

# AOIP

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basic goals categories for which we have specific objectives to achieve every year between now and the year 2000. That is when we are determined not only to vanquish illiteracy, but also to develop a

climate wherein neither immorality of any type nor any of illiteracy's other devastating aftermaths will be likely to occur again. Among these goals are the following:

1. To completely eradicate all "functional illiteracy" within Black America;
2. To have 80 percent of our Black population give priority support (in-

cluding tithing) to Black-run religious institutions and have 100 percent accountability from these institutions;

3. To have at least 80 percent of our community businesses and professional facilities owned by Black or other persons who live in or immediately adjacent to—and identify completely with the needs of—Black people;

4. To have all corporations and other entities which directly or indirectly benefit from the Black community to deal equitably with the Black community as set forth in our *Credo for Justice and Equity*.

"The entire list of goals is outlined in the May issue of the *National BLACK MONITOR*. Also, some of the buttons and types of banners we will be using to both spark and sustain our mind and values refocusing campaign are here to be shared with you.

"Dreams do not come true without those who dare to dream and to do. Thus, even though there are many thousands of national, state-wide and local leaders now making AOIP a reality, we can never forget two special groups. One is the AOIP-participating publishers, under the leadership of Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, who did much of the conceptualizing and publicizing of this unique and never-before-possible effort. The other are those national corporations who dared to stand behind these publishers financially. One hundred percent of the proceeds of the cooperatively-published *National BLACK MONITOR* (now AOIP's national interorganizational publication) and a large part of the publishers' income from these corporations have accounted for nearly 90 percent of all the AOIP funding needs up to this point. Starting in June, those past and present supporters (local and national) will be listed respectively in every issue of our participating publications. In this way, our many millions will know who are our friends whom we must support in priority ways. Also, the situation is so grave that everyone of us is going to have to invest equitably in that stewardship.

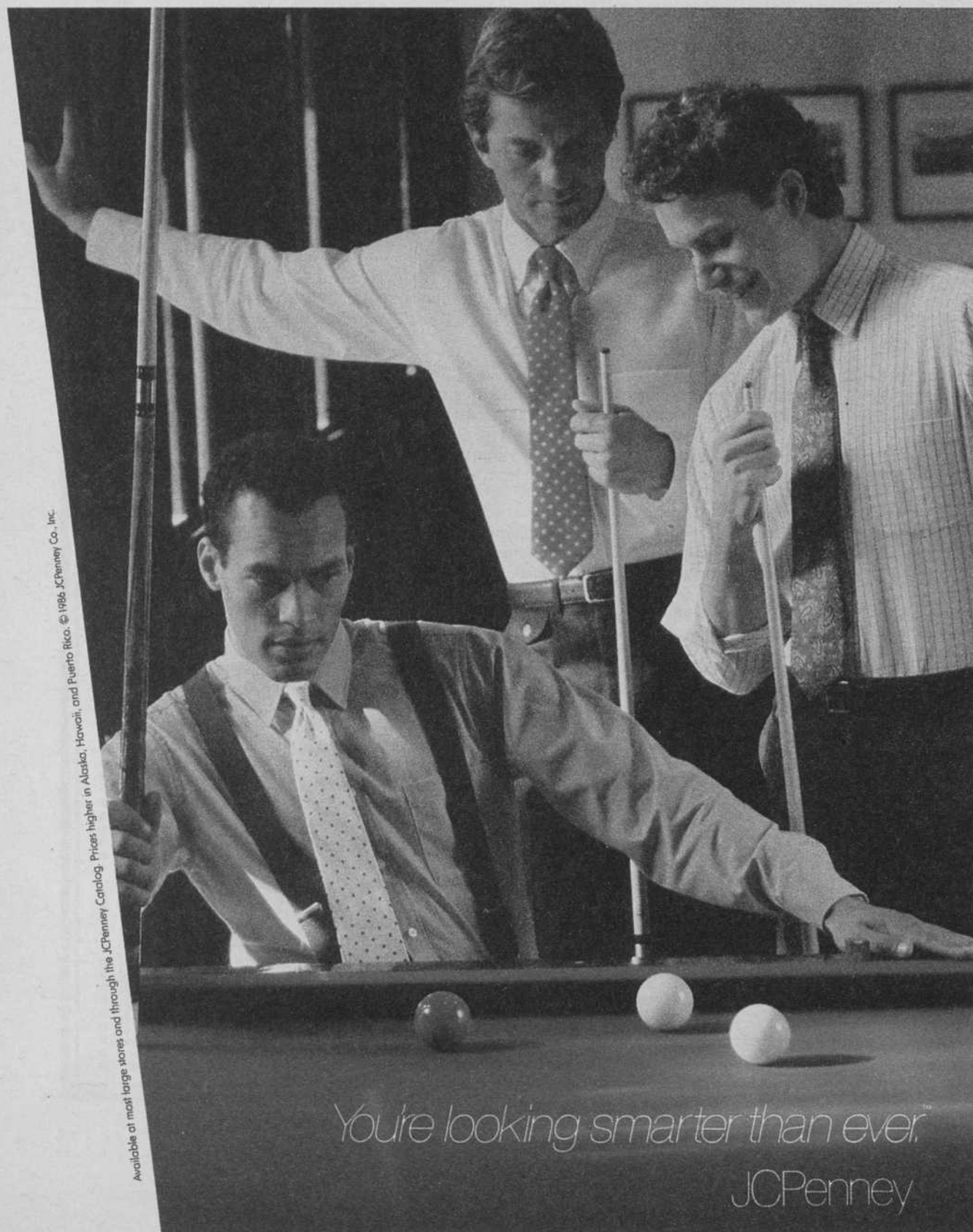
"Grand Master Charles F. Bates and all the Free Masons and other AOIP supporters, please stand. (Pause.) Isn't this a beautiful and glorious sight?"

"This entire effort is designed to spark a revolution of rising expectations to emancipate millions of young and older people from the bonds of dependency and despair. AOIP will work through existing institutions within the Black community, which we identify as families, churches, fraternal organizations, businesses, schools,

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