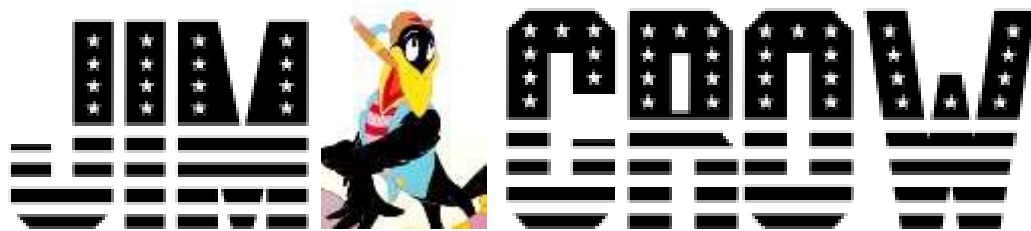


RONDOUT  LADIES

INTO THE SKY!

PART FOUR



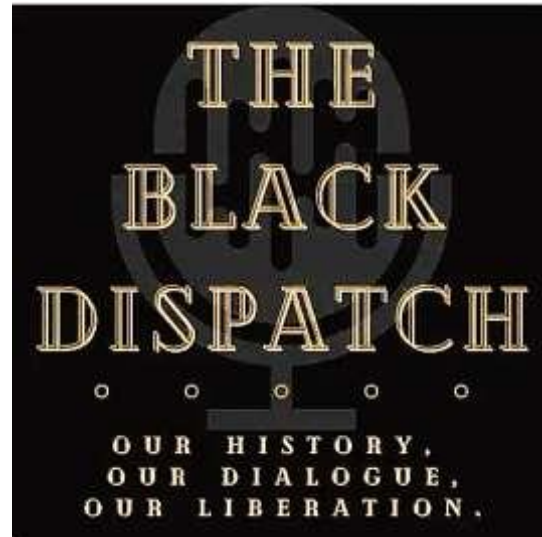
Attack on AMERICA!



*“The air is the only place free
from prejudice.”*



ZENDAYA COLEMAN AS BESSIE COLEMAN



FORREST WHITAKER AS ROSCOE DUNJEE

PLUS AN ALL-STAR SUPPORTING CAST



WRITTEN & PRODUCED BY KEVIN AHEARN

8/26 'INTO The SKY! 4' is legend
All references to actual persons, alive
or dead, made for a good story.

JIM CROW



Air Corps



Winged  White!



See Your Local Recruiter



"In this new country. new language, new aviation life, there are moments, exhilarating flashes that make even the saddest of times more than bearable..."



"A rumble down the runway not unlike a cowboy coach and then...as if the Hand of God had reached down from heaven turned me into an angel..."

"To fly is to live!"





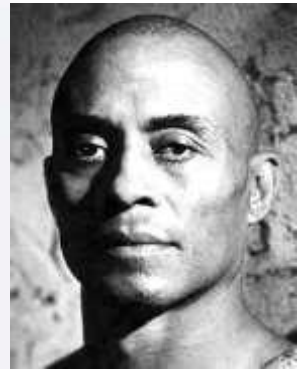
"Through the clouds and down. I'm getting really good at landing."



"But the moment I got out of the plane I sensed something was wrong, very wrong."



"Mademoiselle Coleman, je suis désolé, but I have bad news for you."



“Oh, non ! Maman, Papa !”



“Pas ta famille!”

“Ton pays!”



“Wouldn’t you like to fly...?”



