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A Close-Up Look At Third World Events... And What They Could Mean To You

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In Recognition of Black Men

Jacqueline Boyette, founder and president of OURMEN, Inc., says, "It's time to focus on another silent majority—Black men who do interesting and challenging work but seldom receive the recognition they deserve. To rectify this situation, Ms. Boyette has created a 1984 calendar of Black men at work. The subjects of the 13 color photographs range from a show horse breeder and a construction worker to Lt. Guy Bluford, Jr., the first Black astronaut. The front cover of the calendar states, "OURMEN must be recognized, not glorified. OURMEN must be honored, not exploited. OURMEN must be respected."

The calendar can be ordered by mail from OURMEN, Inc., 496 LaGuardia Place, Suite 174, New York, NY 10012.



The Other Michael Jackson

Superstar singer Michael is a multi-millionaire whose voice has caressed the top 10 music charts for years. But there is another Michael Jackson who is known by only a few people. He is a symbol of clean living—he doesn't smoke, drink, swear or eat junk food. He is a devoted Jehovah's Witness, fasts each week and spends his Saturdays in worship.



Something Old— Something New

Black Greek-letter organizations, modeled after centuries-old secret societies, are combining an ancient idea with an up-to-date one for the benefit of Blacks who are trying to get ahead. They are using corporate networking techniques to help their members with everything from finding jobs and clinching business deals to running for

public office and getting into prestigious colleges.

These organizations have the potential to wield tremendous influence. There are some 5,000 chapters with a combined membership of almost half a million men and women in the United States and abroad which comprise the eight fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Hunger Fast Becoming National Emergency

On the heels of three years of high unemployment and massive social service cutbacks, hunger and malnutrition are stalking growing numbers of Americans, especially children, minorities, the elderly and the "new poor."

Contrary to statements of administration officials and the conclusions of the White House study on hunger, chronic and widespread malnutrition not only exists in the United States but is rapidly growing.

Studies by, among others, the General Accounting Office, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Food Research and Action Center, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, document a vast and growing increase in the demand at emergency food distribution centers over the last two years. Low-income individuals and families, hard hit by employment and budget cutbacks, have been joined in poverty by the "new poor" of formerly stable, self-sufficient families now enduring long-term unemployment.

Predominantly Black Cities

The Black population in the United
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