

This Week in History by Angeliue Sanders

Led by both the powerful and the meek, the week of April 4-10 played a strong role in the repression of--and exaltation of--the African American population.

April 4, 1928--This is the birthdate of Maya Marguerita Angelou. Angelou tried her wings at--and flew with success in--many careers, including writing, producing, directing, singing, dancing, lecturing, and editing. She was also active in pushing for civil rights.

April 9, 1940--A ten-cent stamp is issued in commemoration of Booker T. Washington's furtherance of Black rights.

April 4, 1967--A year short of what shall be his death, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. announces at a press conference his plans to conscientiously object the Vietnam War through a nationwide educational campaign, teaching students in an effort to "awaken the conscience of the nation."

on to say the hanging was a result of South Africa's white supremacist ruling party's desire to "intimidate the African population." West Germany's Social Democratic Party calls the slaughter one of "merciless cruelty" and predicted it would "unleash shock and bitterness throughout the world."

Everyone is or has been a minority: though you might not be Black, or a Buddhist, or a female, or Hispanic, you once were--or are now--held back due to age. Hopefully, every man, woman, and child reading this will think of Martin Luther King, Jr. today, on this 22nd anniversary of his death, and remember what he has done for you. King spent his life fighting racism, and even suffered death at the hands of a racist. One day the bigotry will end, and men everywhere will unite. Thank you, Martin Luther.

Dakota Negroes are less illiterate than Mississippi Whites. The Negroes of these seven states are less illiterate by 100 to 400 per cent than the foreign-born whites of all the States, save one."

And also:
"Negro illiteracy in California is 3.1 per cent; Minnesota: 2.0; New York: 2.5; Nevada: 1.5; South Dakota: 2.2; Oregon: 2.5; Washington: 2.9. The illiteracy of the Native American Whites of White parentage is, Virginia: 5.0; West Virginia: 3.8; North Carolina: 5.7; South Carolina: 5.2; Georgia: 3.4; Kentucky: 5.9; Tennessee: 5.4; Alabama: 4.9; Louisiana: 7.8; and New Mexico: 8.2 (U.S. Census, Vol. II, pg. 1229)"

And for that Eastern and Southern European Region B--that the Anglo Saxon majority so despised in their literature and immigration quotas (and so loves in today's era of perestroika and glasnost),

we have this revelation from the Key 1929 "Bulletin No. 4 of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Illiteracy in the Several Countries of the World."

"Servia, 48 per cent, Bulgaria 55; Portugal, 50-70 per cent; Hungary, 10-20; Finland, Lithuania, Poland, 30-40; Italy, 20-30; Russia, 50-60. 'Greece,' says the report, is considerably in excess of 50 per cent." "Spain, Italy and Bulgaria show comparatively high rates."

Now, given that critical information--much available to the army itself--and given the highly vaunted skills of research and careful documentation claimed by the University of Chicago and the consultants listed below--it is almost unbelievable (almost) that, together, they could come up with the following flawed and misleading report used by the media and racists to support their preconceived notions. The unsupported conclusions are criminal in impact.

From the Washington Bureau, L.A.

Times/Washington Post News Service: WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department released Monday an independent analysis of its nationwide youth achievement test that cited possible genetic factors as one reason for the relatively poor performance of blacks and Latinos in the test.

The results of the department's test, in which whites scored three times higher than blacks and twice as high as Latinos, have "substantial implications for vocational opportunities and attainment," the report said, because they show that blacks and Latinos continue to be isolated from the American mainstream "both reproductively and culturally."

The test, the results of which were officially released Monday, was an assessment of nearly 12,000 blacks, whites and Latinos 18 to 23, measured in a battery of tests administered during the summer of 1980.

The test results showed a median

score, out of a possible 100 points, of 59 for whites, 23 for Latinos and 17 for blacks.

The Pentagon's test and the sample of youths it tested were certified as statistically valid and unbiased by the National Opinion Research Center.


Two researchers associated with the center and the University of Chicago, who analyzed the test data, said the relatively poor performance of blacks and Latinos indicated that neither group has been fully integrated into white society.

At the same time, the researchers said in a report distributed by the Pentagon, "the fact that these socio-cultural groups are also in large degree reproductively isolated... raises the possibility that the differences in test performance arise from differences in the respective gene pools."

Someone turned off the heat under the "Melting Pot". There still is no room at the inn for some.

Concluded next week.

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