



Julius Lester
Newark, New Jersey

1968 SNCC CALENDAR

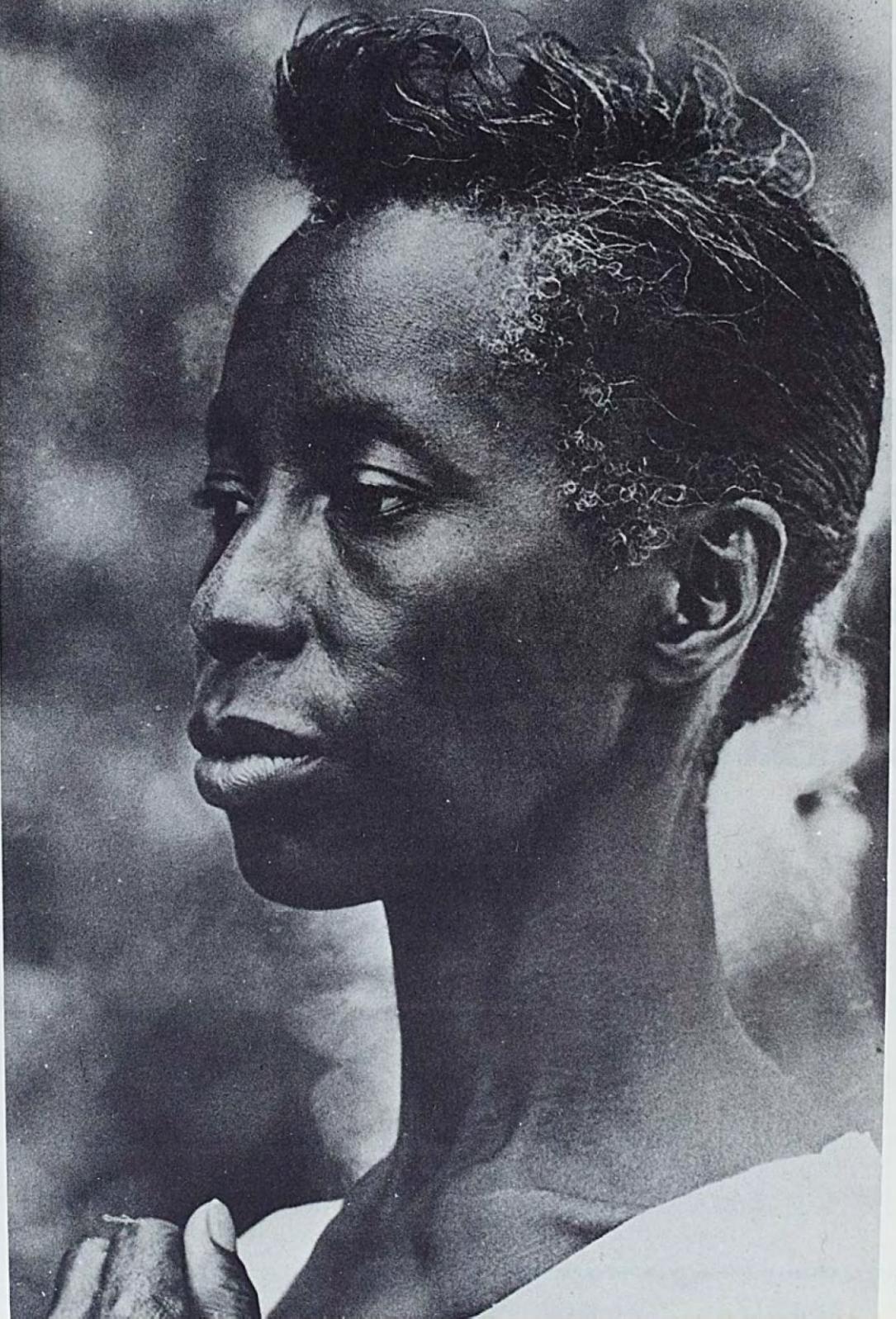
1968

SNCC

Engagement

Calendar

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Bob Fletcher
Greenwood, Miss.

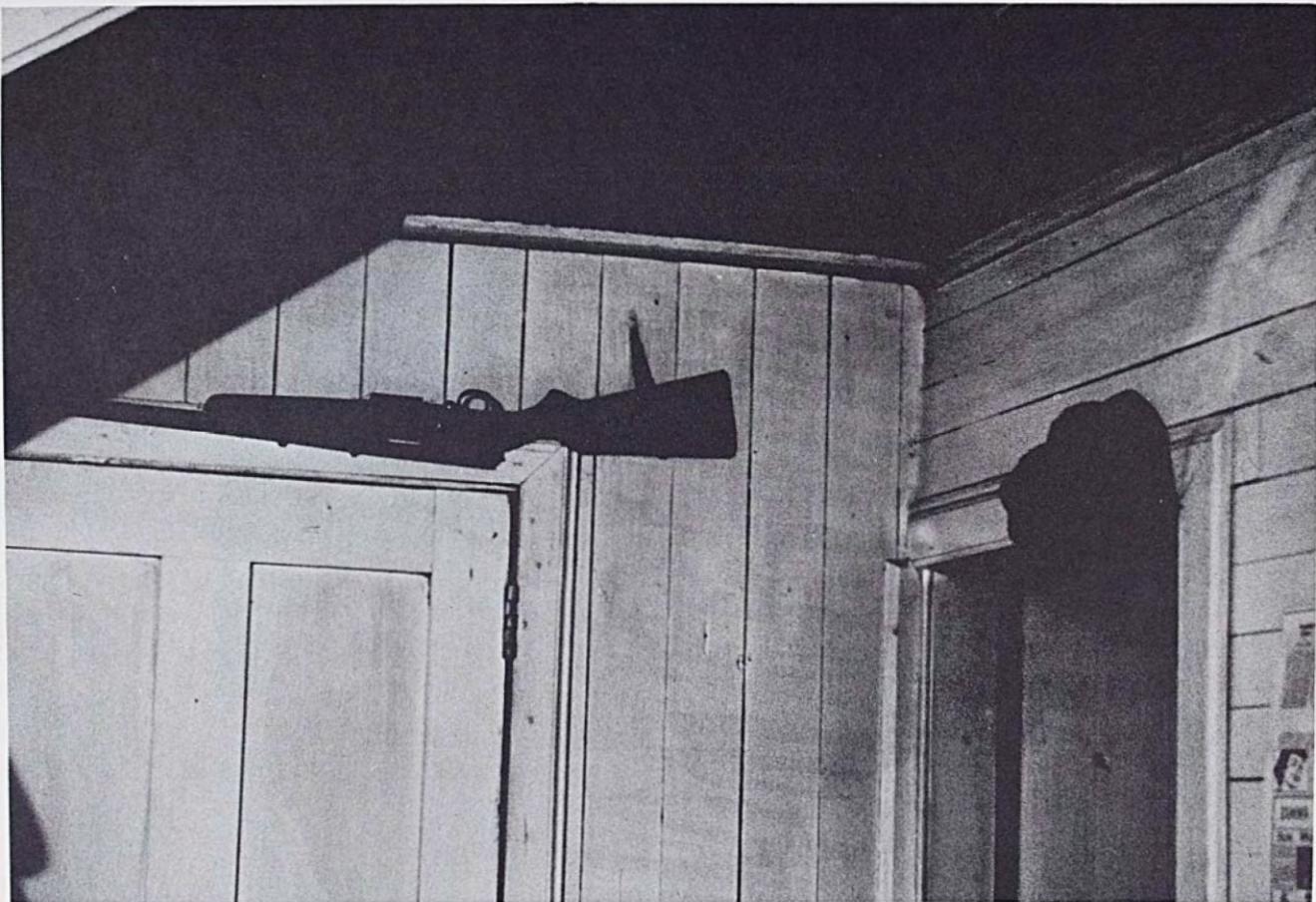
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The history of black people in the United States is the story of resistance, one of the longest stories of resistance in the history of man. Black people never accepted slavery or the involuntary servitude that followed slavery. From the rebellions on slave ships to the rebellions of today, our history is one of resistance. Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Herbert Lee, Fannie Lou Hamer are just a few of the more well-known individuals who have each fought in their own way.

