

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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The NAACP Opposes Judge Bork's Nomination

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP in conjunction with a unanimous Vote of the Delegates to the 78th Annual Convention of the NAACP held in New York City from July 5-9, has sent telegrams to U.S. Senators Chic Hecht and Harry Reid requesting that they vote to oppose the confirmation of President Ronald Reagan's nomination of Judge Robert Bork to become a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. We do not need anyone to sit as a member of the U.S. Supreme Court who wants to turn back the clock of social, justice, and economic progress.

The NAACP finds the nomination of Judge Bork to be both distressful and ironical. It is distressful because of his opposition to Affirmative Action for Blacks, Women, and the other Minorities, which is clearly known. It's ironical because

it was made during the Bicentennial Celebration of the U.S. Constitution, whose "We The People" did not include Blacks in slavery and women without the right to vote at the time of its signing.

America, the leader of the free world for two hundred years later and only thirteen years before the end of the Twentieth Century, is still agonizing whether she is going to extend the same guarantees of opportunity in the work force to include all places and at all levels to Blacks, women, and other minorities as well. We respectfully suggest that the President of the United States nominate someone who will honor our basic American rights — the right to work. The Affirmative Action ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court displeases Judge Bork.

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dividuals who participated in the higher educational programs that were a direct result of the struggles made in the late 1960s? Some critics contend that a number of black college graduates have simply chosen to pursue their own professional careers. They have elected to

remain within corporate America, rather than undertake the risks that define an entrepreneur. Unfortunately, this type of talent displacement has helped to cripple the economic potential of the black community.

The loss of talented black economists, accountants, industrial managers, and other highly trained professionals to corporate

**Percy Sutton Receives NAACP'S Prestigious Spingarn Medal
Philip Morris Gives \$100,000 to NAACP at Convention in New York**

NEW YORK—Percy E. Sutton, chairman of the board of Inner City Broadcasting Corp., was presented the prestigious Spingarn Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the largest annual convention in the NAACP's history.

A former president of the Borough of Manhattan, Mr. Sutton is also a former president of the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches.

Mrs. Hazel Dukes, chairperson of the Spingarn Medal Award Committee and the current president of the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches, presented the award to Mr. Sutton before a group of more than 1,700.

The audience took a chartered "A-train" through New York's subway tunnels from the New York Hilton to Harlem's newly refurbished and world-famous Apollo Theatre, 72 blocks away, where the presentation program was held.

The program included an entertainment gala featuring performances by Roberta Flack, Ruby Dee, Arthur Prysock, The Drifters and the Dance Theatre of Harlem Workshop Ensemble.

In accepting the award, Mr. Sutton pledged \$50,000 annually for a 10-year period to establish a scholarship fund in the names of his parents, Lillian and Samuel Johnson Sutton. The scholarships will go toward educational assistance for needy students identified by the NAACP.

The funds will come from the profits of the Apollo Theatre, where Mr. Sutton serves as managing partner of the Apollo Theatre Investors Group.

"The Apollo Theatre is the cornerstone for the redevelopment of Harlem's 125th Street," Mr. Sutton said.

Presenting the award, Mrs. Dukes described Percy Sutton as "one who has spent his life in the trenches to end racism in America."

Hamish Maxwell, chairman and chief executive officer, Philip Morris Companies Inc., served as chairman for the Spingarn Award Program.

After the concert at the Apollo, NAACP delegates, alternates and observers, who had come to New York for the 78th Annual Convention, returned to the Hilton Hotel in mid-Manhattan for the Spingarn Award Dinner Dance, the last official event of the convention.

There George Lewis, vice president and treasurer, Philip Morris Companies Inc., presented Philip Morris' donation of \$100,000 to the NAACP, a portion of which covered all costs for the evening's program.

"Philip Morris has been involved with the NAACP for more than two decades,"



WINS HIGHEST NAACP AWARD! Percy E. Sutton, chairman, Inner City Broadcasting, center, receives the NAACP's Spingarn Award from Mrs. Hazel Dukes, chairperson of the Association's Spingarn Medal Award Committee, on stage at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem. With them are, from left, Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP executive director, and Dr. William Gibson, chairman of the NAACP's Board of Directors.

Mr. Lewis said. "I'm delighted to continue our long tradition of participation with the presentation of this check to assist the NAACP in continuing its significant contributions to brotherhood and tolerance."

The Spingarn Medal was established in 1914 by the late J.E. Spingarn "to be awarded for the highest and noblest achievement by an American Negro during the preceding year or years." A nine-member committee, appointed by the NAACP board, chooses the awardee.

Other Spingarn awardees have included Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, Thurgood Marshall, George Washington Carver, Lena Horne and Benjamin L. Hooks.

Held in New York City for the first time since 1959, the five-day convention attracted more than 17,000 people. In addition, better than 25,000 persons daily visited the accompanying Commerce and Industry Show, which featured exhibits by more than 150 governmental and corporate organizations.

THE SUPPORT CONTINUES — George R. Lewis, vice president and treasurer, Philip Morris Companies Inc., presents a check for \$100,000 to Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, during the Association's 78th Annual Convention in New York City. With them are Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the NAACP, and George J. Powell, director of minority business development, Philip Morris U.S.A., and executive coordinator of the NAACP's 78th Annual Convention.



Hamish Maxwell, left, chairman and chief executive officer of Philip Morris Companies Inc., welcomes the Rev. Jesse Jackson, chairman of the board, Operation PUSH, to the NAACP Spingarn Award Program at Harlem's Apollo Theatre. Mr. Maxwell was chairman of the Program. The Rev. Jackson was one of the principal speakers at this year's Annual Convention.





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America has been termed a brain drain to the black community. The need to employ, build and invest in other blacks is important.

It is not uncommon to hear blacks extol the commercial value of unity demonstrated among Asian and Jewish-Americans. Nevertheless, studies suggest that, in spite of the increased educational gains of blacks, they are only marginally richer, yet more socially fractured.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois captured in an article entitled, "Being Ashamed of

Oneself," the tremendous importance of applied unity: "A new organized group action along economic lines, guided by intelligence, and with the express object of making it possible for Negroes to earn a better living and, therefore, more effectively to support agencies for social uplift is, without the slightest doubt, the next step."

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release of the children, the South African government should permit parents access to their detained children; make public the names and locations of all detained children; provide detained children with adequate food, clothing, and protection; and permit an international organization to verify that these measures are being carried out and that the detained children are not being abused, tortured, put in solitary confinement, and are not being held in detention with adults.

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