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# Editorial Notes

June is a happy month for many people. Traditionally, it is the month for wedding ceremonies. And so, we are happy to announce the wonderful and inevitable joining together—or wedding—in certain important ways—of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) with the **National BLACK MONITOR** and other participating media of the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP).

In the almost 15 years of existence of our issue-oriented medium, the **National BLACK MONITOR**, we never have presented articles over the signatures of any single individual. When opinions were given, they always have been what our editors felt were the collective opinions—or consensus—of the leaders of our constituencies.

And that is an awesome task when one considers that this medium now is a "family and community organization magazine" for the well over 90 national Black-led organizations affiliated with AOIP. Thus, everything written in the **National BLACK MONITOR** has been given the utmost care so that our readers could rely on it as "gospel".

However, you will see in this issue the beginning of a wedding of our editors with the wonderful and highly-esteemed Black members of our Congress in Washington, D.C. Those 23 exceptional men and women were chosen by Black America to "speak and act" for all of our people on the legislative front—so they deserve to be heard under their own signatures or "bylines". Also, these outstanding and deeply concerned lawmakers were the primary movers behind the establishment of the National Black Leadership

Roundtable (NBLR) which is headed by Congressman Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia.

NBLR was created because these deeply-dedicated representatives of us realized that their responsibilities extended far beyond their individual Congressional Districts. Thus, they have needed and deserved a worthy national forum such as our AOIP-participating newspapers and the **National BLACK MONITOR** both to report back to our people on what they were doing on our behalf as well as to remind all of us what we must continue to be doing to "complete the unfinished work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Further, the NBLR already was one of the extremely important national organizations that were part of the AOIP coalition. Important for our readers to note is that AOIP is focused on "removing the root causes" of illiteracy and the many other "ills" uniquely imposed on—and which unfairly plague—the Black community.

AOIP's method of approach is largely through the promotion of Black "togetherness" and/or "community-building" efforts which are designed to motivate far more of our people to want to learn so they, too, can become a productive, responsible and fulfilling part of our communities.

Accordingly, an important "wedding" now has taken place. All of the AOIP-participating newspapers and the **National BLACK MONITOR** have been chosen by the CBC as the official national means by which their reports to—and challenges of—Black America will be made.

In making that announcement, CBC Chairman Mervyn Dymally and NBLR Chairman Walter Fauntroy stated that this "selection had been made not only because the constituencies of AOIP and NBLR overlap to a great degree—but also because the focus of these leadership groups are so similar".

Thus, on page 10, you will see an article by Congressman Augustus Hawkins—the illustrious chairman of the prestigious and powerful House Education and Labor Committee. Other Congressmen will be featured monthly. And every week—beginning in mid-June—you will hear from each of our Congresspersons on a rotating basis in all of our AOIP-participating newspapers.

Also in this issue, you will see a continuation of our special series on the Masons of Prince Hall Affiliation. Those lodges on which information was received in time for our deadline were featured in this issue. However, because of the very special role that every Grand Master and Grand Matron will be fulfilling on a state-wide basis within AOIP, it is our intent to cover all of them through later issues as space permits.

June is a happy month...and we're very happy with all of our "community-building marriages"!

As always, please be mindful of those advertisers locally and nationally who are supporting our community-building efforts. This month, take special note of J.C. Penney, Ford, K-Mart, Lever Brothers, General Motors Parts and General Motors.

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