But our resistance struggle has taken many forms. During slavery it took the form of song and story and the ingratiating smile which disturbed the tranquility of many a white man. It also took the form of spiders in the soup, broken farm tools, accidental-on-purpose fires and murder.

There were **acts** of resistance, as those above, but blacks in America lived in such a way that their lives were an act of resistance. They used to say we were happy, because we sang, danced and made music with such zest, but they didn't understand our will to live, no matter how much they might consider us as property. They took away our drums; we just started clapping our hands. They took away our tribes and languages; we simply fashioned English to our own tongues and made our own new language, one that had the tonal variety of our mother tongues and one they could not understand. They tried to take from us everything that told us who we were, but they couldn't. In our very souls we resisted, biding our time, waiting for the day when we could strike the final blow for our liberty.

This calendar marks the 349th year of our resistance struggle and is dedicated to the solemn memory of those martyred in the rebellions of 1967 and to the lasting glory of the heroes and heroines of those rebellions.



Julius Lester
Moncure, North Carolina

**Tomorrow belongs to God
But it also belongs to us.**

*Annette Baye
Senegal*

JANUARY 1968

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New Year's Day

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1966—Sammy Younge, Jr., shot to death at a gas station in Tuskegee, Ala.

1966—SNCC issues statement against U.S. policy in Vietnam.

JANUARY

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1966—Georgia State Legislature refuses to seat Julian Bond, duly elected representative, on the basis of his opposition to Vietnam war.

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1967—Adam Clayton Powell, duly elected representative, refused seat in U.S. Congress.

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1957—Founding of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., elected president.

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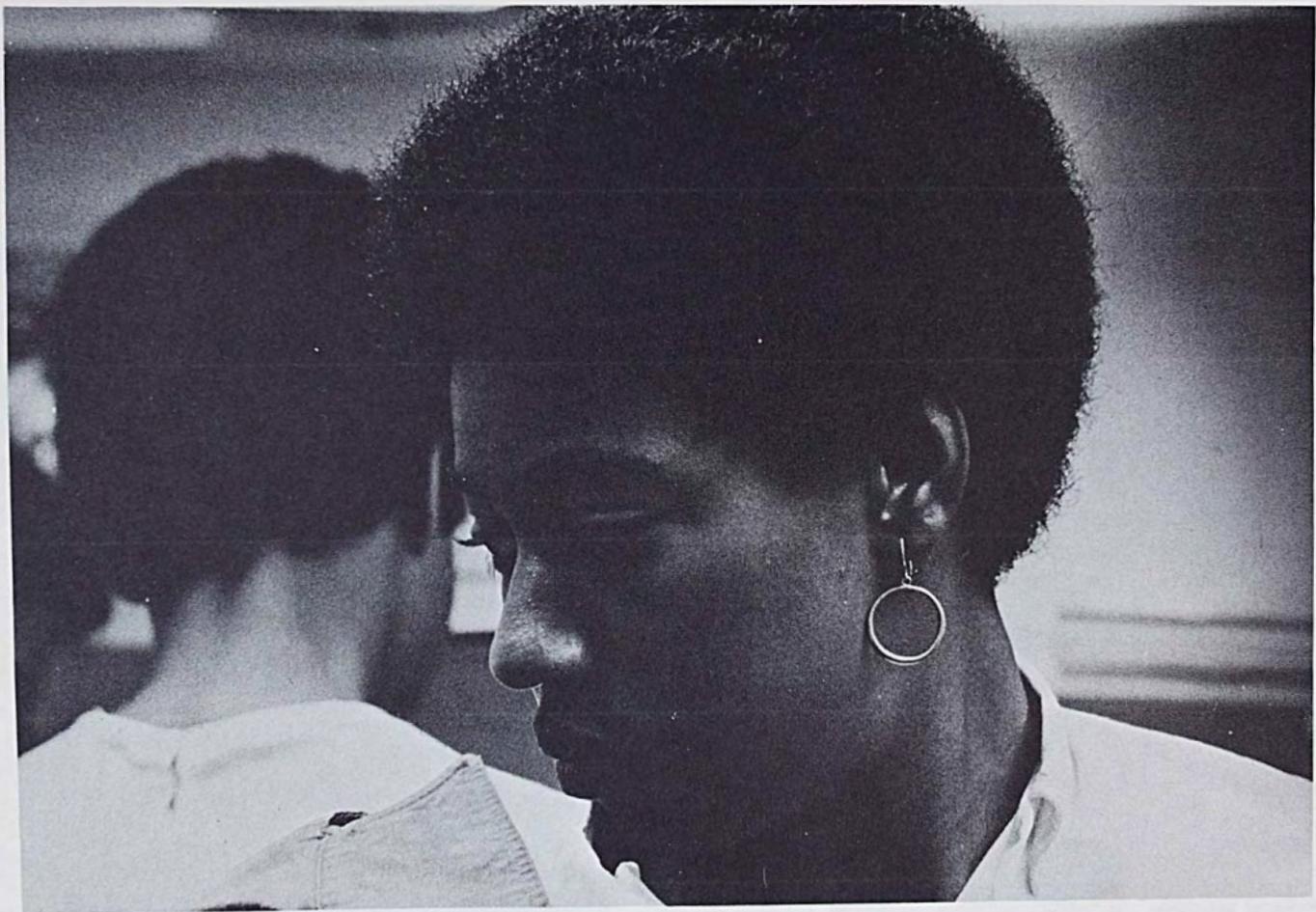
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Julius Lester
Atlanta, Georgia

my race
remembers
the taste of bronze drunk hot.

*Tchicaga U Tam'si
Congo—Brazzaville*

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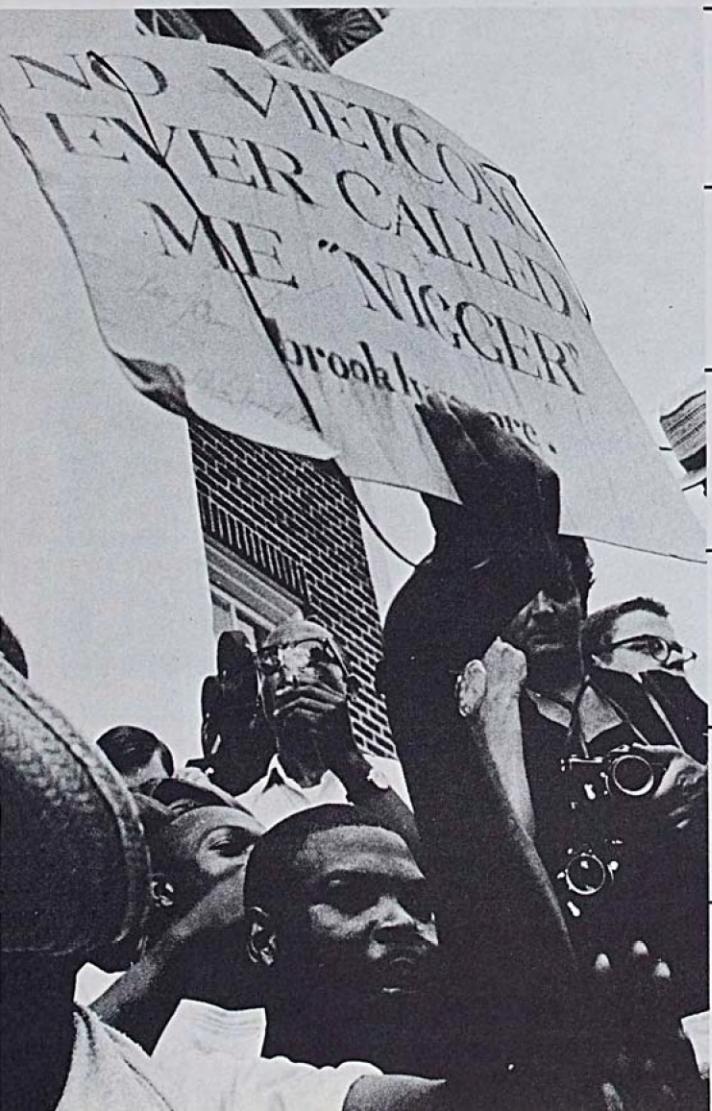
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Mary Varela
Jackson, Mississippi

