

Chicago Open History 2015: Quizbowl's New Chains Discovered

Round 7

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1. During this event, Reginald V. Jones developed an "Aspirin" plan to deal with the "Headache" of the Knickerbocker system. One part of this event got its name because it focused on places given "three stars" in the Baedeker guides. This event prompted the distribution of cage-like items named for Herbert Morrison and iron, arch-shaped structures named for John Anderson. The cover of Angus Calder's book about the "Myth" of this event features a staged photograph of a milkman on delivery which was taken during this event. During this event, Operation Moonlight Sonata resulted in the destruction of (*) Coventry Cathedral. The ARP mandated blackouts to deal with this event. This campaign continued despite the cancellation of an invasion called Operation Sea Lion, and it was particularly destructive to Liverpool. For 10 points, name this campaign carried out by the Luftwaffe that involved the bombing of British cities.

ANSWER: the Blitz (accept The Myth of the Blitz; prompt on "Battle of Britain")

2. This commander's most famous action may have been driven by a need to cover a loan from his brother's failed bank, used to secure this man's commission with the 49th Regiment. This man used fur trader William McKay to pass a note to St. Joseph Island, circumventing the meddlesome George Prevost. Early in his career he had to rush to Fort George to prevent a mutiny against the harsh discipline of his longtime lieutenant, Roger Sheaffe. This man suggested that his troops were just days from reverting to mindless killing machines in a letter sent to a terrified William Hull, just after ordering those men to march single-file along the edge of a wood to suggest much larger numbers. As a result, this commander received the only surrender of an American city to a foreign power. This commander died at (*) Queenston Heights a year before his major ally was killed at the Battle of the Thames. For 10 points, name this British general who shrewdly captured Detroit in the War of 1812, known for his alliance with Tecumseh.

ANSWER: Isaac Brock

3. Many of this city's Jews fled during the three years in which the Jesuit Gaspar Baertz served on mission here. The French traveler Francois Pyrard coined a proverb about this place that "if the world were an egg, then [this place] would be the yolk." This city eventually lent its name to the island once known as Jarun, on which a "New" version of it was built in 1296. When it ruled a wider kingdom, Qalhat was the largest *other* city under its control. Mohammed Dirhem Ko was the alleged founder of this city, which was also frequently called Dar-al-Aman, or "abode of safety." The only joint invasion conducted by James I's England and Abbas I's Safavid empire targeted this place, which became a tributary of the (*) Portuguese after Afonso de Albuquerque raided it and built a castle here in 1507. Marco Polo's boat *back from* China dropped him off in this proverbially wealthy city, from which he went overland back to Constantinople. For 10 points, name this mercantile Arab city-state which, for much of the medieval and early modern periods, controlled the waterway into the Persian Gulf.

ANSWER: Hormuz (or Ormus; or Ohrmuzd; accept Dar-al-Aman before "Dar-al-Aman")

4. This man wrote as a preface to his main book that to read it is "as rough a mental journey" as a body would undergo "in riding over a corduroy road in an old stage-coach." This man's writings referred to an especially fortunate group as "the Tong," and separated them out from the "nobs" and "swells." This man, who frequently referred to his patroness as "the Mystic Rose," fell into disgrace after discussing his childhood in Savannah in his memoir *Society As I Have Found It*. This leader of a group of twenty-five wealthy men called the Patriarchs made his most lasting observation while shortening a list of invitees to a party held by the (*) socialite Caroline Schermerhorn Astor at her Newport summer home. For 10 points, name this self-appointed "society expert", a man who tried to keep the Vanderbilts off a list of "the Four Hundred" people who really mattered in postbellum New York City social life.

ANSWER: (Samuel) Ward McAllister

5. On the Day of Faith, women in this country's capital donated their gold wedding rings by putting them on a symbolic altar. The declining birthrate in this country was decried in the Ascension Day speech. In this country, the practice of leaving unwanted babies in "foundling wheels" was outlawed shortly after the creation of a Mother and Child Agency called ONRI. A leader of this country was shot twice in the nose by the Irish baroness Violet Gibson. In this country, getting women involved in local party organizations was a main goal of party secretary (*) Achille Starace. This country's government launched the Battle for Births as part of a campaign that included the Battle for Land and the Battle for Grain. A ruler of this country and his mistress were shot and hung on meathooks by partisans after the collapse of the Republic of Salo. For 10 points, name this country where women were encouraged to be mothers and housewives by the regime of Benito Mussolini.

