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Glasnost: African American Style; Part 1



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U.S.-Soviet relations have strengthened in recent years. Therefore, it is important to at least realize that people of color are involved and will be affected on both fronts.

When I presented Dr. Lily Golden with a revised copy of her resume, the expression on her face said it all. She was unabashedly pleased and went on to say that the original copy she gave me was typed on the same typewriter that her father brought to her native Russia in 1931, nearly sixty years ago.

Her father, Oliver Golden, an African American, studied agriculture at Tuskegee Institute and Alcorn State and led a delegation of fellow African Americans to the Soviet Union.

Golden and his colleagues, all agricultural experts, signed a two year contract with the USSR Ministry of

Agriculture to help modernize cotton growing and farming in the nation. They remained in the USSR, citing less discrimination than in the United States.

Today, Golden is still referred to as a "Black skinned giant." The daughter of the "Giant" is now a leader in her own right. Lily Golden is a Cultural Anthropologist and founder of the African Institute in Moscow. She is a scholar, lecturer, historian, tennis champion and world traveler.

Born in 1934, she received her Ph.D from Moscow State University in the History of African Music. It was refreshing to listen to her talk about the similarities in African music throughout the world; from Moscow to Mississippi, from Tashkent to Trinidad, from Uzbekistan to Uganda.

She has visited the United States several times since

Preparing For The SAT

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The Scholastic Achievement Test, or SAT, is a requirement for admission to most college and universities. The test consists of verbal and math questions designed to test the logic and deductive reasoning of the students as well as a basic knowledge of vocabulary, analogies, and algebra skills. Also included in the test is the Test of Standard Written English, which examines English grammar and usage skills. Most students need to achieve a score of at least 1000 combined between the verbal and math sections to be considered for entrance to a good college or university. Students from grades nine through eleven should

1987. She stated that on her first visit, she stayed with a white (European American) family in a Chicago suburb and didn't see any African Americans. She demanded that they at least take her to a Blues club so that she could hear the music she had always heard of.

On another recent visit, she requested to stay with African American families in order to talk and touch her U.S. African brothers and sisters. She has now developed quite a U.S. African following. College students and study abroad students are eager to learn about African Soviet life.

The majority of Africans in the Soviet Union are students from African countries. Yet even knowledge of their numbers, estimated to be 30,000, are usually lost or unknown to most African Americans. Black People in Russia?

Most people, via television, view the Soviet Union as being a "white" country when in fact it is located in Asia. The majority of its citizens are of Asian descent.

In Part 2, we will highlight notes from Dr. Lily Golden's 1966 book, Africans in Russia.

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prepare especially for this test, since it sometimes encompasses areas usually not covered by normal school curricula.

Generally, there are a few guidelines for doing well on the SAT. First, students should remember that on the SAT, there is no-fourth of one point deducted for each incorrect answer (on certain math sections, it is one-third of one point) Consequently, if students answer too many questions incorrectly, they are penalized severely. Accordingly, students should not attempt to answer a question unless they have narrowed down the possible answers by process of elimination. Second, students should take the SAT as many times as possible to familiarize themselves with the format of the test and the type of questions being asked. College entrance committees will not look at the highest SAT scores achieved by the student, so it is in the student's best interest to begin taking the SAT in the spring of his sophomore year in high school. One other test, the Preliminary SAT, or PSAT, can be taken by younger students, but this is a considered by some to be harder test, since it serves as a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarships.

if the students have had a problem with reading comprehension, vocabulary development, or math in the past, it is recommended that they seek help at a supplemental education center with qualified, experience SAT instructors.

The verbal section of the SAT has four basic components: antonyms, analogies, cloze passages, and reading comprehensive in passages. The antonym section consists of between ten and twenty questions designed to test the student's knowledge of word opposites. It is helpful if the student have some knowledge of Greek and Latin prefixes and roots, not only for this section of the SAT but for other parts as well. The analogies section consists of word relationships, such as "Painter is to brush as carpenter is to ?"

CHILDWATCH

By Marian Wright Edelman
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CHILDREN AND HISTORY

Now that Carter G. Woodson's Negro History Week has evolved into Black History Month, and Martin Luther King's birthday has become a federal holiday, a lot of people assume that our children are learning all they need to know about Black history. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Too many of our Black children do not have an accurate sense of our history (or for that matter, current events) because no one has bothered to teach them. They have no sense of the contributions we have made to world civilization, and do not

with the answer choice being some tool such as "hammer." These relationships often become more complex and test the student's logic and deductive reasoning as well as word knowledge. The cloze passages have one or two blank words in a sentence to fill in; this is one of the most difficult sections for the inexperienced test taker. Finally, the reading comprehensive section consists of two or three passages with questions about details, inferences, mood, and interpretation.

The math section test the student's knowledge of algebra, geometry, and word problems. Students should know all basic formulas for area, circumference, volume, and angles before attempting this section of the test. Generally, a knowledge of trigonometry is not needed.

The Sylvan Learning Centers of Las Vegas will be presenting a free two-hour seminar, "Cracking the SAT," on Wednesday, January 24, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. At this seminar, "Cracking the SAT," on Wednesday, January 24, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. At this seminar, actual samples of past SAT's will be distributed to attending students to give them more in-depth explanations of techniques used to help students do well on the SAT. There is no charge for attending, but reservations are required. Call the Sylvan Learning Center at 795-7323 for more information.

understand that the civil rights movement was only one phase of our long struggle for justice.



Marian Wright Edelman

I recently had an opportunity to visit Roots Activity Learning Center, a Black independent school in the District of Columbia. There I saw a class of four year olds talking about their costumes for the after-school masquerade party, held on the night of Halloween. These children were not planning to dress as fairy princesses, cartoon characters or super heroes. Instead they were to be Fannie Lou Hammer and Winnie Mandela; Josephine Baker and Mahalia Jackson; Harriet Tubman and Kwame Nkrumah. Others said they were to be cowboy Nat Love, filmmaker Spike Lee, 1990 Miss America Debbie Turner, and astronaut Frederick Gregory. Tears came to my eyes as I heard these young children describe the lives of those they had chosen to represent.

I realized that these children were lucky because they attended a school where each day's morning exercise featured Lift Every Voice and Sing. At Roots, field trips include visits to local Black historic sites and museum exhibits, the teaching of Black History is not limited to the month of February, and lessons about the civil rights movement are not reserved for January 15th.

Of course, relatively few Black children have a chance

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