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Beauford Smith
New York

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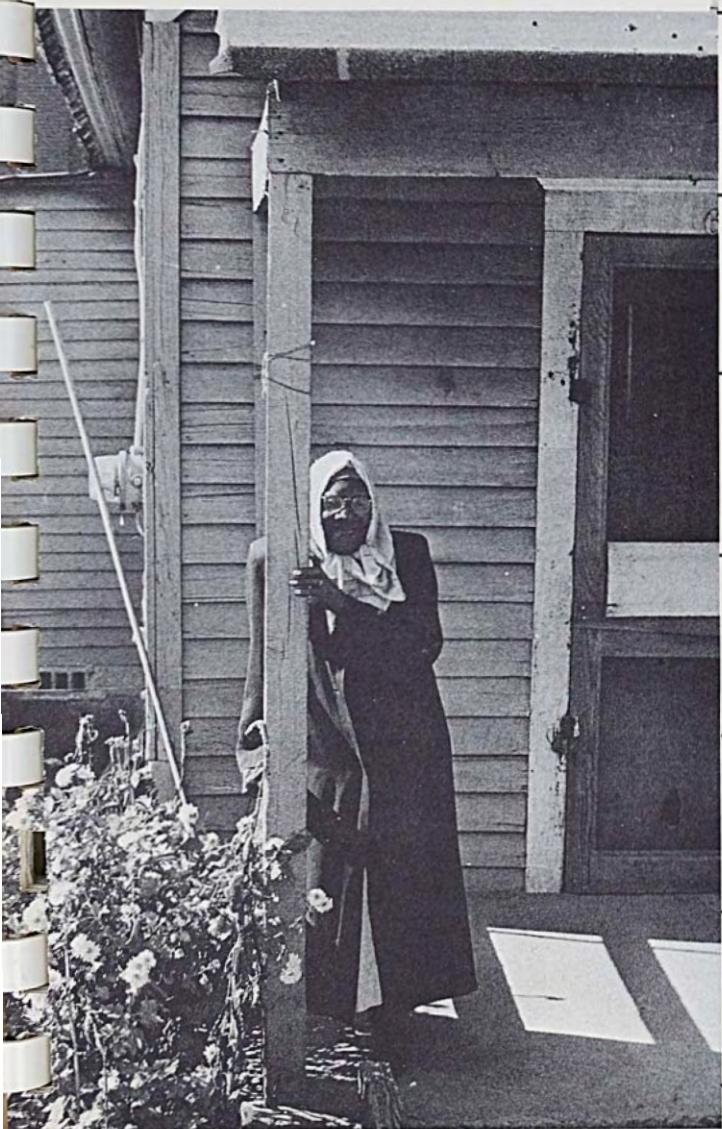
1960—Sit-in movement begins in Greensboro,
N.C.

1902—Langston Hughes, poet of black people,
born.

FEBRUARY

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Rufus Hinton
Atlanta, Georgia

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1909—National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) founded in New York.

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The price of your hat
ain't the measure of your brain.

—Afro-American Saying—

FEBRUARY 1968

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1965—Rebellion in Brooklyn, New York.

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1919—First Pan-African Congress held in Paris, organized by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.

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1895—Frederick Douglass dies.

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1965—Malcolm X (El Hadj Malik Shabazz) assassinated at Audubon Ballroom in New York City.

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FEBRUARY / MARCH

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1870—Hiram R. Revels takes oath of office as U.S. Senator (Mississippi), first of two black senators during Reconstruction Period.

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Joffre Clark
Selma, Alabama



Bob Fletcher
Highway 81
Alabama

“... the only way is to take power! Those who have power have everything;
those who are without power have nothing.
Of all the important things, the possession of power is the most important.”

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1770—Crispus Attucks, a black man, becomes first person to die for American independence, in the Boston Massacre.

MARCH

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1913—Death of Harriet Tubman, escaped slave who helped over 300 slaves escape on the "underground railroad." She never lost a passenger.

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1967—Rebellion at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg.

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1932—Atlanta Daily World, first successful black daily newspaper, founded.

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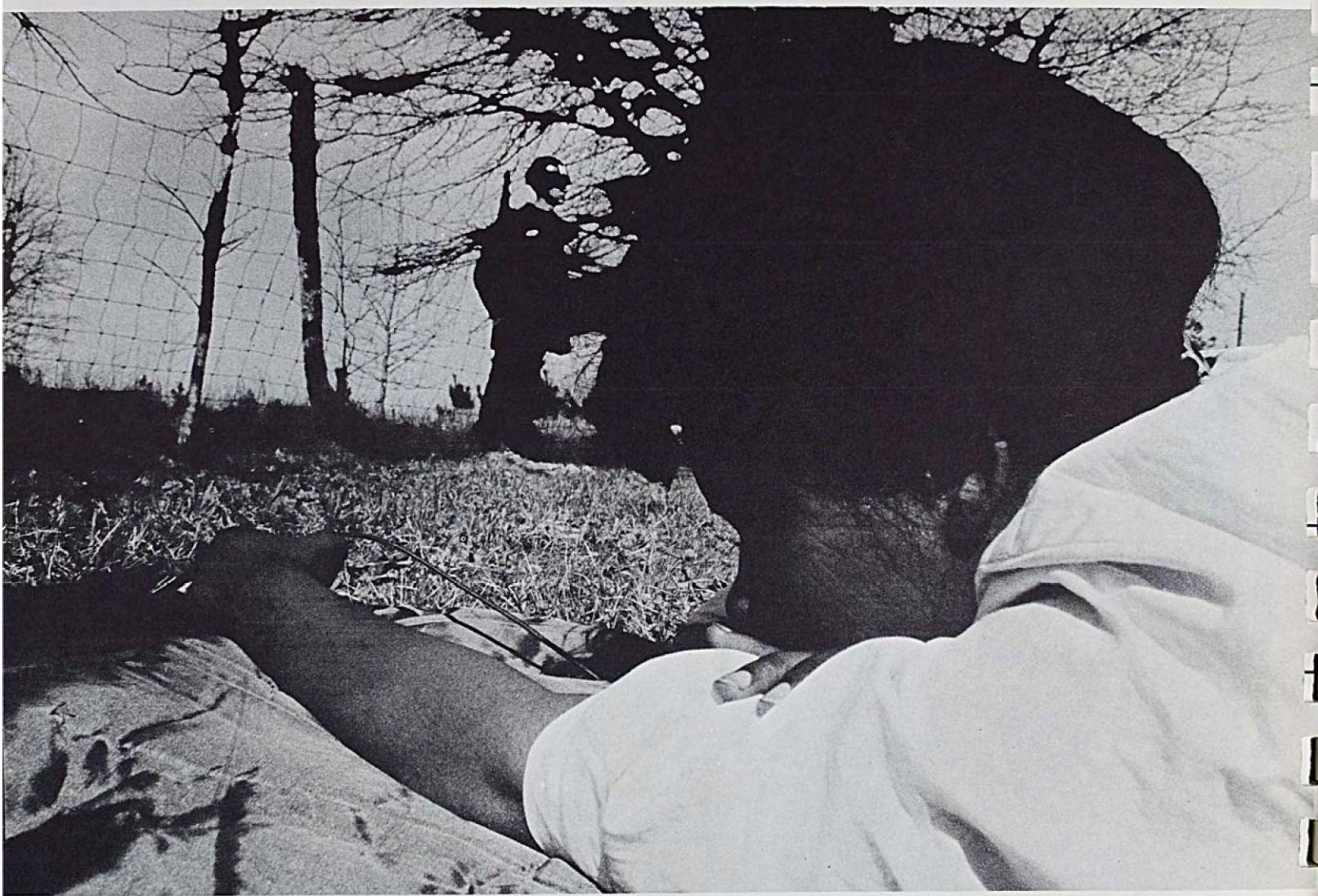
Saturday



Bob Fletcher
Selma, Alabama

"This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it.
Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government,
they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it,
or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

Abraham Lincoln



Bob Fletcher
Highway 81
Alabama

MARCH

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1964—Rebellion in Jacksonville, Fla.

