

**\*Today in Black History -February 7 \***

1712 - Twenty-one slaves are executed after killing nine whites when a slave revolt occurs in New York City.

1872 - The doors of Alcorn Agricultural & Mechanical College open.

1883 - James Hubert "Eubie" Blake is born in Baltimore, Maryland. He will become a pianist, who will be an instrumental part of the creation of a new music movement named 'ragtime.' He will form a song-writing team with Noble Sissle that will create many Broadway musicals. He will temporarily retire after World War II and will see a resurgence of his career in the 1960's, with renewed public interest in ragtime. He will remain active as a jazz pianist and composer until his ninety-ninth year. He will join the ancestors on [February 12, 1983](#) in New York City.

1926 - The first Negro History Week begins. Originated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the [Sunday](#) kickoff celebration involves ministers, teachers, professionals, and business people in highlighting the "achievements of the Negro." The concept will win increasing popularity and be expanded in 1976 to an entire month of local and national events exploring African American culture.

1946 - A filibuster in the United States Senate kills the Fair Employment Practices Commission bill.

1974 - Grenada achieves its independence from Great Britain.

1986 - Haiti's President-for-Life, Jean-Claude Duvalier loses control of his country to strikes, led by students. The U.S. government asked him to resign and helped him flee to exile in France. Henri Namphy becomes leader of Haiti.

1991 - The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide is sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

2000 - Tiger Woods gains his sixth straight PGA Tour victory with an astonishing comeback to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, becoming the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six in a row.