ANSWER: fascist Italy (or Kingdom of Italy; or Regno d'Italia)

6. Bob Harrington once made a recording entitled "ten reasons why" *this person* "must be stopped." This activists lawsuit regarding events during the Apollo 8 mission was thrown out due to lack of standing. This activist was a guest on the first episode of *The Phil Donahue Show* and served as the chief speechwriter for Larry Flynt's presidential campaign. Along with son John and grandson Robin, this person was murdered by David Roland Waters. David Silverman currently heads the organization founded by this activist, who was called the "Most (*) hated woman in America" by *Life* magazine. In a case folded into *Abington School District v. Schemp*, this activist managed to end official Bible-readings in public schools. For 10 points, name this first president of American Atheists.

ANSWER: Madeline Murray O'Hair

7. Former SOCOM Chief Wayne Downing was assigned to the task force investigating this event. During this event, a sentry named Alfredo Guerrero managed to evacuate several people into a marble-lined stairwell. Royce C. Lambeth ruled that Iranian officials were partly responsible for this event, though at the time Mohammed Khatami refused to begin an investigation. Gasoline and explosive powder in a sewage tanker truck was used in this event, which was carried out by a group called the Hizbollah al-Hejaz. This event targeted Building 131, which was housing the 4404th (*) wing of the U.S. Air Force. For 10 points, name this 1996 terrorist attack in which a housing complex in Saudi Arabia was bombed.

ANSWER: Khobar Towers bombing

8. Evidence for this event includes the burial of stone tools under layers of YTT and a layer of sulfates found about 2500 meters into the GSP2 ice core found in Greenland. Rampino and Self argue that this event caused a 5 degree Celsius decrease in global temperatures, though it probably did not cause the last ice age even though it coincided with its (*) beginning. Stephen H. Ambrose believes that this event forced Homo sapiens to form social networks, which Neanderthals were unable to do. This event supposedly reduced the human population to around ten thousand members. For 10 points, name this catastrophic event, a supervolcanic eruption that occurred in Sumatra between fifty and one hundred thousand years ago.

ANSWER: Toba eruption (accept equivalents indicating the disaster of the Toba supervolcano)

9. A homosexual man described in this book freaked out that he might have contracted leprosy by having sex with a woman after he saw his face start to swell the next day; that serial pedophile is judged by this book's narrator as "neither ...troubadour nor philosopher" for homosexuals at large. Part II of this book, which concerns the "Archaeology" of the title place "from body language to myth," follows after its analysis of a fundamental kinship unit called the *domus*, which was organized around a type of dwelling called the *ostal*. A key figure in this book, who has the entire adult population of his town arrested, is the lecherous (*) priest Clergue. This study, whose English language edition is subtitled *The Promised Land of Error*, draws mainly on the Inquisition logs of Jacques Fournier, who later became Pope Benedict XII. This Annales school text shows how a small village of 250 dealt with the aftermath of a crusade from 1294 to 1324. For 10 points, name this microhistory of a town inhabited by Cathar holdouts in southeast France, by Emmanuel LeRoy Ladurie.

ANSWER: Montaillou: The Promised Land of Error (or Montaillou: village occitan)

10. *Description acceptable*

This event was planned by the "Choirboys" network, which ousted John Leyden prior to it. At a press conference conducted during this event with William French Smith, a leader praised a man who asked "How can I ask my kids to obey the law if I don't?" and announced a 48-hour deadline. This event influenced the actions taken by the Phelps Dodge copper mining company two years later. Two months after this event, Drew Lewis refused to even meet with its leader, Robert Poli. A lifetime ban instituted in response to this event was lifted by Bill (*) Clinton. This event was partly caused by increased job stress that resulted from the creation of companies like People Express following the passage of a Deregulation Act. The president responded to this event by firing over 11,000 members of PATCO. For 10 points, name this strike against the FAA that occurred during Ronald Reagan's first term and briefly crippled the country's airline travel.

ANSWER: 1981 air traffic controllers' strike (accept PATCO strike before "PATCO")

11. This historian wrote about the official creation of Bastille Day in a collection he co-edited with Terence Ranger. That collection contains Hugh Trevor-Roper's analysis of the recency of the "Highland myth" in Scotland. This historian claimed that groups like the Hajduks and Klephts were revered by the masses despite being demonized by the state in *Primitive Rebels*. In another work, this man argued that the French Revolution worked in tandem with industrial innovation in a "dual revolution." This popularizer of the terms (*) "invented tradition" and "social banditry" documented the failure of various "-isms" following World War I in his *Age of Extremes*, a follow-up to a trilogy covering the ages of "Revolution," "Capital," and "Empire." For 10 points, name this author of *Nations and Nationalism Since 1780* who dubbed the period between 1789 to 1914 the "long 19th century," a British Marxist historian.

