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On August 28, 1963, nearly two hundred thousand Americans, white and black, Jew and Christian, marched in Washington, the nation's capital, to display their support for desegregation.



On March 18, 1978, thousands marched in Nashville, Tennessee, in support of South African freedom fighters. The demonstrators were protesting a tennis match between American and South African players which they felt legitimated the apartheid system/UPI



(above) The attorneys who successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court in 1954 that segregated public schools were unconstitutional. Left to right: George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D.C.; Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP; and James Nabrit, Jr., professor at Howard University/UPI

(top right) Ralph Bunche served as Under Secretary of the United Nations. He was the first black to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to resolve the Israeli-Egyptian conflict/UPI

(bottom right) Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem minister, community activist, and congressman, was known as "Mr. Civil Rights." As chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor he authored numerous bills beneficial to many Americans/UPI



American Olympic champions Tommie Smith (center) and John Carlos (right) display the black power salute at the Mexico City 1968 Olympics. The philosophy of black power, which called for community control and separatism, was rejected by many civil rights organizations/AP



THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA

Although blacks have played a significant role in this country's history since its beginnings, until very recently their contributions were largely ignored by historians, and the black man's face appeared only rarely in history books. The suppression of black history and of the blacks' enrichment of America's development came from the same mythology of racism that for so long denied black citizens justice in this society.

Only by illuminating the history of America's blacks can we eradicate the myth and distortion responsible for problems and gaps in communication that still exist. Through information comes understanding, and through understanding, friendship.

Beyond this, awareness of black history provides America with a greater truth, a fuller picture of this country's history in all its dimensions. It is time to acknowledge the

positive role of blacks in our society and to appreciate and learn from contributions made in spite of the burdens of slavery and the damages wrought by discrimination. In this history of struggle and courage we are reminded of the values that have been America's strength, and we see anew that the freedom of each individual—black and white—derives from the rights accorded to all.

You will find in the following pages a pictorial and documentary summary of black history in America. It is our hope that will be used by schools and religious and community groups—and individuals.



The honorable Andrew J. Young, United States ambassador to the United Nations, in a 1977 photo. Young was formerly a civil rights activist and a Georgia congressman.

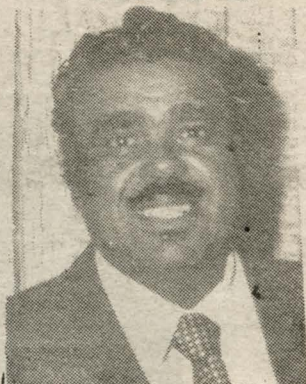


Patricia Roberts Harris, the first black woman to serve in an ambassadorial post (Luxembourg, 1965), is at present Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.



Malcolm X in 1963 addressing a national convention of the Nation of Islam. This articulate spokesman did not accept the civil rights doctrine of non-violence.

FROM THE PUBLISHERS PEN



Fitzgerald Beaver
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I Believe the achievements of the BLACK PEOPLE Properly Presented, Will let the world know that BLACK PEOPLE were a factor in early Human Progress, and have been important contributions to modern civilization.

**HISTORY IS THE INSTRUCTOR OF THE PRESENT
HISTORY IS A WARNING TO THE FUTURE**

We hope that this edition will shed more light on what Black Americans have contributed to the building of America. We hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we have enjoyed putting it together. We give special thanks to the advertisers who have cooperated with us to present to our reading audience an enlightening experience in Black History.... a history which is a source of great pride to all Americans.