

Editorial Notes..... (Continued from Page 2.)

Monday, May 12th. That is when the press was notified of the joint launching (into "high-gear") of AOIP's *Year 2000 Campaign* at the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion. The unequivocal support given by Secretary Bennett was so enthusiastically received that even Michael Jackson's appearance could not have created more ex-

citement at picture-taking time. Follow-up procedures will begin at once...and all AOIP organizations are asked to 1) *complete* their organizing and 2) *immediately*

schedule orientation sessions on how our Year 2000 Campaign is to be coordinated with their special assistance.

MONITOR Mail



Akron, Ohio poet John Glover has written a poem inspired by the continuing series of Cover Stories in the *National BLACK MONITOR*, whose overarching theme has been "Pulling Ourselves Up By Our Own Bootstraps." Thank you, Mr. Glover.

Pulling Ourselves Up By Our Own Bootstraps

Pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps—
It's just like a kid learning to tie
His or her shoe for the first time in life.

Pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps—
Success for all.

Don't give up if you want to keep up
the good work.
Helping each other to love & learn together—
that's the right thing to do
Never depart from each other's heart.
It's love we care & need, at all times.

Pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps—
We all have a life to continue as individuals but,
We don't live alone in this world as individuals
We can make it together as individuals
We have something—to be thankful for
as individuals
Ourselves, a family & friends.

Pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps—
Let's pull together from the bottom to the top.
Bottom up, together we can make it as one
Pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps.

Dear Sirs:

This comes to express my appreciation and gratitude for the March edition of the *BLACK MONITOR* for giving the entire paper to the article for the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

I was the 14th National President and 93 years old. I have been a member since 1918 and served under all the presidents since then. I was elected Treasurer for 12 years and served 4 years, 1948 to 1952, as their president.

Your article was one of the best I have read for a long time. Thank you for same. With my sincere best wishes for every success.

I am yours truly,

Ella P. Stewart

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