PEN PALS

Edward Peguese, Route 3, Box 288-4, Lake City, S.C. 29560 would like pen pals.

Miss Sharon D. Wright, 14, would like to correspond with boys and girls 14-18. Hobbies are sewing, dancing and listening to records. My address is Route 1, Box 122-A, Bedford, Virginia, 24523.

Miss Jannie Ree Billue, Interested in reading, writing, listening to records singing and making new friends, would like to correspond with girls and boys 15-17. Address Route 1, Box 178-1, McIntyre, Georgia 31054.

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Miss Shirley Blue would like to correspond with girls and boys 16-24. Interests are basketball, skating, writing and dancing. Address 101 Lincoln Street, Walterboro, S.C. 29488.

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Miss Gail Derese Walker, 16, 3216 Woodland Ave., Baltimore, 21215, would like to correspond with boys and girls 15-18. Hobbies singing, sewing, dancing making new friends.

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Miss Henrietta Delios Owens, 16, 2334 Pear St., Cayce, S. Carolina, 29033 would like to correspond with boys and girls 15-18: Interests, making new friends, sewing, and reading, listening to records.

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Miss Martha Diane Blake, 15, Route 1, Sunset Circle, Lasley, S.C. 29640. I would like to correspond with boys 15-18. Dancing, partying, collecting pictures; singing, music, and sports interest.

★'S AND YOU

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have a lot on your mind and should try to sort out things, and proceed in an organized way.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Accept the advice of trusted friends; it will help you to solve a delicate question.

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CANCER (June 21-July 20): Good prospects and you can now face some difficult problems. Explain yourself more clearly.

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LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): Things move slowly and not quite as they should, be tactful with superiors.

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VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): Good prospects for visits and journeys. Progress can be made over agreements on important projects.

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LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22): Some doubts — act with more decision and catch up on left over jobs.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are enterprising to the point of being aggressive. But you will succeed — though perhaps not without some heated arguments.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Important people will assist you and you should visit people to make useful contacts.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may meet important people willing to help you. Don't neglect your private life.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are rather depressed, but don't worry too much about minor difficulties.

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PICES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today you are in top form and should be able to tackle a lot. Get yourself well organized.

Readers Say

MR. BUMBLE

BALTIMORE — I think some of the people just don't understand what's important in this issue.

This includes the old as well as the young.

The shades of my race don't mean anything to me because we're all one of the same.

People say: "Call me Colored or Negro". I'm proud of it, but, yet, "Don't call me Black because my skin is not actually black."

This is where they contradict themselves.

We are of Black Ancestry; for Heavens' sake what's so very terrible about that, especially if we want to be respected for what we actually are.

Regardless, I know what I am and I am proud of it but proud of it in the sense of standing for so much through history.

But when it comes to putting a name tag on me, as every race has one, YOU CAN NAME ME BLACK AS I THINK IT STANDS FOR THE SAME THINGS AS WHITE, RED OR YELLOW. MRS. A. P. WILLIS

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LITTLE ROCK — We as black people should be willing and ready to be referred to as black.

We should reject the word Negro, because it is what the white man gave us while selling us in slavery.

The word colored should be insulting to us. Why? Because it is a word used toshow that you are ashamed of the color of our skin. (anything but black) — That is the way many think when they want to be referred to as being called colored.

Black people please wake up and see yourselves as a distinct race.

Stop trying to crawl over to the white man's side of the fence, and do something on your own side. make something out of yourself so that everyone will be clammering to be with you — and at the same time don't forget to be Black.

We as black people have a great and beautiful heritage and if we were not so interested in what the white man has and is doing, we might have time to find out about this heritage.

Black brothers and sisters stop fooling yourselves, stop rejecting your heritage. your ancestors — be black and be proud of it. FAYE INGRAM

PRAYER

For this day, for this food, for this helpmate, I am grateful.

Lighten the burdens of those who find them heavy.

Brighten the spirits of those who find it physically more difficult to see.

Broaden the way and level the incline for those whose legs no longer obey their directions to walk.

Be near to children and to those who are sick in body, mind or in their souls.

Walk closest to those who have only a short way yet to walk.

Throughout our lives, may we always find evidence of Thy love, always feel Thy presence, always know that Thou art near. AMEN.

