

End of Instruction Notes - Day 4

1964—Civil Rights Act passed President LBJ (Lyndon Johnson) signed it. It included no sex discrimination. The most comprehensive civil rights law enacted by federal gov't. Gov't had the power to prevent discrimination in public places and required employers to end discrimination in the workplace. Established Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a permanent federal agency.

1965—Voting Rights Act—authorized Attorney General to send federal examiners to register voters bypassing local officials who would not register African Americans and suspended discriminatory devices like literacy tests and poll tax. By year's end 250,000 African Americans were registered

1968—Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated by James Earl Ray

Cesar Chavez organized the Hispanic migrant farm workers during the 1960s, Founded the United Farm Workers labor union.

AIM (American Indian Movement) fought to improve conditions for Indians, wanted more control over reservations, wanted Indians on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, they were militant. 1973 AIM occupied Wounded Knee for 70 days in protest of conditions. FBI called in 2 Indians were killed and several wounded.

1960s

1960—1st TV Presidential debates Kennedy v. Nixon

1960—John F. Kennedy—1st Catholic President—youngest elected 43yrs. Old, created the Peace Corp a program to help underdeveloped nations & fight poverty, volunteers spend 2 yrs in countries that request help. This program is still active. He breathed life into the space program. Alan Sheppard 1st American in sub orbital flight, 1962—John Glenn 1st American to orbit the earth, 1969—Neil Armstrong 1st man on the moon

1961—**Bay of Pigs Invasion**—Eisenhower started this plan—JFK carried it out. CIA planned invasion of Cuban refugees and expected Cuban people would help overthrow Castro. Disaster, planned air strike failed to knock out Cuba's air power. Did not cover invading Cuban refugee soldiers with air power. Everyone angry at US—Latin American, Europe, USSR

USSR—Nikita Khrushchev—tried to block West Berlin again, hoped to make the split permanent. JFK responded to threat by beefing up our military. Soviets responded by building the Berlin Wall.

1962—**Cuban Missile Crisis**—after the Bay of Pigs the Soviets promised to support Cuba by building missile bases on Cuba—JFK ordered a full military alert—bombers and missiles armed with nukes. US placed a naval "quarantine" on Cuba. No missiles in—USSR blinked—recalled ships home.

1963—JFK assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald who was later killed by Dallas bar owner Jack Ruby. Warren Commission investigated assassination and declared Oswald acted alone