

Alex Haley

-Name 6 made a successful crossover to commercial music?

Cynthia Long

A-If you like up-tempo music with a strong gospel influence you'll love "The Mighty Clouds of Joy's, "In These Changing

Q-Is the Mutual Black Network seeking ways to expand coverage outside of its established beats of news and sports?

Peaches Mingo

A-Having just set a deal to provide special coverage of the 1980 Olympics, NBN is presently firming up plans to open three bureaus in Africa.

Q-What do you think of Alex Haley's troubles with Mr.



Ruby Dee

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Courlander the author of "The African?" Haley settled a suit mental institutions recently, and brought against him for a lot of

> Cecil Nero Norfolk, Va.

A-Amid growing reports that Alex Haley may be facing personal tragedy if his Pulitizer prize is rescinded (its reportedly under consideration), more stories are appearing in regard to his \$650,000 out of court settlement with Harold Courlander. All could have been simplified if Haley had simply given credit for some of his sources.

Q-I had never heard of Gordon Parks Jr. before he died! Susan Smith Philadelphia, Pa.

A-The tragic plane crash death of Gordon Parks Jr. in Narobi, Kenya brought the 44 year - old film director and still photographer the most publicity he has had since he gained fame for directing the famous "Superfly." His other film directing credits included "Three The Hard Way," with Jim Brown, Fred Williamson and Jim Kelly; "Thomasina and Bushrod" and "Aaron Loves Angela." Abiding by an oft-expressed wish to leave some of himself in Africa, his body was cremated and some of the ashes spread over the land there. The rest was returned here.

Q-Is it true that Ruby Dee is suing Players magazine and The Black American newspaper?

Sally Lincoln

A-The actress showed her wrath recently when she hit them with a \$13.5 million libel suit. Ruby claims a syndicated column running in both publication contained false and malicious statements about her such as

"that's she been in an out of that she is one lady who firmly believes that if you are black you definitely belong in the back of the bus." - That's not the Ruby Dee I know.

Who authored the novel which provided the basis for the television special, Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman?"

Emes J. Gaines, a native Louisiana, published in 1971 the moving account of the life of a southern black woman who bridged the generations from slavery to the civil rights era. Actress Cicely Tyson was awarded an Emmy for her portrayal of the central character in the television version of the novel.

Who was the first great black heavyweight boxer in the 19th century?

Tom Molineaux fought all of the great heavyweights of his day in England and on the continent. Born a slave in 1784, he is reputed to have gained his freedom with his fists. His greatest fight was against Tom Gribb in 1808 in London. After 40 rounds, Gribb was declared the winner. Molineaux was the first in a long series of black heavyweight contenders.

Where and by whom was the sit-in movement initiated?

Four college freshmen from North Carolina A & T College sat in at a Greensboro, North Carolina, five-and-ten-cent store February 1, 1960, and a new tactic of mass protest appeared. By February 10, the movement had spread to 15 cities in five southern states. Three months later the lunch counter was open to all and

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barriers soon were lowered in other areas throughout the South.

What was the "Atlanta Compromise?"

Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, in a famous speech at the Cotton States' Exposition in Atlanta in 1895, said, "In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the five fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress . . . the wisest among my race understand that the agitation of questions of social equality is the extremest folly . . ." Black critics called the speech "The Great Booker T. Washington Compromise." Whites considered him the "official" leader of the black



Cicely Tyson