(From the Papers of Carl Murphy)

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COLOR ME CONFUSED

By BOOKER T. BUMBLE

You probably guessed it. Mr. Bumble is unable to end the contest this week because neither he nor the other judges were able to decide on which entry is the best.

First of the biggest problem is to make sure that all entries are read and evaluated. There are so many of them and more are coming in everyday.

Mr. Bumble is going to run as many as possible and the judges are sure to have reached a decision by the next edition.

No more entries will be accepted since the deadline is passed so if you haven't sent yours in already its too late.

On this page are several of the letters received during this contest, check and see if yours is there. Remember there will only be one prize for this contest. The letter chosen will be worth $25 to the author.

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MISS RHODESIA WADE
1005 North Monroe Street
Baltimore, Md. 21217

I think our race should be considered "Negro." It distinguishes us from the other "colored" races of the world, such as Puerto Rican, races of Africa and South America which are not Negro.

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MISS GWENDOLYN JONE
Route 1, Box 145
Norlina, N.C.

To me I would rather be called a Negro, even though I am black, but Negro shows a great deal of culture and sounds more sophisticated.

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MISS VERA MANIGO
Route 1, Box 73
Walterboro, S.C.

I would like to be called black.

To be called black makes me stand out with dignity and distinction that I feel no other people possess.

To be called black gives me an awareness of a certain group of people to which I am proud to be a part of.

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BRUCE CONAWAY
4410 Silver Leaf Dr.
Louisville, Ky. 40213

"Black does not describe us to perfection. We have fought and died for this nation. We have also had a hand in making this nation as it is today. We are of the Black Race and should be respectfully called Black Americans rather than just plain Black without distinction."

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FRANCES BROUGHTON
Route 2, Box 161
Ruffin, S.C. 29475

I think that our race should be called Negro; not black or colored because, God didn't make anyone black.

He might have made some darker than others but, none black.

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MISS SHEILA D. WEST
735 Grantley Street
Baltimore, Md. 21229

I prefer to be called Negro. So many people in the world are colored.

But how many are Negroes. All Negroes are colored people; but not all colored people are Negroes!

MISS JACKIE WINSTON
651 11th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

I would prefer to be called Negro simply because it is my race.

The word Black indicates that all my people are pitch dark. We aren't. We vary in shade of color like any other race. Some Negroes are tan or dark brown.

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MISS VERNITA HILL
Rte. 2, Box 281
Cottondale, Ala. 35453

I prefer being called a Negro rather than colored or black, because I am a person of the dark-skinned race possessing the characteristics as a native of Africa.

Black or colored could relate to anything, but Negro only to one class of People.

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MISS JANET HOPKINS
673 W. Mulberry St.
Batto., Md. 21201

I think that our race should be called Negro. It is a proper-sounding name and it's not offensive or ridicuious sounding.

We are definitely not Black. Colored may sound alright but I'd rather be called Negro, because it sounds much better.

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MISS KAY FRANCES CAMPBELL
680 South Liberty Street
Spartanburg, S.C.

Black Negro (Spanish for black), and Colored only reminds us that we're not white.

What we need is a name that which reminds us of our proud Heritage.

Thus I think that Afro-American is more fitting, and certainly more striking.

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SAMUEL V. BAMBERG
3705 Parkview Ave. Apt-B
Baltimore, Md.

Call me Black. That's my color, the one God gave me. It's not that I don't like the other colors, because they all are the same.

MARAV I. GOFF
439 Huger Street
Charleston, S.C.

I prefer being called Black than to be called 'colored' or Negro.

To be called Black gives me a feeling of responsibility and a sense of pride. It makes me feel obligated to make as much of myself as possible, to secure a place for me and other Black children.

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JAMES BLAIR
123 N. Brostrom St.
Ft. Benning, Ga.

I would like to be called black, because of the simple reason we originally came from the native land Africa.

All the natives of Africa are of a black race. Although we should really be called Afro-Americans. We got the name Negro from the white men back in the dark days of slavery.

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JOYCE BOWENS
109 East 2nd Ave.
Easley, S.C. 29640

I would rather be called a, Negro.

That's another name for our race.

Being called black or colored does not really describe our race.

No Negro is exactly black. Colored could mean anything.