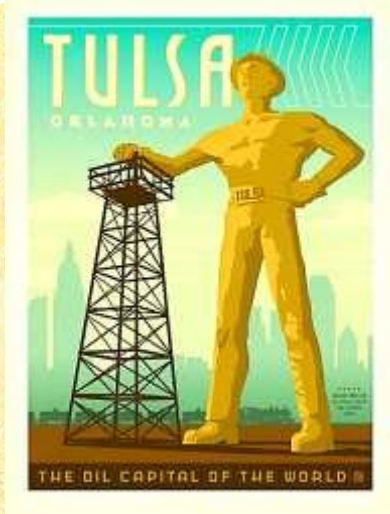
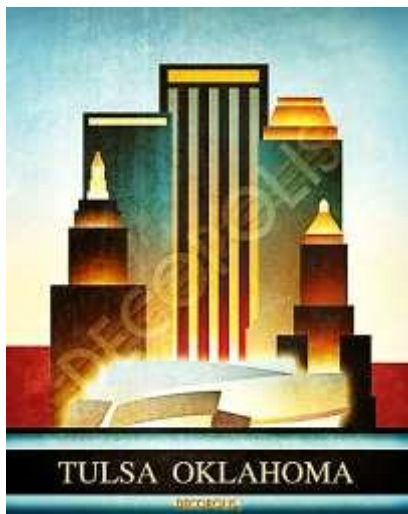
Before **PEARL HARBOR** and 9/11



TULSA, OKLAHOMA

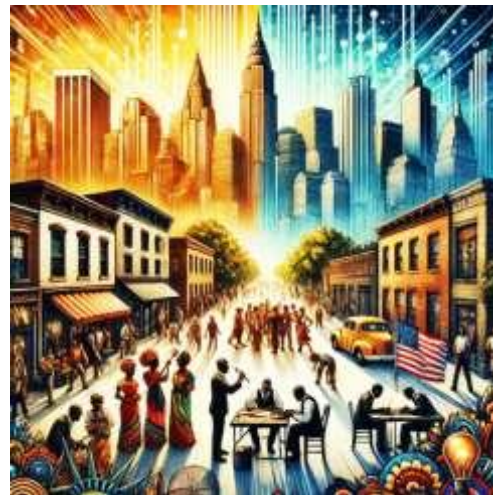


OIL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD



“The Roaring Twenties” and the “Oil Capital” was roaring indeed. Gasoline was powering the bludgeoning automobile market. But this Jim Crow stronghold had one burning thorn in its reputation – Greenwood. “Black Wall Street”, the most successful, the wealthiest black community in America!

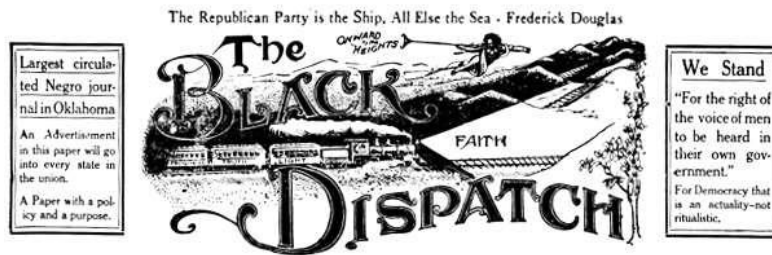
And finally Tulsa had an excuse to do something about it!



Black Wall Street - Greenwood District - a self-sustaining African American community that flourished in the early 20th century. Developed on land acquired by Black settlers in the 1890s–1900s, Greenwood became a hub of Black business, culture, and education, with its own schools, newspapers, banks, and shops . By the 1920s, Greenwood Avenue was lined with luxury stores, restaurants, theaters, and cultural institutions, making it a vibrant center of Black economic and social life. (Britannica)

UNTIL

May 31



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LOOT, ARSON, MURDER!

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



"We had proven so much! The most successful black community in America, in the world...wantonly destroyed in a matter of hours!"

"And it began with a shoeshine boy who had to go to the bathroom!"





"Anxious to get to a special integrated restroom, the shoeshiner ran three blocks to the Drexel Building, an office building on South Main Street. But when he entered the elevator, What happened between the shoe shine boy and the young white girl remains a mystery, but the white girl screamed and the black boy ran!"

"A white mob gathered and grew. Dozens became scores and then hundreds. The whites wanted the kid lynched, Blacks made a stand, The beginning of the end."



"We might have escaped the catastrophe, but that afternoon, the local papers that have been putting down the Race for years, poured gasoline on the smoldering confrontation."

The Tulsa Tribune



Nab Negro for Attacking Girl In an Elevator

A negro delivery boy who gave the name to the police as "Raymond" but who has been identified as Dick Rowland, was arrested on South Broadway street this morning by officers Galsworthy and Peck, charged with attempting to assault the 11-year-old white elevator girl in the Drexel building early yesterday.

