat zone. But far too often we do not permit him to live and work on equal terms at home."

"WE OFFER HIM an integrated bunker but not an integrated neighborhood," the Vice President asserted. "This country cannot afford to let its first-class soldiers return to second-class citizenship -- and that is just what is happening to far too many Vietnam veterans today."

"We have made enormous progress toward

force.

3. Dr. Martin Luther King's "nonviolent poor people's march" on Washington, set for April 22, will:

--A. Be the first civil rights-oriented march ever staged in the nation's capital.

--B. Have Black United front leaders as demonstration captains.

--C. Combine protests against the Vietnam war and efforts to have a sizable anti-poverty bill passed in Congress.

4. When former baseball star Jackie Robinson's son, Jackie, Jr., 21, was arrested on charges of possessing heroin and marijuana, what was the father's reaction?

--A. He blamed it all on racial discrimination, society and his son's "cultural deprivation."

--B. He blamed the Mafia for making drugs available to his son.

--C. He personally accepted the responsibility, declaring that he had failed in what he considers his most important reason for being--being a good father and "reaching" his son.

5. The NAACP and the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing have accused a federal unit of not doing all in its power to improve housing opportunities. The charge was lodged against:

--A. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

--B. The House Committee on Government Operations.

--C. The President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

**BONUS QUESTION:** What has several Negro politicians and legislators accused the New York transit system of doing?

**ANSWERS:** 1. B; 2. A; 3. C; 4. C; 5. A.

**BONUS ANSWER:** Keeping black people out of top administrative and policy-making positions.

equal opportunity in these past few years -- especially in building a solid framework of laws and programs for the future," the Vice President said.

"But no law or program will produce results quickly enough to make sure that every serviceman returning from Vietnam carries the equal opportunity of the service with him into his community.

"Nothing a grateful President can say will equal the impact of a community which says, 'Thank you, Mr. Serviceman. We're proud and happy to have you back among us.'"

The Vice President called on members of the VFW... "as men who are now employers and mayors and city councilmen and community leaders...to make sure your whole community does reach out to these men. See that they get hired...that their wives and families are welcomed...that the real America they return to looks as much as possible like the ideal they have been fighting to defend."

The Vice President suggested that the VFW implement a "buddy system" where each member of the organization would take on responsibility for helping a returning veteran find work, housing, and education if he needs it.

"There are American veterans who bear the wounds of poverty, discrimination, and blighted opportunity -- wounds more painful and debilitating than many received in battle. We are determined that those wounds shall be healed," the Vice President concluded.

## THIS WEEK IN NEGRO HISTORY

AN "NPI" FEATURE

- March 21, 1512 Ponce de Leon landed in Florida with a group of Negroes seeking the Fountain of Youth.
- March 21, 1856 Henry O. Flipper, first Negro to graduate from West Point Military Academy, was born in Thomasville, Ga., in Thomas county.
- March 21, 1865 Anthony Overton, founder of Overton Hygienic Company and president of Douglas National Bank, both in Chicago, was born. He died in 1946.
- March 23, 1893 Slavery abolished in Puerto Rico.
- March 24, 1492 Alonzo Pietro ("Il Negro"--the Negro) was one of Christopher Columbus' pilots on the voyage to discover a new route to the Indies which led to the discovery of America.
- March 25, 1807 Slave trade abolished by British Parliament.
- March 25, 1931 Scottsboro boys (9) sentenced to die. Execution halted by nationwide protest.
- March 25, 1945 New York state adopted FEPC. Georgia repealed poll tax. Negro GIs blackjacked by police in Jackson, Miss.
- March 26, 1831 Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the AME church, died in Philadelphia.

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