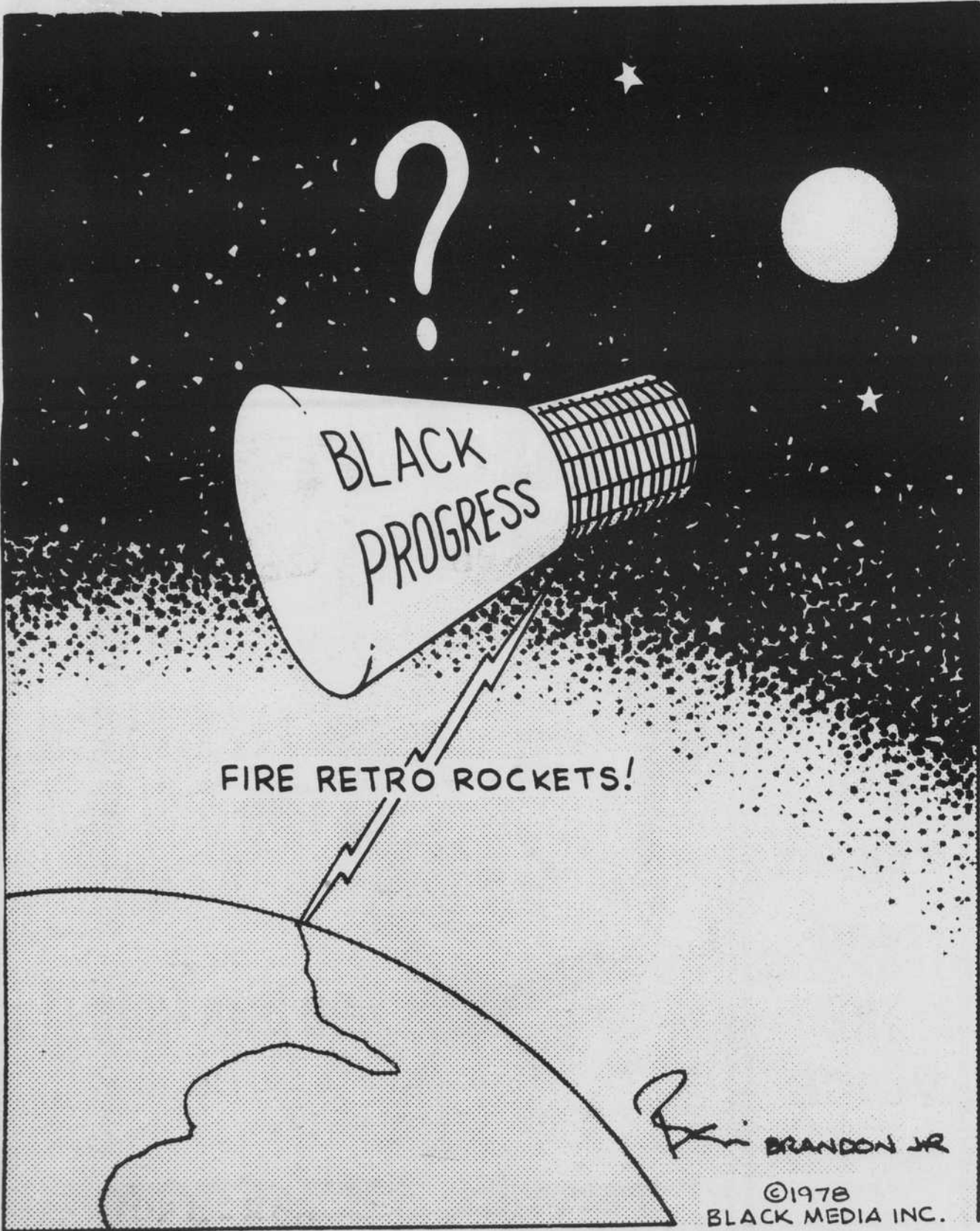


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### HIGH HOPES



The United States is not the largest country in the western hemisphere. It's Canada, with a total area of 3,851,809 square miles.

### TELL ME

DO LARGE BODIES OF SALT WATER FREEZE?



YES! THE ROUGHNESS OF THE OPEN OCEAN PREVENTS FREEZING BUT MANY RIVERS, COVES AND HARBORS OFTEN FREEZE OVER!

WHAT FRUIT DID THE MOSLEMS INTRODUCE INTO EUROPE?



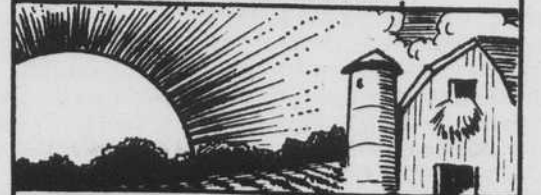
LEMONS, STRAWBERRIES, DATES, ORANGES, APRICOTS, BANANAS, PEACHES AND POMEGRANATES!

WHAT WAS CONSIDERED THE LOUDEST NOISE EVER HEARD ON EARTH?



THE ERUPTION OF KRAKATOA, EAST INDIES, IN 1883! THE AWESOME BLAST WAS HEARD A FULL 1000 MILES AWAY!

WHAT STAR IS CLOSEST TO THE EARTH?



THE SUN, ABOUT 93 MILLION MILES AWAY! AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT 186,000 MILES A SECOND, SUNLIGHT REACHES THE EARTH IN ABOUT 8 MINUTES!