He will be tried in municipal court this afternoon on a state charge.

The girl said she noticed the negro in the elevator before the attempted assault looking up and down the hallway in the third floor of the Drexel building as if to see if there was anyone in sight but thought nothing of it at the time.

A few minutes later he entered the elevator, she claimed, and attacked her, scratching her hands and face and trying to strangle her. Her screams brought a clerk from Rowland's room to her assistance and the negro fled. He was captured and identified this morning both by the girl and clerk, police said.

Rowland denied that he tried to harm the girl, but admitted he put his hand on her arm on the elevator when she was alone.

Officials of the Drexel building said the girl is an orphan who works as an elevator operator in one way or another through various relatives.





“A KKK lie, but the news spread and by sundown an angry white mob was gathering outside the courthouse, demanding the sheriff hand over Rowland. Sheriff Willard McCullough refused, and his men barricaded the top floor to protect the Black teenager.”



“Spurred on by lynching rumors, after 10PM. 150 blacks faced 1,500 whites. Suddenly shots were fired. fights broke out, and the black vets retreated to Greenwood.”

“Then all hell broke loose!”



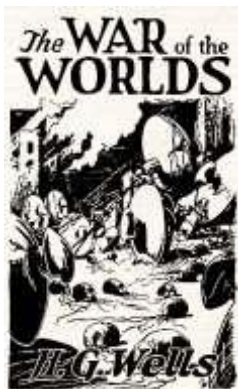
“Off to a hot start!”

“Burn. niggers, burn!”

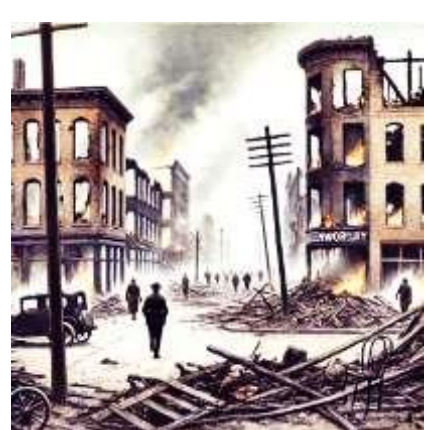
ASSISTANT EDITOR



*"I'd covered 'Race riots' from coast to coast,
but this...right out of 'War of the Worlds'! These
merciless white people were like from another planet!"*



*"The Newspaper Lie – 'Tulsa blacks were
preparing for a national revolution to overthrow
White Power!' The Pens are pointing the swords!"*



*"Hate and fear hotter and deeper
than **Black Wall Street's** flames!
Looting, burning, beating, killing...
And then came hell itself..."*

"From the sky!"

CITY DESK



Curtiss-Southwest Field, just outside the city and was operated by the Curtiss Southwest Airline Company, founded in 1919, to support its efforts to sell airplanes to private businesses, notably in the expanding petroleum industry.^[1]

“But today was much different. Shots fired, smoke billowing. Black Wall Street was being burned to death.”



“Curtis Field, however, has been buzzing since dawn.

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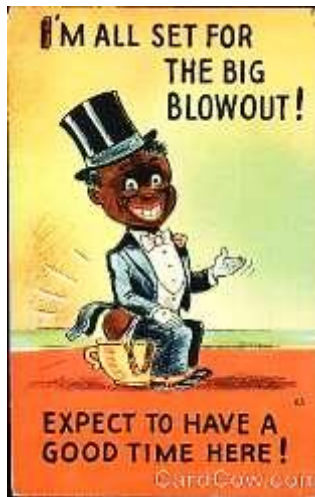


*“There were only a dozen or so planes on the field.
none belonging to the state or Federal Government.*

“Car after car pulled in, and trucks loaded with who knows?”



*"That's right, Monkey People,
We're Number ONE!"*



"Ready on the Left and the Far Right!"

"More than ready on the Firing Line!"



⚔️ "SYMWAO" ⚔️ "Non Silba Sed Anthar" ⚔️ "MIAFA" ⚔️



“Off we go into the wild blue yonder, flying high into the sky!”

*“Caw! Caw! Caw!
The JIM CROW Air Corps!”*

REPORTER



“A full squadron heading for...Why? What for?”