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MISS VERONICA HILL
1026 Rush St.
Albermark, N.C. 28001

I prefer being referred to, and called, Negro, because I think Black and Colored are mostly words used during slavery and times before the Negro could help himself.

Black and Colored seem to be "slang" terms for the Negro race.

We have always been referred to as Black and Colored, and now if we, as a race, would insist upon being referred to as Negroes, eventually, the words Colored and Black will fade.

PRIZES

Old Mr. Bumble is going to give the winning prize only to the person who tries the hardest to support his stand on whether or not you should be called Colored, Black or Negro.

It is one of the most pressing issues of the day and we as a people should take the issue seriously. To keep the family encouraged Mr. Bumble will give $1 to the writer of each letter he prints. Now get your entry in right away.

RULES

1. In 50 words or less tell Mr. Bumble whether you think you should be called Colored, Black or Negro, and why you think so.

2. Each entry should be neat and the information should be written or printed legibly.

3. Include your name and address with the entry.

4. Send to Booker T. Bumble, Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

5. Deadline for this contest is July 1, 1968.

6. In case of tie the earliest postmark will determine the winner.

7. Each entrant will be allowed only one (1) entry, all others received will disqualify the sender for the grand prize.

MRS. LOVIE K. HAWKINS
1862 Ontario Place
Washington, D.C.

The Negro, designates all persons of any known African ancestry, as distinguished from those of different color and features.

MISS MARGARET THORNE
416 Cook Lane
South Hill, Va. 23970

I prefer Negro. To me, everyone is one color or another.

You can not go by the definitions you read because nine times out of ten the editor is a caucasian. If he knew you would believe whatever he published he would most likely call you anything lower than himself.

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MISS ANNIE MAE CAMPBELL
442 D Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

I think that I should be called Colored, because my color is brown not black, there are some people who are light-brown and some who are dark brown, they are not black.

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MISS LOBERTA HUNTER
Rte. 1, Box 324-a
Cowpens, S.C. 29330

I would rather be called a Negro. Why? Because I am a Negro and not black or colored.

Heritage

Miss Beatrice Harris
1900 Basen
Detroit, Michigan 48203

The choice of what to call our nation of People, I prefer "Black" Why? because scientifically "colored" is that which is stained, dyed, painted (etc.) "Negro" pertains to a river, since we are neither why be called such?

Black has been associated with our forebegrers, culture, anl heritage.

INDEPENDENT

Joseph Dalley, Jr.
18 South Street
Sumyrna, Del. 19977

We must be called Black people, because Black is an affirmation of an identity independ of the historical evils and the nezative connotations that have developed in the Western World; thus establishing ties with the emerging nations of the "Third World" in our combined struggle for freedom.

Characteristics

MISS JEANETTE BROWN
855 OGLETHORPE ST., N.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20011

All men are created equal regardless of race, color, or creed. Here, race and color are two different characteristics, so why should our race be called colored or black. As defined in the dictionary race is a group of persons of common origin. Our common origin is Negro (a more proper and dignified title.

MISS BRENA KERNS
7021 Horne Street
Spartanburg, S.C., 29303

I would rather be called Negro.

Everyone is Colored. Try to find a person without a color. Impossible!

Don't call me Black! I'm not Black. Nobody's Black—Not Africans, not Afro-Americans, not anybody, Nobody's white, either, for that matter!

Call me Negro. I like the word, it tells all.

PHILLIP AUGUSTUS CHAMBERLAIN
1761 Hobart Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

It makes no difference to me whether I be called Colored, Black or Negro, because I am Colored, Black and Negro.

I am Black because I represent the darkest race; I am Negro because that's what they call the darkest race; and I am Colored because others seeing me are color-blind.

Homeland

Wousi Wousi
324 4th Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

I am Black. Africa is my Homeland.

The imperialist invented the misnomer "negro," for there is no nation called "Negroland" Negro is a slave word synonymous with nothingness.

Black connects with our traditional communal (common interest), cultural heritage and reject the usurious, corrputing influence* which characterizes Judeo-Christian "civilization."

Beautiful

James A. Clark
1503 London St.
Portsmouth, Va.

My personal sympathies are for Afro-American and Black.

First, Afro-American denotes a group of dark skin people inhabiting a peculiar and precarious niche in America.

Secondly, Black is less verbose and it is beautiful!