ANSWER: Eric Hobsbawm

12. *Description acceptable*

The installation of listening devices during this event was masked by planes from a local airport being ordered to fly lower than normal. During this event, Trevor Lock kept his coat on in order to hide a revolver he was carrying. Home Secretary William Whitelaw headed a meeting of COBRA during this event. A military operation during this event was broadcast during the day on a bank holiday with the assistance of duty reporter Kate Adie. This event was ended by Red and Blue teams storming the building as part of Operation Nimrod; that operation was carried out by John Dellow's (*) SAS unit. This event was carried out by the members of the DRFLA, led by Oan Ali Mohammad, who sought the separation of Khuzestan. For 10 points, name this 6-day event in 1980 in which a diplomatic building in London was seized by Arab terrorists.

ANSWER: 1980 Iranian embassy siege (or the Princes Gate siege; accept equivalents indicating an attack on the Iranian embassy in London)

13. Immigrants of this ethnic group were sometimes called "Latin farmers." A group of aristocrats of this ethnicity faced financial ruin after trying to set up a colony on the Fisher-Miller tract in Texas. Immigrants from this ethnic group made up the paramilitary "Wide Awakes" who marched with Nathaniel Lyon against the state militia at Camp Jackson after Claiborne Jackson tried to secure the secession of Missouri. Newspapers written in the language of this ethnicity included the *Illinois State Newspaper* edited by Lorenzo Brentano and the *Watchclock*, whose office was destroyed by a mob during the Pratt Street Riot in Baltimore. Immigrants of this ethnicity practiced (*) gymnastics in clubs called Turner Halls. A politician of this ethnicity was usually drawn with absurdly long legs by Thomas Nast, who depicted him as a carpetbagger in a famous cartoon. That Fusionist leader of the Mugwumps from this ethnic group was one of the forty-eighters who came to America after participating in failed revolutions. For 10 points, name this ethnic group whose 19th-century immigrants included Carl Schurz.

ANSWER: German-Americans (or Deutsche)

14. This politician was arrested outside the Mitchell's Plain police station after a group called PADLAC distributed pamphlets against drug abuse there. This politician was a local leader of the Black Sash movement and vice-president of the End Conscription Campaign. Mmusi Maimane succeeded this politician as the leader of the Democratic Alliance. While working as a journalist for the *Rand Daily Mail*, (*) she obtained proof that J. T. Kruger had covered up police culpability in the death of Steve Biko. This politician challenged Jacob Zuma to a public debate over the disbanding of the Scorpions, and in 2008 was named "World Mayor." For 10 points, name this former Mayor of Cape Town and current premier of the Western Cape, a prominent white anti-apartheid activist.

ANSWER: (Otta) Helen(e) Zille

15. A trade route named for these things and tea is sometimes called the Southern Silk Road. After having a dream about a golden man floating in the sky, Emperor Ming had a temple named for one of these creatures built for the two monks who translated the Forty-two Chapter Sutra. Rumors that the Daiyuan kingdom had creatures of this sort which "sweated blood" prompted Emperor Wudi of Han to send an invasion force to capture them. A statue of one of these creatures which rests one foot on a swallow and appears to be flying was discovered in Gansu. These animals were used in the Yam system of Genghis Khan. These animals were imported to China from the (*) Ferghana valley and from Tibet. Many terracotta statues from China depict these animals being used by armored troops called cataphracts. For 10 points, name these animals which, during the Zhou and Shang dynasties, were often used to pull war chariots.

ANSWER: horses (or obvious equivalents)

16. This work is considered to be a more complete source than the the legal writings of Zalmoxis and the fragmentary *Skeirems* commentary. The major copy of this text was captured after the siege of Prague and preserved by Isaac Vossius, the librarian of Queen Christina, who took it to Uppsala. That tome, a famous example of illuminated purple parchment, is known as the Codex Argenteus for its silver cover. This text was promoted by the lesser Auxentius, adopted son of the author, who was sent by Eusebius of Nicomedia to promote (*) Arianism among a certain group against the wishes of Athanaric. The Latin “f” and two runic letters were added to Greek to create an alphabet for this work's namesake people. For 10 points, identify this Christian book compiled by Ulfilas, famous for preserving the language of a people later led by Theodoric.