“No, NO! Tulsa is declaring all-out war!”



"Target in sight. Make every turpentine bomb count!"



"Never in our history, neither the British nor the Indians ever attacked Americans with such blazing hatred!"

"And from the damn sky!"

♪ ***“Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!”*** ♪



***“Down we dive spouting our flame from under
Off with one helluva roar!”***



***“‘Turpentine balls’ falling from the sky!
I could see the planes circling in mid-air!”***

***“They hummed, darted and dipped low. I could hear
something like hail falling upon the top of my office building...”***





*"Goddess of History! Do take note:
Here and now, the birth of American
Air Power!"*

*"Roger Wilco! American-born
pilots on our very first
bombing mission!"*

"And that's the way a nigger goes!"

COLOMNIST



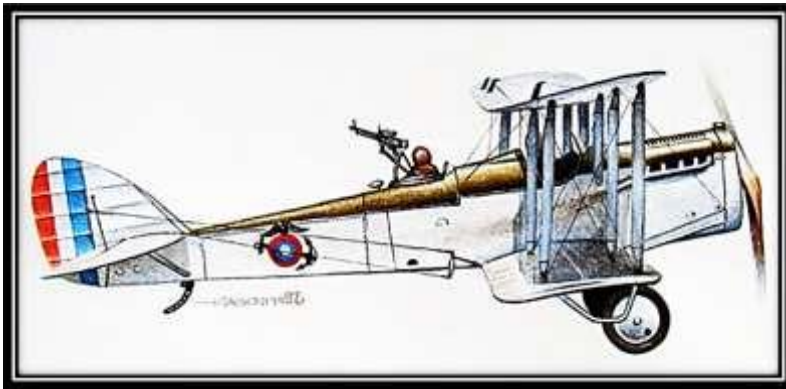
*"Merciless white supremacy like the slaughter of the Indians?
No, because **Black Wall Street** has proven the bigots wrong!"*



*"Gutless pigs! Drop all the dynamite
in the world and you'll still, you'll never
destroy the Pride of Our Race!"*



COLOMNIST



*"Coming-out party for the new KKK heroes!
White supremacy takes wing!"*



*"Uppity niggas tryin' to be
white..."*



*"We live in fame...
'cause we have no shame..."*

🎵 "Hey, nothing can stop the **JIM CROW** Air Corps!" 🎵



"A total Oklahoma outrage! The Tulsa Police and the National Guard broke into pawn shops for weapons and ammo to give to the mob!"

"Hundreds wounded or killed, thousands homeless. Black Wall Street versus the State – we never had a chance!"



"Barbaric sons of bitches! The Klan and Jim Crow destroyed Black Wall Street because of us, of whom the White Supremacists had to prevent us from becoming..."

"No more Africans in chains or cotton pickers under the whip, united and free..."

"We are AMERICANS!"

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TWO WHITES DEAD IN RACE RIOT

Three Local Guard Units Out

GOVERNOR ACTS TO STOP RIOTING

Businessmen Warn Whites of Rioting When They Go for Equipment

OTHERS HELD READY

Companies at Capital, Wagon and Machine to Move on Monday's Night

DEERS GREET THE TROOPS

Applaud as Klans and Boys Appear on Scene in Motor Trucks

Jasper County Peons' Slayer Is Given Life

400 Millions Ordered Cut From Payroll of the Nation's Labor

AVERAGE 12 PER CENT

Apprentice Rate Cut \$10 Per Month, Skilled Workers Up to \$36 Per Month

ORDER EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST

Succession of Lovers Gave Perry Her Living, Says Millionaire Husband

REVEALED HER HISTORY

Arrest of Young Negro on Statutory Charge Caused Battle Between the Races

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NEW OIL NOTE IS SENT TO HOLLAND

RACE WAR RAGES FOR HOURS AFTER OUTBREAK AT COURTHOUSE; TROOPS AND ARMED MEN PATROLING STREETS

Negroes Finally Driven Into "Little Africa" Where 1,000 Armed Blacks Are Reported at Bay With More Than 500 Armed Whites Facing Them Opposite Frisco Tracks; Move to Lynch Boothblack Starts Trouble.

