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to improve existing programs and innovative programs, especially for dropouts, to try to improve reading skills. In this same context, government could work closely with private

industry to insure that the daily work schedule entails even one hour of compulsory training for reading skill development. This measure alone would both increase the security of in-

dustry and of the country as a whole.

"Our national and local black organizations must come together behind the Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP)

as the most vital and singular, comprehensive endeavor which we have the opportunity of building for the future of our youth, for the future of our very people."

Citing the AOIP-endorsed Credo for Justice and Equity (reproduced in this issue) as the simple and visionary basis for a working set of principles that all black organizations should support and actively sustain, Dortch calls upon Black America's countless, important organizations, clubs and programs to "make an investment in our future" by building the Assault on Illiteracy, "moving past efforts directed at the already privileged, to enable all our brothers and sisters to provide for themselves with the dignity and self worth that literacy makes vitally possible. Our alumni, in particular, must reach back and pull along those of us who've been less fortunate."



Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta; Thomas Dortch, CNAA president; John Glover, director of the Atlanta district office of the FBI and Mrs. Glover discuss the need for black alumni to expand their support to black colleges and universities.



James Burt, vice president of CNAA, coordinates seminar on alumni-giving.

With the rest of our organizations joining in the organizational leadership like that represented by the Council for National Alumni Associations, Inc., our children's children will be able to look forward to a strong, self-sufficient black nation within the nation. Let us reflect and encourage such commitment among ourselves. We salute the CNAA!

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