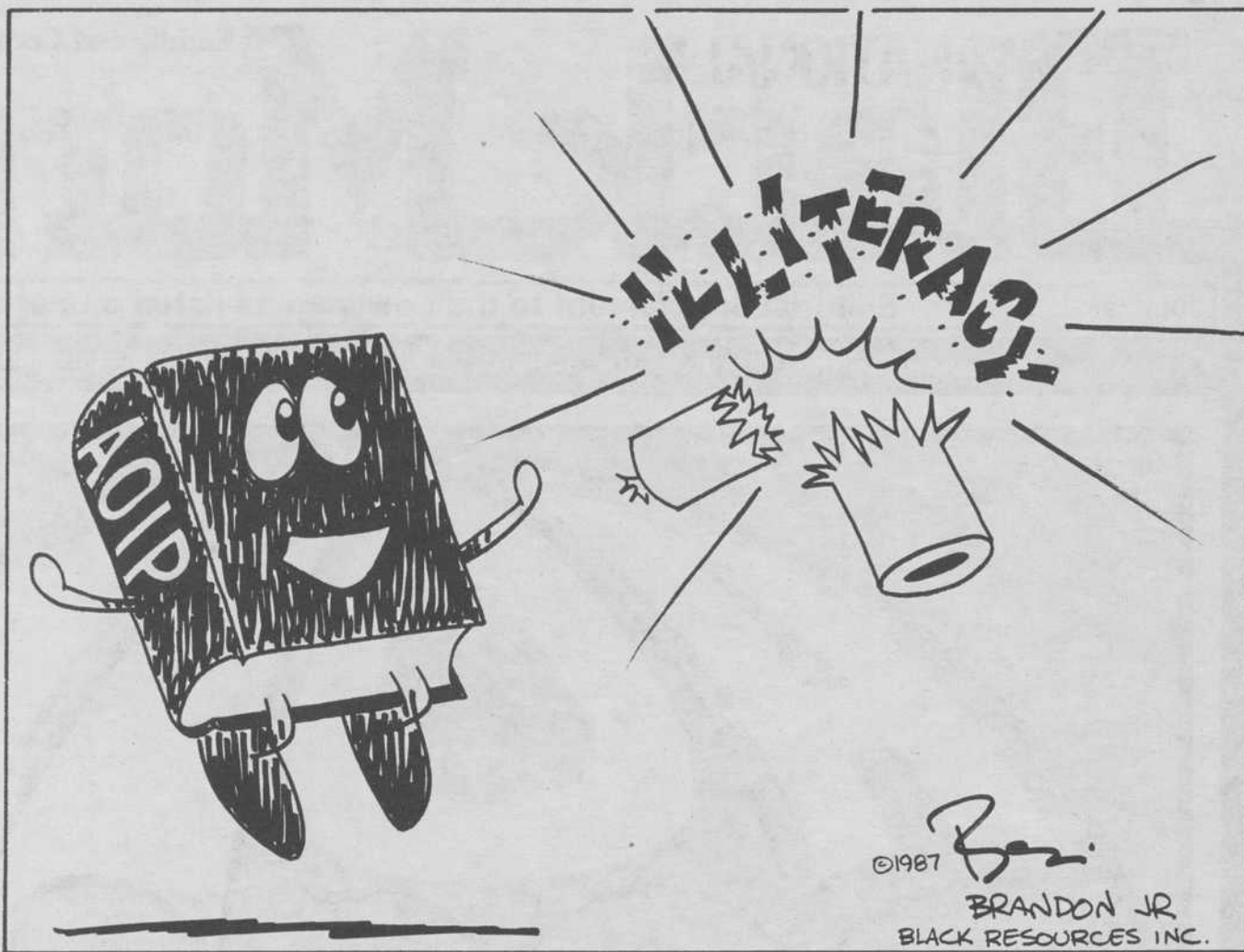


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- Boston Greater News (MA)
- Buffalo Criterion (NY)
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- Memphis Silver Star (TN)
- Miami Black Weekly (FL)
- Midland Progressive Times (TX)
- Milwaukee Times (WI)
- Mobile Inner City News (AL)
- Monroe Free Press (LA)
- Montgomery/Tuskegee Times (AL)
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EDITORIAL NOTES

This month, as the country celebrates its 210th anniversary of its independence, our editors are looking at the seventh year of the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP). This Cover Story highlights the "uplifting" efforts and community-building progress in the grassroots activities of over 90 national Black-led organizations and their local affiliates, along with scores of other local and regional organizations. We call your attention, not only to the important updating cover story, but

also to the "Credo For Justice And Equity," which is on the back cover this month. This document, which runs several times a year in the **National BLACK MONITOR** and in the AOIP-participating newspapers, is a reinforcement of our priorities as a race and therefore promotes supportive togetherness in every possible way—first with our own and then to those outside our communities who are demonstrating their commitment to work along with us in "lifting as we

climb." In this vein, we urge you to give priority support to the advertisers in this issue: Lever Brothers, Levitz Furniture, Paddington, J.C. Penney and Sears Roebuck and Company, along with the other national and local advertisers in your local AOIP-participating newspapers (the carrier of this publication).

As always, we encourage and would appreciate greatly hearing from you.

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