BULLETIN: There are two dead negroes at the Frisco depot.

After six hours of race rioting, extending over the entire city, two white men are known to be dead and about a score are known to be injured. There are no known negro fatalities, though reports are that several were killed. One colored negro is at the police station and is expected momentarily to die. Thousands of shots were fired during the rioting, crowds gathered up and down the streets brandishing weapons and the greatest excitement prevailed. Both of the white men known to have been killed were shot through the head. The city, patrolled by 15 automobiles filled with armed men, while 500 armed men with their center on the Frisco

The Dead

In the morning, the bodies of the two white men were taken to the morgue. The bodies of the two negroes were taken to the Frisco depot.

The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: The Destruction of Black Wall Street

The Scale of Destruction

35 City Blocks Levelled

Over 1,256 homes were burned and virtually every business in Greenwood was destroyed.



\$40 Million in Modern Losses

Property damage exceeded \$1.5 million in 1921, equivalent to over \$40 million today.

Impact Comparison: 1921 Records vs. Modern Historical Consensus

	1921 Official Record	Modern Historical Consensus
Fatalities	36 Deaths	100 to 300 Deaths
Homelessness	Not Fully Recorded	~10,000 Residents
Serious Injuries	232 Reported	800+ Reported

RELIEF AND THE PATH TO JUSTICE



Mass Internment of Survivors
Nearly 8,000 black residents were detained in internment camps for several days.



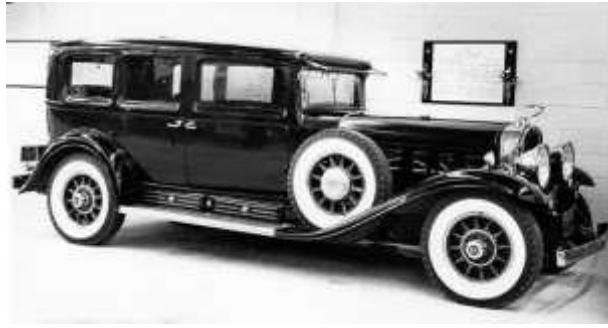
The Red Cross Response
The American Red Cross registered 8,628 survivors, providing immediate food, shelter, and medical care.



Decades of Historical Silence
The massacre was largely omitted from history books until a state commission formed in 1997.

THREE DAYS LATER...

PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY



Warren G. Harding was the first president to ride in an official limousine.

The **Packard Twin 6** was provided by the Republican National Committee, reflecting the modernization of presidential travel, signaling that automobiles had transformed American society, economy, and transportation.

White House Historical Association



Today's trip would make history, For the first time, a sitting President would visit a Negro university, the "Black Princeton".

It was rumored that Harding had "Negro Blood" in his family tree. More than a few historians would later claim that Warren Harding was America's first black President.

The motorcade entered the campus just after noon.



"Welcome to Lincoln University, Mr. President."



"I had to come after Well, you know."



"The students are ... waiting, sir."



"Looks like what a President is supposed to look like. That's what got him elected."

"Cheated on his wife and his mistresses! Runs the deepest, dirtiest 'swamp' in American history"

The Lincoln visit would be a quick stopover on the way to The **National Memorial Arch** honoring the arrival of General George Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, which was the site of their military camp during the winter of 1777–78.

Get the patriotic juices flowing!





"It is a very great pleasure to stop here for a few moments to offer a word of greeting to such an institution on such an occasion. The colored citizens of America in the World War earned the right to be memorialized. I am glad to pay tribute to an educational institution like this one."

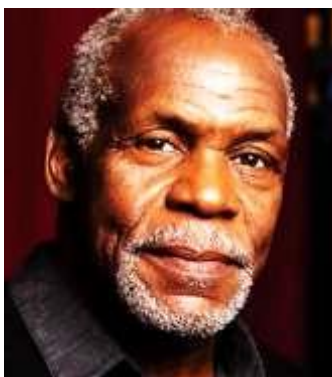


"Much is said about the problem of the races, but let me tell you that there is nothing that government can do which is akin to educational work. One of the great difficulties with popular government is that citizenship expects at the hands of government that which it should do for itself. No Government can wave a magical wand and take a race from bondage to citizenship in half a century. All that the Government can do is to afford an opportunity for good citizenship."

