

NOTABLE DATES, (Cont'd)

- Dec. 8, 1837 Wendell Phillips makes first anti-slavery speech in Faneuil Hall, Boston, denouncing murder of abolitionist editor Elijah P. Lovejoy.
- Dec. 9, 1946 President Truman issues order establishing a Committee on Civil Rights.
- Dec. 10, 1641 Massachusetts Bay Colony adopts Body of Liberties, a law code that recognizes slavery.
- Dec. 11, 1872 P. B. Pinchback becomes acting Governor of Louisiana when Governor is impeached.
- Dec. 12, 1938 Supreme Court rules that states must provide equal accommodations for all law students.
- Dec. 13, 1944 Black women admitted to U. S. Navy unit, the WAVES.
- Dec. 14, 1829 John Mercer Langston, lawyer, diplomat, college president, and congressman from Virginia, is born a slave.
- Dec. 15, 1943 Fats Waller, jazz pianist and composer dies.
- Dec. 16, 1870 Negro Methodist Episcopal Church founded at Jackson, Tenn.
- Dec. 17, 1960 18,871,831 Blacks in U. S., 10.5 percent of population.
- Dec. 18, 1865 Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery in U. S. goes into effect.
- Dec. 19, 1875 Carter G. Woodson, historian, born the son of a tenant farmer in Canton, Va.
- Dec. 20, Of 22 Blacks elected to congress in Reconstruction era, 13 were born slaves and nine born free.
- Dec. 21, 1956 Year-long boycott succeeds in integrating Montgomery buses.
- Dec. 22, 1968 Fortune reported that Black Americans represented a market of \$30 billions a year before taxes.
- Dec. 23, 1815 Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, militant abolitionist, born a slave in Kent County, Md.
- Dec. 24, There are 113 predominantly Black colleges and universities in the U. S.
- Dec. 25, 1776 Two Blacks, Prince Whipple and Oliver Cromwell, are with Washington's troops on Christmas Day to attack Hessians at Trenton.
- Dec. 26, 1848 William and Ellen Craft make sensational escape from slavery in Georgia with her impersonating a slaveholder and him acting as her servant.
- Dec. 27, During Reconstruction the Freedman's Bureau schools employed 3,300 teachers to instruct 150,000 pupils.
- Dec. 28, 1870 S. H. Archer, President of Morehouse College Atlanta, Ga., born in Petersburg.
- Dec. 29, 1943 A new pattern for demonstrations was set when CORE conducted sit-ins at a Chicago restaurant.
- Dec. 30, 1920 Mamie Smith made the first authentic blues recording (Crazy Blues).
- Dec. 31, 1775 Following British offer of freedom to slaves joining them, Gen-

eral Washington opens Revolutionary ranks to free Blacks.

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