ANSWER: the Gothic Bible (accept the Codex Argenteus before mentioned; accept the Ulfilas Bible or Wulfila Bible before “Ulfilas”)

17. A chronicle named after this city was produced by its influential bishop Diego Gelmirez. Master Mateo worked on a structure in this city consecrated by Alfonso the Slobberer. After visiting this city, Aymeric Picaud compiled a collection including Turpin's *Historia Caroli Magni* and “A Guide for the Traveler,” the Codex Calixtinus. After sacking this city, Almanzor absconded with its cathedral's bells and used them to decorate the Great Mosque of Cordoba. The namesake figure of this city was controversially promoted in medieval times as (*) “matamoros,” a ruthless slaughterer of Muslims. Alfonso VII began using the title “Emperor of All Spain” following his coronation in this city, which became the capital of a kingdom to the west of Leon. Visitors to this city typically encounter St. Rates cathedral when approaching from the south, and traditionally retrieve a scallop shell. The Via Podiensis, Camino frances, and Aragonese Way are northwestern approaches to this city along the Way of St. James. For 10 points, identify this Galician city, a major European pilgrimage site.

ANSWER: Santiago de Compostela (prompt on partial answer)

18. *Description acceptable*

A rescued dog named Gunner assisted one side in this event. Lieutenant Thomas H. Moorer survived the destruction of the *Florence D* during this battle. Immediately before this event, a PBY Catalina was destroyed near Melville Island. Several desertions of a unit commanded by Stuart Griffith occurred in the wake of this event, which was investigated by the Lowe Commission. An attack on Broome occurred about two weeks after this battle, whose goal was to stop support of the (*) Dutch East Indies Campaign. Mitsuo Fushida commanded forces on one side of this battle, and the four aircraft carriers used here were later destroyed at the Battle of Midway. For 10 points, name this 1942 battle in which the Japanese navy bombed a harbor in Australia.

ANSWER: bombing of Darwin (accept equivalents indicating a Japanese air raid on Darwin)

19. This ruler was said to drive iron stakes into rivers to mark the extent of his conquests according to the historian Gallus Anonymus. Two of this ruler's four wives were daughters of the margrave of Meissen. This ruler, who came to power after banishing his stepmother Oda, had his control over Lusatia confirmed when he signed the Peace of Bautzen. This ruler redeemed the corpse of Saint Adalbert for a sack of gold, and was given a supposed copy of the Holy Lance known as St. Maurice's Spear at the Congress of (*) Gniezno. This man inspired an object later used in centuries of coronations, the "Notched Sword" *Szczerbiec*, when he legendarily used his sword to strike the Golden Gate of Kiev while capturing that city in 1018. For 10 points, name this ally of Holy Roman Emperor Otto the Great and son of Mieszko I, a "Brave" monarch of the Piast dynasty who was the first *crowned* king of Poland.

ANSWER: Bolesław I Chrobry (or Bolesław the Brave; or Boleslaw I Chrobry; or answers with Boleslaus I in place of "Bolesław" I; do not accept or prompt on "Bolesław the Bold," as that epithet refers to Bolesław II)

20. In this colony, Patrick Tailfer led a vocal group of dissidents known as the Malcontents. Indigenous

leaders who negotiated with this colony included Brims and his son Malatchi, who got stuck in a dispute over land claims with the disgraced reverend Thomas Bosomworth. In this colony, the Jerusalem Church was founded by a group of heterodox Lutherans known as Salzburgers in the town of Ebenezer. This colony sent doctor Lyman Hall in its delegation to the Second Continental Congress after not sending anybody to the First Continental Congress. This colony, which banned lawyers during its rule by the "trustee system," was first settled by the ship *Ann* on (*) Yamacraw Indian land. The largest city in this New World colony withstood a failed siege by the Comte d'Estaing in 1779, to Loyalists' delight. For 10 points, name this colony where the Polish commander Casimir Pulaski died in battle, which was originally founded by James Oglethorpe at Savannah.

ANSWER: Georgia

TB. This dynasty became the subject of a mini-scandal after a leading geo-historian admitted that basically all national historians know that one of its kings was flamboyantly gay, but nobody will actually write it down. This dynasty faced a coup orchestrated by the "Seven Promoters" and "Four Tiger Soldiers." A missionary to this dynasty, Dan Beach Bradley, introduced the printing press and advised its educational reforms. This dynasty weathered 1912's "Palace Coup" against the aforementioned not-so-secretly-gay king Vajiravudh, 30 years before the (*) Manopakorn ministry transitioned it from an absolute to a constitutional monarchy. This dynasty was charged with playing a nefarious role in the Black May democratization riots by the unauthorized biography *The King Never Smiles*, which has been diligently censored by its current king. For 10 points, the longest-tenured head of state in the world, Rama IX, currently leads what ruling house of Thailand?