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use its influence to persuade its allies in Europe, the Mideast, and Asia to take a tougher stand against Pretoria. Any U.S. initiatives will be ineffective if other nations continue business as usual with South Africa.

Without a coherent and coordinated international effort, the already grim situation in South Africa will only get grimmer. Without U.S. leadership, however, there cannot be any coordinated and meaningful strategy. It is essential, therefore, for all Americans concerned about the brutal subjugation of South Africa's black majority to make it clear to Congressional, Senate and other leaders that a cogent U.S. policy vis-a-vis South Africa must be an integral part of any U.S. foreign policy agenda. And as candidates line up for the 1988 Presidential elections, the American people must make it clear that the situation in South Africa remains a high priority issue.

Nevada Literacy Coalition Launches Program to Promote Adult Literacy

CARSON CITY, NV — For the first time people across Nevada have formed a Coalition to coordinate efforts to help adults who cannot read, or need assistance to increase their reading skills. A first year action plan has been developed by people from state agencies, local volunteers literacy groups, libraries, universities and community colleges.

Everyone interested in joining the Coalition or learning about literacy efforts in Nevada is invited to an Open House at the Nevada State Library and Archives, 401 North Carson, Carson City on Monday, June 22 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Board member Bonnie Bryan will formally launch the coalition during a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. and workers from statewide literacy programs will display materials and answer questions.

Thousands of Nevadans need one-on-one tutoring to learn how to read at a level enabling them to function normally in day-to-day activities such as reading road

signs and medicine labels. The Nevada Literacy Coalition will strengthen statewide adult literacy programming through an organized effort made possible by a \$99,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation in cooperation with USA Today.

The Coalition has opened an office at the Nevada State Library and Archives staffed by a full-time Director and two part-time assistants. Director, Meg Kochendorfer, is a specialist in organization development and capacity building for volunteer literacy programs. Under her leadership the Coalition will provide:

- Literacy training in urban and rural Nevada.
- Materials for one-on-one tutoring of adult non-readers.
- Targeted publicity to reach people who need the service.
- A needs assessment to show where increased effort is indicated.



"HARLEM RENAISSANCE" SUPPORTERS — Manhattan Borough President David N. Dinkins, second from left, was co-host for a night when he recently invited visitors to see the Studio Museum in Harlem's highly praised exhibition, "HARLEM RENAISSANCE: Art of Black America," sponsored by Philip Morris Companies, Inc. With Dinkins are, from left, Nancy L. Lane, Chairperson of the Board of the Studio Museum, Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, Executive Director of the Studio Museum and Helen Cash, Director of Special Arts Services, New York State Council on the Arts.

— A Directory of Nevada Literacy Programs and Activities.

— A Literacy Newsletter to increase awareness of the programs.

— Regional Literacy Conferences for sharing information. First-year priorities are: to increase the numbers of students and volunteers, to offer training in proven techniques for helping adults learn to read, and to insure effective literacy programming throughout Nevada.

Specialized consulting and specific information will be available to groups and individuals interested in adult literacy activity. Coalition staff may be reached by calling 887-2627.

Referral of students and volunteers to literacy programs will be made through the statewide toll free literacy line. Call 1-800-445-WORD.

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jail. Only a set of self-imposed "rules" kept him on track, enabling him to achieve leadership positions like President of the National Conference of Black Lawyers and his current job as Senior Staff Counsel of the District of Columbia Committee in Congress.



Marian Wright Edelman

He is one of a growing number of successful young black men who are coming forward to help our youth make the most of themselves. These men are holding workshops, working

with children one-on-one, or simply providing role models for our children to see and emulate.

Temple passes along what he has learned in motivational talks to black youngsters in churches, schools and other community settings. He asks youths their aspirations, challenges them to think for themselves, and urges them to be responsible. He doesn't just talk — he listens.

It was at one of his talks (before a GED class) that Temple met Jalaria Sutton, a young woman whom he encouraged and helped to seek higher education. Sutton is now enrolled at Morehead State University in Kentucky and is "doing real well there," Temple says.

Temple founded the Washington DC chapter of Concerned Black Men, an excellent organization that was started ten years ago in Philadelphia. The group has helped thousands of black youths by sponsoring programs like essay contests and awards banquets that are designed to help build their self-esteem. The organizations' greatest contribution is that it brings our youth together with the leaders in the business and civic communities.

We need more black men like Donald Temple to reach out to our young people. If you would like to help, contact your church or community organization. If you would like to start a branch of Concerned Black Men in your community, contact Concerned Black Men, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Suite 1, Washington, DC 20003 (202) 546-4242.

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