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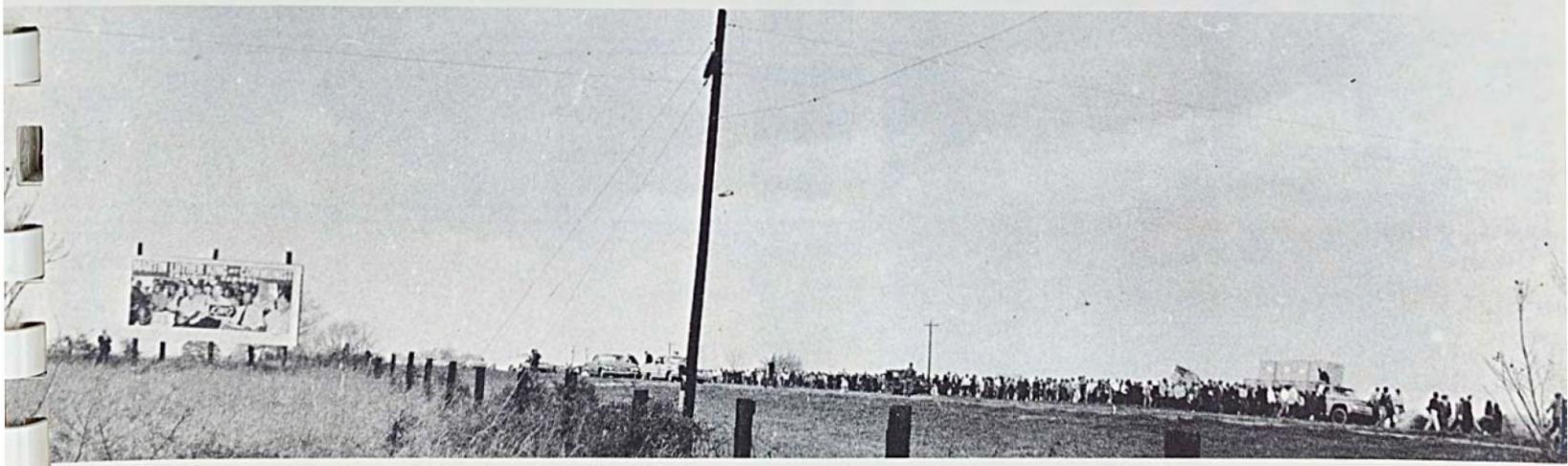
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MARCH

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Sunday	1964—Rebellion in Jacksonville, Fla.	24	Sunday
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Tuesday	1965—Selma-Montgomery March ends.	26	Tuesday
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Bob Fletcher
Highway 81
Alabama

MARCH/APRIL

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1967—Rebellion in Omaha, Nebraska.

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1967—Rebellion in Omaha, Nebraska.

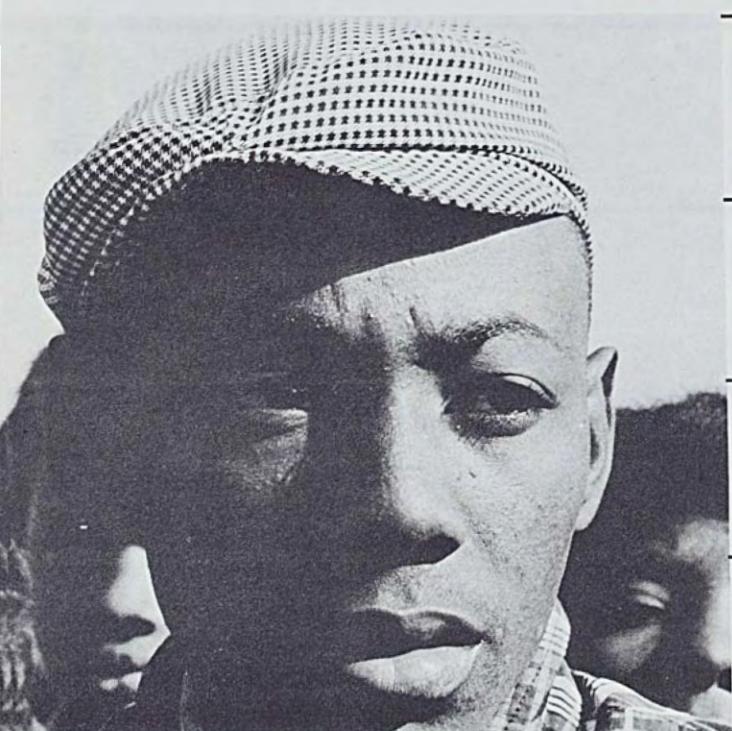
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Joffre Clark
Moultrie, Georgia

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1960—SNCC organized at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.

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1967—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.

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1967—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.

1967—Rebellion in Massillon, Ohio.

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1967—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.

1955—First Afro-Asian Conference meets at Bandung, Indonesia. The 29 countries that met endorsed independence, self-determination and the elimination of colonialism as their goals.

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1967—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.

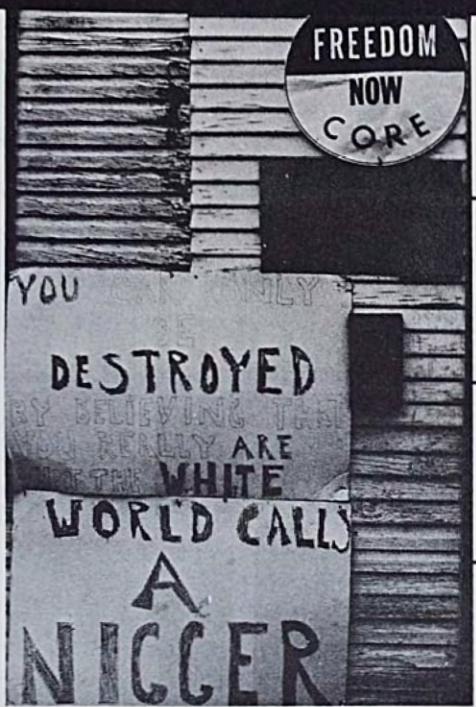
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1967—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.

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1959—Charles Mack Parker taken from jail and lynched in Poplarville, Miss.

1967—Rebellion at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

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1964—Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party formed in Jackson, Miss.

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APRIL / MAY

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1967—Muhammad Ali refuses to be inducted into military service.

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1967—Rebellion in Rochester, New York.

1967—Rebellion in Wichita, Kansas.

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1967—Rebellion in Wichita, Kansas.

1966—Lowndes County (Ala.) Freedom Organization holds first nominating convention.

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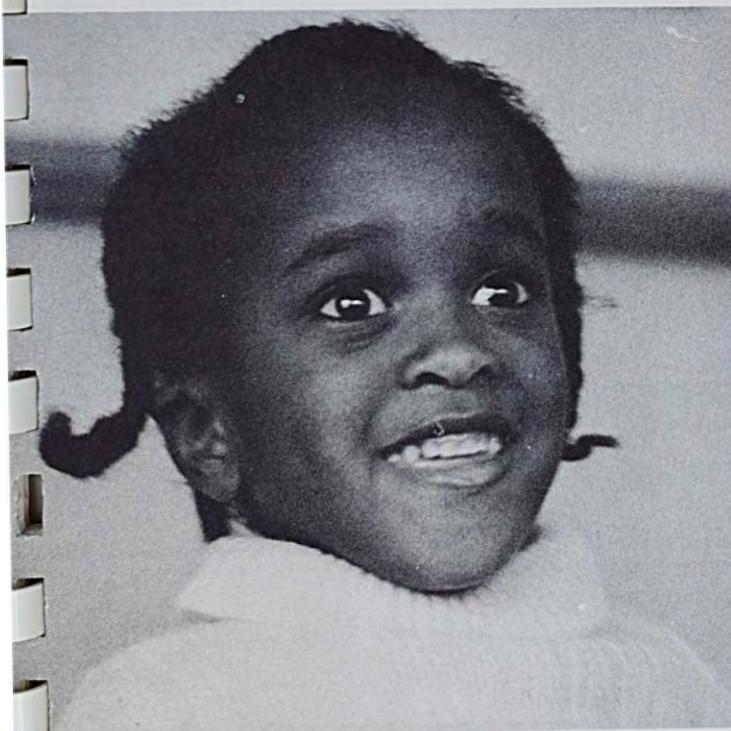
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1954—Vietnamese defeat French army at Dien Bien Phu.



