

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Apr. 8-12, 2013
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What was the original name of The Silent Worker newspaper?

- a) The Buff and Blue
- b) The Deaf Times
- c) Deaf Mute Times
- d) The Deaf American

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Answer: “c” – The Silent Worker news magazine was initially named Deaf Mute Times and was published as a school newspaper by the New Jersey School for the Deaf until 1929. There is a connection with answer choice (d) The Deaf American. In 1948 the NAD revived The Silent Worker news magazine as its own news and advocacy publication and changed the name to The Deaf American magazine. The Deaf American magazine was published until 1988.

Matthew Moore, in his Deaf Trivia, discusses the history of The Silent Worker news magazine and includes an interesting side note regarding why the NAD changed the name from The Silent Worker to The Deaf American. He states, "the NAD didn't want its publication confused with the Daily Worker, the official

newspaper of the Communist Party of the USA (published from 1924 to 1958)."
[Cited from: http://deaftrivia.com/02_feb_2009.html]

Read more about the history of The Silent Worker at:
http://deaftrivia.com/02_feb_2009.html