

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY A. BULLOCK

Professor Henry Allen Bullock, the first black professor appointed to the faculty of Arts and Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin, was born in Tarboro, South Carolina, May 2, 1906. He died in Houston, Texas, February 8, 1973.

Professor Bullock received a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences and Latin classics from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia in 1928; a Master of Arts in sociology and comparative psychology from the University of Michigan in 1929; and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Michigan in 1942. His long career in the academic profession included service as a teacher at North Carolina A&T College, 1929-1930; Prairie View A&M College, 1930-1949; where he served as head of the Department of Sociology; Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1949-1950, head of the Sociology Department and chairman of the Division of Social Sciences; Texas Southern, Houston, Texas, 1950-1964, head of the Sociology Department and chairman of the Division of Social Sciences.

Dr. Bullock came to The University of Texas at Austin as a visiting professor in history and sociology in the spring of 1969 and remained at the University until his retirement in 1971. During this time he served as professor of history and sociology and director of The University of Texas Ethnic Studies Program. In the course of these duties, he taught the first course offered by the History Department on the Negro in American history. He devised the first Black Studies Summer Institute for High School Teachers in the summer of 1969 and he was the architect and designer of the University's Ethnic Studies Program.

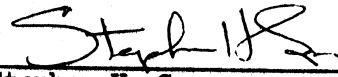
Professor Bullock also took a broad interest in community affairs and served on the Houston, Texas, Mayor's Commissions

on Crime and Homicide. He was a member of the Texas Advisory Committee for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Houston Community Council, the advisory group for Equal Employment Opportunity to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, and an originator and director of the KCOH Forum of the Air radio program. He was also a member of the Advisory Board in Black Studies of the Social Science Research Council.

Dr. Bullock's scholarly interests were distinctly related to the practical world of community relations. His articles dealt with such topics as "A Comparison of the Academic Achievements of White and Negro College Graduates," "Racial Attitudes and the Employment of Negroes," "Urbanism and Race Relations," "Urban Homicide in Theory and Fact," "Consumer Motivations in Black and White," "Significance of the Racial Factor in the Length of Prison Sentences," "The Prediction of Dropout Behavior Among Urban Negro Boys," and "Spatial Aspects of the Differential Birth Rate." His books included Pathways to the Houston Negro Market and A History of Negro Education in the South. For the latter work he received the Bancroft Prize for a scholarly publication in American history, 1968, one of the highest honors obtainable in the historical profession.


In addition to providing crucial services to The University of Texas, the community, the state and the nation at a time of great turmoil and change, Henry Bullock also stood among the very highest ranks of scholars and teachers in his generation. The profession signalled our appreciation of his scholarly efforts in awarding him the Bancroft Prize and his efforts as an outstanding teacher were recognized when he was awarded a Piper Professor teaching award in 1961. Through all of this Henry Bullock remained a modest, self-effacing, humane person who commanded the respect of all who worked with him, from colleagues and students to innumerable people who sought his advice and counsel from all parts of the country. Throughout his long and useful career

Henry Bullock never seemed to occupy the mythical ivory tower of academe. He had so much useful work to do it would never have occurred to him that such refuge was relevant to his life. The History Department, the Sociology Department and the American Studies Program, as well as the University, state and nation, stand in his debt.



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