Julius Lester
Atlanta, Georgia

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"I don't have to be what you want me to be
I'm free to be what I want to be."

Muhammad Ali

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1967—Rebellion at Jackson State College, Jackson, Miss.

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Julius Lester
North Vietnam

Thursday

1967—Rebellion at Texas Southern Univ., Houston.

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1967—Rebellion at Texas Southern Univ., Houston.

1954—U.S. Supreme Court rules segregated schools unconstitutional.

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MAY

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1910—National Urban League founded (as Committee on Urban conditions).

1925—Malcolm X (El Hadj Malik Shabazz) born.

1935—Rebellion in Harlem.

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1967—Rebellion in Vallejo, Calif.

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1967—Langston Hughes, black people's poet, dies.

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1854—Lincoln University, first Negro college, founded in Oxford, Pa.

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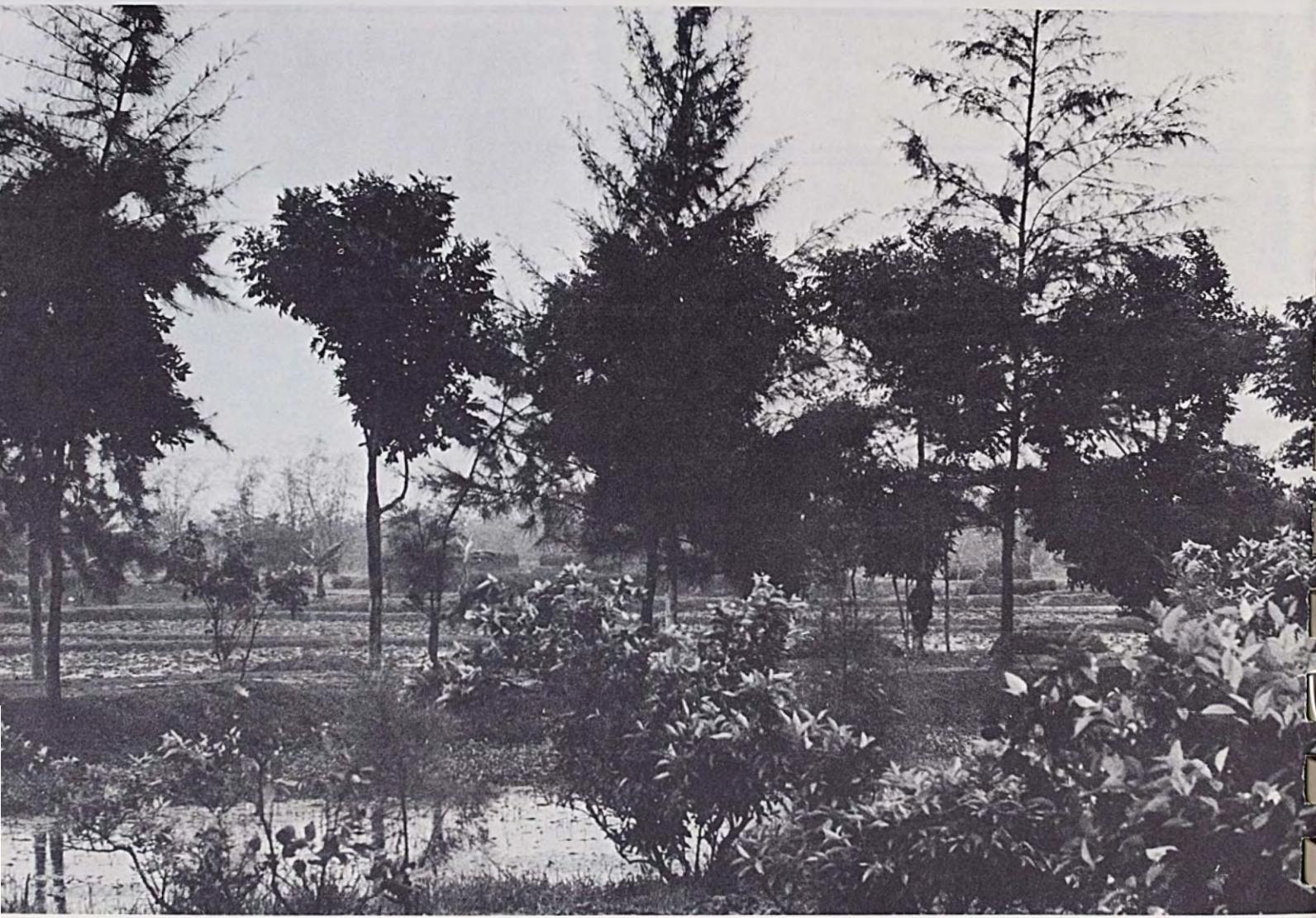
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Julius Lester
North Vietnam

MAY / JUNE

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1822—Denmark Vesey organized a black army of 9,000 in Charleston, S.C., but was betrayed by an 'Uncle Tom' house servant.

1967—Rebellion in Chicago, Ill.

1965—1st strike by farmhands in the Mississippi Delta since the 1930's begins; Mississippi Freedom Labor Union born.

JUNE

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1967—Rebellion in Boston, Mass.

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1967—Rebellion in Boston, Mass.

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1967—Rebellion in Clearwater, Fla.

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1967—Rebellion in Boston, Mass.

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1967—Rebellion in Tampa, Fla.

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1967—Rebellion in Boston, Mass.

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1967—Rebellion in Tampa, Fla.

1966—Mississippi March against fear begins
after shooting of James Meredith.

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Charlie Cobb
Mississippi



Julius Lester
New York

**Never again will it rise
The old flag
Artificial rainbow that dried the sky of rain
Pompous drunkard draped in wind-borne colours.**

**And the oppressed freed themselves
And the oppressors killed themselves**

**Glory of our struggle
Dressed in the uniform of hope.**

*Mbella Sonne Dipoko
Cameroon*

JUNE

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1967—Rebellion in Prattville, Ala.

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1966—Rebellion in Chicago, Ill.

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1967—Rebellion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1963—Medgar Evers, President of Mississippi NAACP, shot to death.

1966—Rebellion in Pensacola, Fla.

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1967—Rebellion in Watts.

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1967—Rebellion in Philadelphia, Penna.

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1964—Mississippi Summer Project begins.

1967—Rebellion in Maywood, Ill.

1967—Rebellion in Middletown, Ohio.

1967—Rebellion in Dayton, Ohio.

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1943—CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) founded in Chicago.

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JUNE

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1967—Rebellion in Lansing, Michigan.

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1967—Rebellion in Atlanta, Ga.

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1966—Rebellion in Pompano Beach, Fla.

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1964—James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner of the Mississippi Summer Project murdered in Philadelphia, Miss.

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JUNE

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1967—Rebellion in Roanoke, Va.

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1941—A. Philip Randolph's threat of mass March on Washington causes President Roosevelt to issue Executive Order 8802 to eliminate discrimination in employment in defense industries and government.

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1966—Rebellion in Cordele, Ga.

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1967—Rebellion in Cambridge, Md.

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1967—Rebellion in Buffalo, N.Y.

