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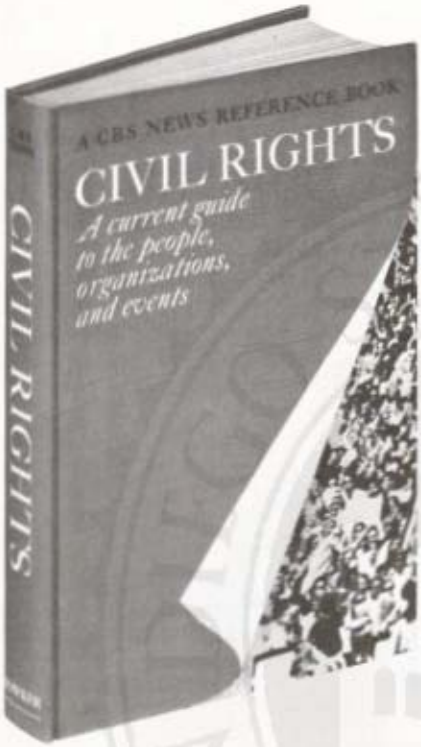

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1954

MAY 17

Brown vs. Board of Education decision paves the way for school desegregation as Supreme Court rules unamiously that racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. Decision affects 17 states with compulsory public school segregation. Does not affect "separate but equal" doctrine when applied in other areas and does not apply to private schools.

1955

DEC. 5

MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT begins, after *Mrs. Rosa Parks*, a seamstress, arrested and fined $10 for refusing to give up seat to White person. *Dr. Martin Luther King*, then a Montgomery pastor, took over leadership of 381-day boycott, was arrested and his home was bombed. Boycott ended November, 1956, when Federal court injunction prohibited segregation on buses. King gained national prominence.

1956

FEB. 3

Alabama University in Tuscaloosa ordered by Supreme Court to admit first Negro student, *Autherine Lucy*. Students demonstrate. Miss Lucy suspended February 7th for "safety." Ordered reinstated by Federal District Judge, she was "expelled" February 29th for accusations she had made in court. No further attempt made to re-enter. (Alabama remained segregated until 1963.)