THIS MONTH IN BLACK HISTORY

APRIL

1-- 1868-Hampton University opened in

2-- 1918-Charles White, artist, born.

3-- 1865-Black Union troops entered

4-- 1968-Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

5--1856- Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, born.

6--1909-Matthew Henson, explorer, first in a party of six to reach the North Pole.

7–1940-Booker T. Washington stamp, first of its kind honoring an African American, went on sale.

8--1974-Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's major league record with 715 home runs.

9--1898-Paul Robeson, actor, singer, athlete and lawyer, born.

10-- 1947-Jackie Robinson plays first major league baseball game.

11-- 1883-Spelman College, first college for Black women, organized in Atlanta, Georgia.

12-- 1787-Free African Society founded.

13-- 195-Peabo Bryson, singer, born.

14- 1964-Sidney Politier became first Black to win an Oscar for best actor.

15-- 1960-Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) founded.

17-- 1820-First U.S. Blacks settled in Liberia, West Africa.

18-- 1977-Alex Haley won Pulitzer Prize for Roots.

19-- 1972-Maj. Gen. Frederic E. Davison became first Black officer to command a division of the U.S. Army-8th Infantry Divi-

20--1866-Fisk University opened.

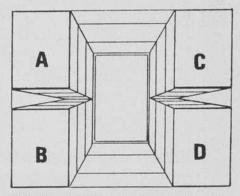
23--Granville T. Woods, inventor of more than 20 patented industrial appliances, born.

24--1944-United Negro College Fund (UNCF) founded.

25-- 1918-Ella Fitzgerald, singer, born.

26-- 1966-PFC Milton L. Oliver III, first Black honored for valor in Vietnam, awarded Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously.

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