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1839—The Amistad, Spanish slaveship, leaves Havana; revolt breaks out four days later. Leader Joseph Cinques, African prince, later freed by U.S. Supreme Court, where former President John Quincy Adams represented him.

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Bob Fletcher
Mississippi

The night is beautiful
So the faces of my people.

The stars are beautiful
So the eyes of my people.

Beautiful, also, is the sun.
Beautiful, also, are the souls of my people.

Langston Hughes

JUNE / JULY

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1967—Rebellion in Lake Geneva, Wisc.

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1967—Rebellion in Des Moines, Iowa.

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1967—Rebellion in Atlanta, Ga.
1966—Rebellion in Omaha, Nebraska.
1967—Rebellion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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1619—Junebug Jabbo Jones born.

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1966—Rebellion in Omaha, Nebraska.

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1967—Rebellion in Watts.

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1967—Rebellion in Kansas City, Mo.
1967—Rebellion in Waterloo, Iowa.

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1905—Conference led by Dr. DuBois begins in Niagara on the Canadian side of border (no accommodations for Negroes on U.S. side), from which the all black Niagara Movement emerges.

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1964—Rebellion in Henderson, N.C.
1966—Rebellion in Chicago, Ill.
1966—Rebellion in Cleveland, Ohio.
1967—Rebellion in Newark, N.J.

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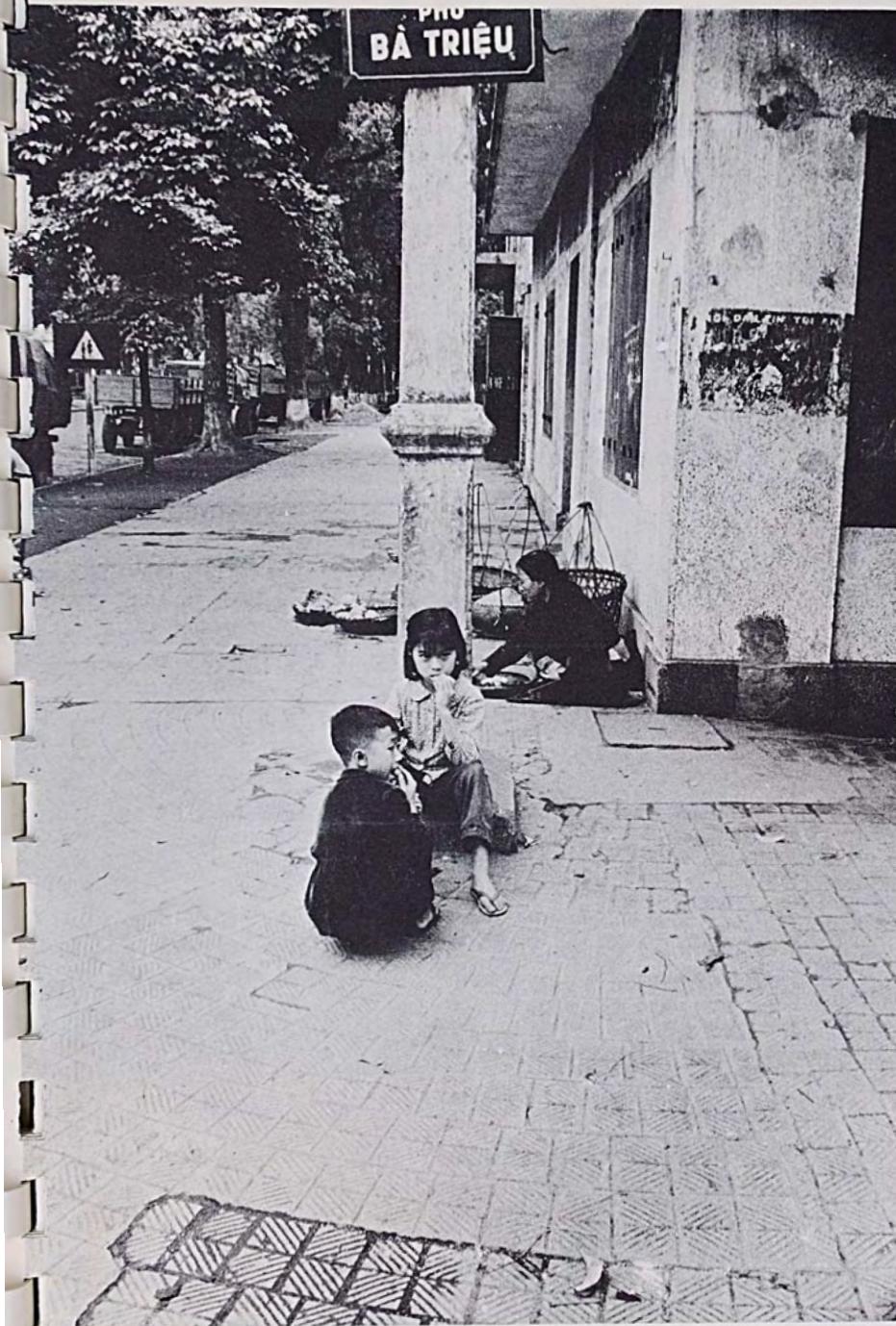
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Julius Lester
Hanoi, North Vietnam

"What do the dangers or the sacrifices of a man or of a nation matter
when the destiny of humanity are at stake?"

Fidel Castro



Bob Fletcher
New Orleans, Louisiana

God!
glad I'm black;
pitch-forking devil black:
black, black, black.

Bloke Modisane
Union of South Africa

JULY

1968

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1967—Rebellions in Hartford, Conn., and Erie, Penna.

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1966—Rebellion in Portland, Oregon.

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1967—Rebellions in Plainfield, Irvington, Orange, East Orange, Montclair, Asbury Park, New Brunswick, Elizabeth, Paterson, and Jersey City, New Jersey.

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1964—Rebellion in Harlem.

1967—Rebellion in Fresno, Calif. and Des Moines, Iowa.

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1967—Rebellion in Greensboro, N.C. and San Francisco, Calif.

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1966—Rebellion in Brooklyn, N.Y.
1966—Rebellion in Troy, N.Y.

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1967—Rebellions in Nyack, N.Y., Cairo, Ill., and Durham, N.C.
1967—Rebellion in Minneapolis, Minn.

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1964—Rebellion in Brooklyn, N.Y.
1967—Rebellion in Lakeland, Fla.

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1967—Rebellion in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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1967—Rebellion in Englewood, N.J.

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1967—Rebellion in East Harlem.

1967—Rebellions in Wadesboro, N.C. and Youngstown, Ohio.

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1967—Rebellions in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Pontiac, Flint, Kalamazoo, Mount Clemens, Muskegon, Benton Harbor, Saginaw, and Albion, Michigan; Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz.; Toledo and Lima, Ohio; Birmingham, Ala.; Rochester, N.Y.

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Wednesday

1967—Rebellion in Cambridge, Md.

1967—Rebellion in Waukegan, Ill.

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Thursday

1964—Rebellion in Rochester, N.Y.

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1967—Rebellions in Chicago, Ill., Mount Vernon, N.Y., South Bend, Ind.

1967—Rebellions in Marin City and Sacramento, Calif.

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Saturday

1967—Rebellions in Philadelphia, Penna., Alton, Ill., New Rochelle, N.Y., Lorain and Springfield, Ohio, Passaic, N.J., Waterbury, Conn., Seattle, Wash., and Memphis, Tenn.

1967—Rebellions in San Francisco, Calif., and East St. Louis, Ill. and Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Bob Fletcher
New Orleans, Louisiana

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**It is time for jazz and more jazz and some more jazz
and still
Some more jazz.**

Ted Joans
U.S.A.



Bob Fletcher
New Orleans, Louisiana

JULY/AUGUST

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1967—Rebellions in New Castle, Penna. and Wilmington, Del.

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1967—Rebellions in Newburgh, N.Y., Elgin and Rockford, Ill., and Brooklyn, N.Y.

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1967—Rebellions in Portland, Ore., Riviera Beach, Fla., East Palo Alto, Calif. and Milwaukee, Wisc.

