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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Our international theme: "Excellence In The 80's: Service And Progress For All Mankind" and our Boule theme: "Fulfilling A Commitment To Excellence Thru Service." Information Address: 3016 Norcrest Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

SCLC is a non-profit, interdenominational, inter-faith advocacy organization dedicated to utilizing the principles of non-violence as a strategy for bringing about social, economic, and political justice. We are called the Southern Christian Leadership Conference because we believe in and espouse the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the efficacy of love in human relations. Information Contact: 334 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30312.

United Black Fund of America

Blacks supporting Blacks. Any citizen interested in starting a United Black Fund and desirous of more information please write United Black Fund, 1625 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

This is a community conscious, action-oriented organization. Information Contact: 1734 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

The following and other national community-building organizations are entitled to listings. However, we have not received the calendars of their events, and we are awaiting information from them.

American Savings & Loan League
Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, Inc.

American Women's Clergy Association
Association of Black Sociologists
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History

Booker T. Washington Foundation
CME Church

Conference of Grand Masters,
Prince Hall Masons

Drifters
Gamma Phi Delta Sorority
Gospel Music Workshop of America
I.B.P.O. Elks

National Association for the Southern Poor
National Association of Black Airline Employees
National Association of Black Social Workers
National Association of Black Sociologists
National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs

National Association of Marketing
Developers (NAMD)

National Association of Media Women
National Association of Negro Musicians
National Black Police Association, Inc.
National Business League
National Conference of Black Mayors
National Council of Negro Women
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged
National Committee of Black Churchmen
National Council for Black Family and Child Development

National Naval Officers Association
National Naval Officers' Association
National Student Business League
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Operation PUSH

Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
Women's Missionary Society/AME Church

AOIP

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run a special story on the meeting, the results of which will bridge a gap that has not been spanned since the demise of the educational activities of the Freedmen's Bureau in 1870. AOIP's executive director—referred to as senior volunteer consultant—urged the Secretary to free Black Americans from the shackles of illiteracy. Presently, he said, the greatest need is the strong blessing of DOE. He expressed AOIP's wish to portray Secretary Bell and other supporters from whatever political persuasion in the role of the Second Emancipators.

Next, presentations were made by Ozell Sutton, Carrie Haynes and Sam Banks. Chairman Sutton said that he was both pleased and honored to have this opportunity to meet with the Secretary and thanked him on behalf of all present and those who could not come. He said that he had been involved in the civil rights movement for a long time but he knows



(Left to right) Ozell Sutton, Calvin W. Rolark, and Secretary Bell.

of no other effort like AOIP. It is the greatest networking kind of coming together that Black America has ever known. Education is critical to Black America, Sutton added. Illiteracy is so damaging to our legitimate hopes and aspirations. It impacts on every aspect of life and reflects very badly upon a nation that should not tolerate any degree of illiteracy. The present situation of almost 50 percent functional illiteracy in the Black community is totally intolerable in the United States. We are approaching



(Seated at table from left to right) Calvin Rolark, Barbara Howard, Secretary Bell, Sammie Inman, Rosalie McGuire and Sam Banks.



(Seated at table): Calvin W. Rolark; Barbara J. Howard, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's National Chairperson for AOIP; Ozell Sutton; Benjamin H. Wright, Senior Volunteer Consultant for AOIP and President, Black Media, Inc.; Secretary Bell; Sammie L. Inman, Daughters of Isis; Samuel L. Banks; Carrie A. Haynes; and Betty Mansfield, Project Coordinator of The ADVANCER.



Rev. Saul Williams, National Baptist Convention, USA; Carolyn Smith; Lucille Bland; "Biff" Carter; and Wilma Shepherd.

this situation as a crisis that we are determined to remedy. We come to you, Sutton told Secretary Bell, as the chief educator in the United States—the educator's educator.

AOIP's chairman stated that there was no question about Bell's commitment. The next step is to work on methods of implementation—a process to achieve goals. AOIP is absolutely rich in volunteers—people who cannot be bought.

Carrie Haynes recounted her ex-
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