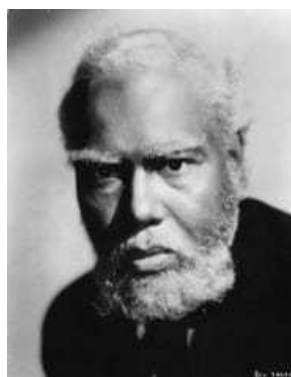


"The colored race, in order to come into its own, must do the great work itself, in preparing for that participation. Nothing will accomplish so much as educational preparation. I commend the valuable work which this institution is doing in that direction. It is a fine contrast to the unhappy and distressing spectacle that we saw the other day out in one of the Western States. God grant that, in the soberness, the fairness and the justice of this country, we shall never have another spectacle like it."

Harding looked Presidential and spoke Presidential , consistently convincing or conniving his fellow Party members, but alas, not too many Negroes.



*"Words, plenty of words!
Arrests – Zero!
Indictments – Zero!
Insurance payments – Zero!"*



*"But the President of The
United States came to us,
Put Lincoln University
on the map!"*

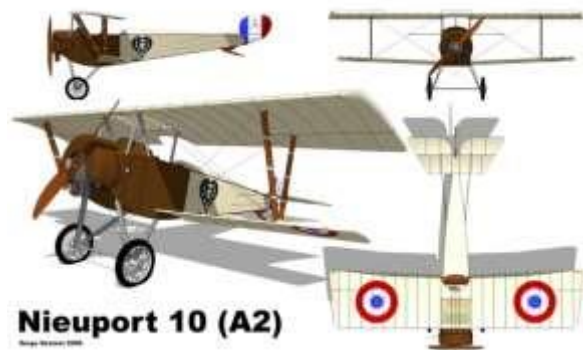
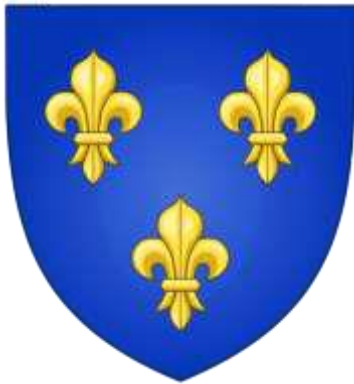


*"Notoriety? We want equality!
The Race is stuck in a distant
second place with no one
to lift us up!"*



“JIM CROW is still runnin’ this country!”

NOT *THIS* COUNTRY - ONE WEEK LATER...



“Today is the BIG Day – the text for my International Pilot’s Licence!”

“And I’ve spend half the morning inspecting the test aircraft up and down, back and forth!”

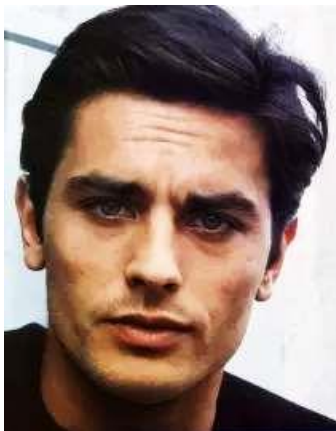
“All is in perfect order. I’m ready tp go!”



“Mademoiselle Bessie Coleman, si vous êtes encore en deuil après le massacre de Black Wall Street, nous pourrions reporter le test d'aujourd'hui.”



“Non, Monsieur le Directeur !
I want my International Pilot's License today! I can wait to see the **JIM CROW**
Air Corps, their astonish white faces as this black woman soars above them!”



“Cuidado, señorita Coleman.
Impatience and overconfidence won't earn you a license, but a tombstone!”

“¡No les hagas caso, Bessie!
Fly with all your heart and win your just reward!”



*"I hopped into the cockpit. They started the engine
and it came on like thunder!"*



*"I bounced sown the runway and when the plane
lifeted off, my heart went with it!"*

*"For a magical moment I felt like Ida Wells
and Sojourner Truth, black women who fought
for our equality!"*

"I'm going to make history..."
AMERICAN History!"

(To be continued)