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1967—Rebellions in West Palm Beach, Fla., Denver, Colo., Providence, R.I., San Bernardino, Calif., and Wichita, Kan.

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Thursday

1914—Marcus Garvey founds the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League. Garvey advocated self-determination, self-respect, self-betterment—what might be called today "black consciousness."

1943—Rebellion in Harlem.

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1964—Rebellion in Jersey City, N.J.

1966—Rebellions in Perth Amboy, N.J. and Providence, R.I.

1967—Rebellions in Peoria, Ill., and Sandusky, Ohio.

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1966—Rebellion in Minneapolis, Minn.

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AUGUST

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1967—Rebellion in Wichita, Kan.

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1967—Rebellion in Brooklyn, N.Y.

1966—Rebellion in Menlo Park, N.J.

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1966—Rebellion in Lansing, Mich.

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1966—Rebellion in Detroit, Michigan.

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1966—Rebellion in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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George Frye
New York



George Frye
New York

You bowing, you, crying
You, dying, like that, one day without knowing why.
You, struggling, you watching over another's rest
You, looking no longer with laughter in your eyes
You, my brother, your face full of fear and suffering
Stand up and shout NO!

*David Diop
Senegal*

AUGUST

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1964—Rebellions in Elizabeth and Paterson, N.J.

1965—Rebellion in Watts.

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1965—Rebellion in Springfield, Mass.
1966—Rebellion in Muskegon, Michigan.
1965—Rebellion in Chicago, Ill.

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1964—Rebellion in Chicago, Ill.
1965—Rebellion in San Diego, Calif.

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AUGUST 1968

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1619—20 blacks exchanged for supplies by Dutch at Jamestown, Va., colony.

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1831—Nat Turner leads slave revolt in Virginia.
60 whites killed.



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1791—100,000 plantation slaves, led by Toussaint l'Ouverture, revolt against French planters in Haiti.

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AUGUST 1968

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1963—Dr. W.E.B. DuBois dies in Ghana.

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1955—Emmett Till of Chicago, aged 14, murdered in Money, Miss., because he was black.

1963—March on Washington.

1964—Rebellion in Philadelphia.

1966—Rebellion in Waukegan, Ill.

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1965—1st meeting of the Poor People's Corporation, Tougaloo, Miss.

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SEPTEMBER 1968

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1966—Rebellions in Jackson and Benton Harbor,
Mich., and Dayton, Ohio.



Beuford Smith
New York

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1966—Rebellion in Atlanta, Ga.

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SEPTEMBER 1968



Beuford Smith
New York

1663—1st large rebellion by blacks in U.S.
(Gloucester Co., Va.) betrayed by 'Uncle Tom'
house servant.

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SEPTEMBER 1968

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1963—Addie Mae Collins, 14; Denise McNair, 11; Carol Robertson, 14; and Cynthia Wesley, 15; murdered in bombing of church in Birmingham, Ala.

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1909—Kwame Nkrumah born.

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SEPTEMBER 1968

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1961—Herbert Lee, 1st black man to register to vote in Amite Co., Miss., shot in Liberty by E. H. Hurst, a State Representative.

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1968

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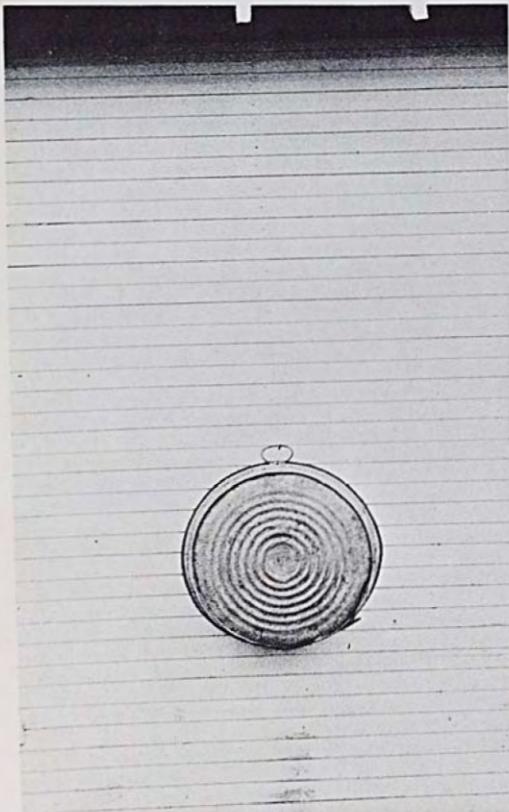
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1962—James Meredith enters University of Mississippi.



Julius Lester
Ruleville, Mississippi

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1800—Gabriel in Va., hanged with 15 other blacks. Gabriel had organized thousands of blacks to revolt.

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OCTOBER 1968

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1859—John Brown with 21 others begins attack on Harper's Ferry.

1965—Ist known case of black soldiers convicted for refusing to fight in Vietnam.

1787—Negroes petition Massachusetts State Legislature for equal educational facilities.

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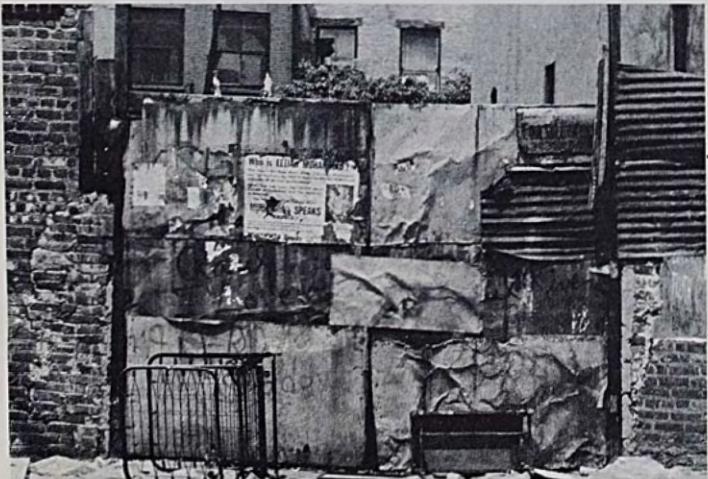
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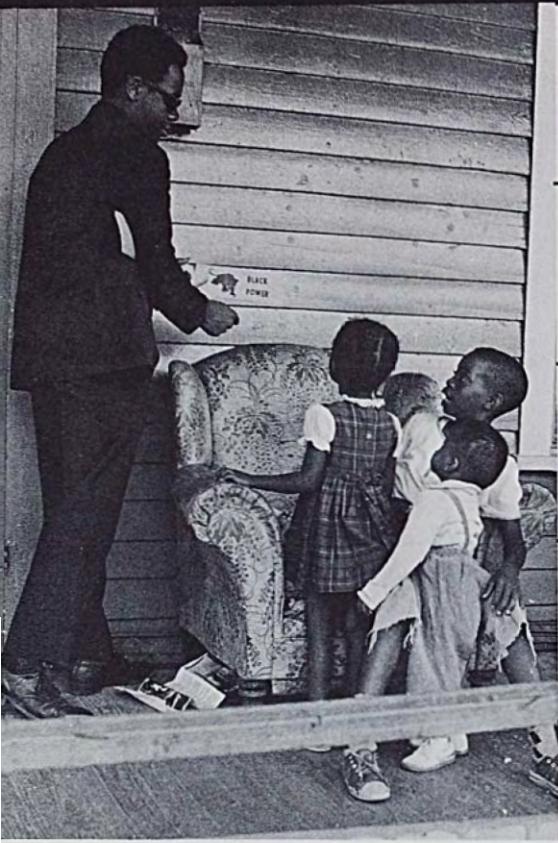
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1965—Rebellion in Detroit.

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1883—Sojourner Truth dies in Michigan.

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1960—Richard Wright, black writer, dies in Paris. His **Native Son** was the first major protest novel.

