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COMPACT PUBLISHING DEBUTS TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. MARCH 1, 1994 -- COMPACT Publishing, publisher of the award winning TIME ALMANAC 1993, today announced a new history and reference product, TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY is a narrative history product that uses the page layouts, designs and "look and feel" of TIME Magazine, decade by decade, to guide users through the events of the century. Using this interface, TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY highlights key events of each era, including:

- * Ninety videos in smooth quarter-screen images, including the Wright Brothers' first flight, the Hindenberg crash, in the trenches coverage of World War II, Elvis being drafted, Marilyn Monroe, the Beatles landing in America, and the bombing of the World Trade Center last year.

- * an archive of over 4,000 articles accessed from a timeline, whose format changes from decade to decade, reflecting changes in TIME Magazine.

- * 450 photos -- from John Dillinger to John Kennedy and beyond, including twelve photo essays of the great figures of our time -- and a haunting essay on the old and new Russia, from photographers Margaret Bourke-White and Anthony Suau.

- * coverage of every presidential election since 1900, including campaign buttons, videos, photos and speeches, and every TIME MAN OF THE YEAR cover story, plus top news stories of the events of each decade.

- * dozens of maps, graphics and statistical tables

- * 1500 challenging questions and quotes for skill and fun

"TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY is a different kind of history and reference product," said Robert Ellis, founder and president of COMPACT

Publishing. "We use the design, look and feel of TIME Magazine to not only tell the user what happened, but how it felt, at the time, to the people experiencing it. That format, plus the multimedia capabilities of the TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY, bring history home to students, researchers and history buffs in a way no other reference product can."

TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY requires Windows/MPC compatible 486sx or higher microprocessor, 4 MB RAM, Multispin CD ROM drive with 8 bit digital sound board, Windows 3.1, SVGA graphics card and monitor, Microsoft CD ROM extensions version 2.2 or later, and headphones or speakers.

With a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$69.95, TIME ALMANAC OF THE 20TH CENTURY will be available in the last week of March.