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Julius Lester
Hanoi, North Vietnam

The wild breakers of Freedom
Lash, lash the Maddened Beast.
From yesterday's slave springs a soldier
The Suez docker, the Hanoi coolie
All those poisoned with fatal creeds
Fling their huge song into the breakers
The wild breakers of freedom
Lashing, lashing the maddened Beast.

*David Diop
Senegal*

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1955—Rosa Parks' Resistance to segregated bus seating sparks Montgomery bus boycott.

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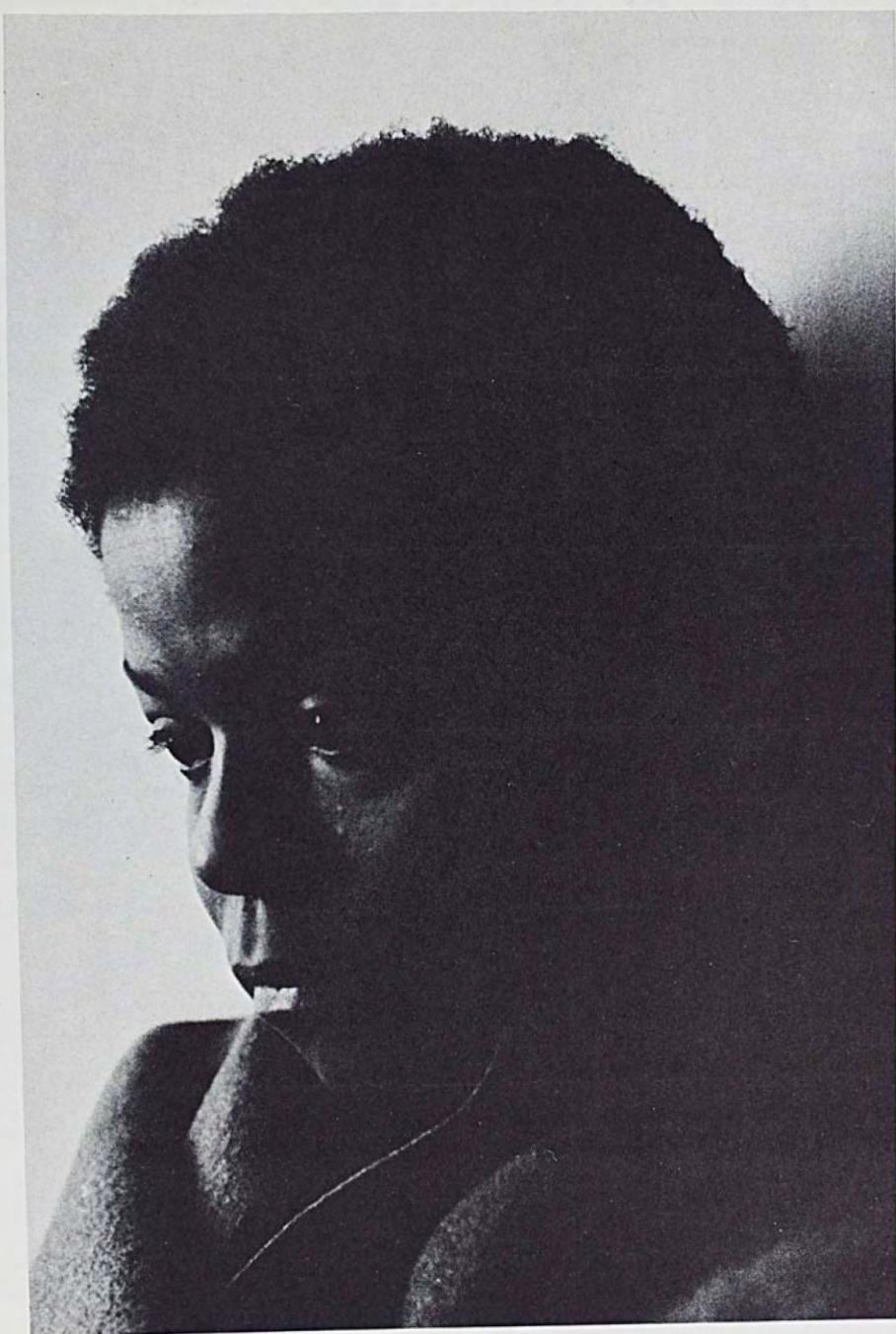


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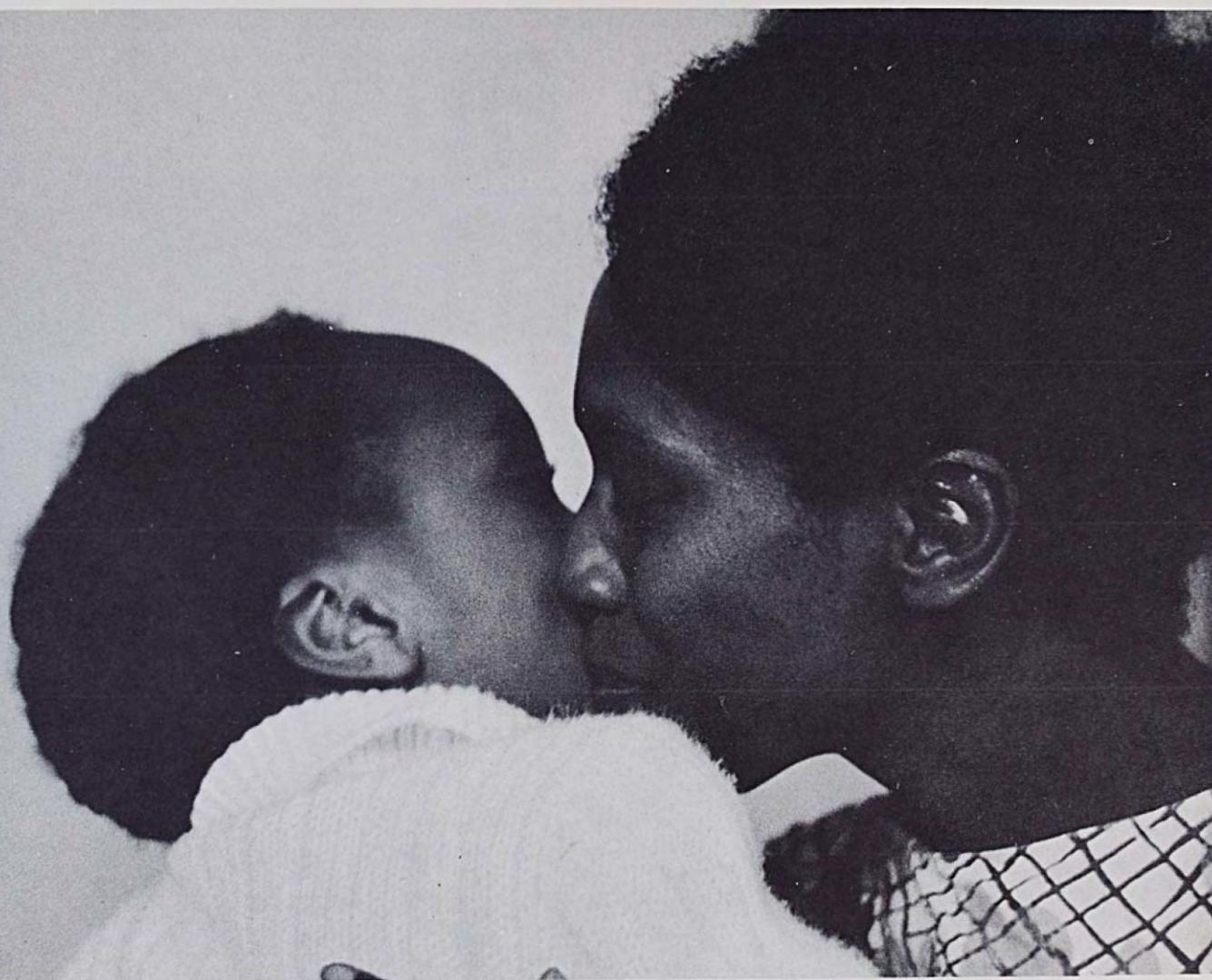
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