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Editorial Notes

A Helpful Prelude:

Last month's issue of the *National BLACK MONITOR* presented an excellent backdrop for the exploration that begins this month on the subject of *Science and Technology: The Challenge Facing The Black Child*. Without running too much of a risk of being ahead of ourselves in this story, we want to point out that the *mindset of any community is crucial in the attitudes of any would-be learner in terms of the level of interest developed in learning any subject matter.*

And the matter of how we in the "community-building" Assault On Illiteracy Program are beginning to develop pride in "ownership" as a motivator for learning was the September issue's subject. But because of limited space we were not able to furnish some of the responses and commitments from our national leaders in this regard. Thus, this October issue will begin with a presentation of some of those leadership quotations as a prelude to this "challenge" facing the Black child.

The Black Child's Challenge:

An entirely new view of the educational predicament and appropriate rectifying needs regarding effective education of the Black child now is emerging. Much of the thanks are due to the well over 90 national Black-led organizations coalesced under the banner of the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), along with the insights and encouragement of many members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and their National Black Leadership Roundtable (NBLR).

Quite important to know is that the array of thinkers on this unusual phenomenon went far beyond the inclusion of educators successful in motivating large numbers of Black children to *want to learn*. The best Black minds from other professions and from the entrepreneurial community, as well as well-trained and high-achieving parents also were included.

As a result, an assessment has been made that the situation of the Black child in meeting the challenge of an impending age of science and technology cannot be viewed in a manner that parallels that of other children here in America. And much of the basis for both the uniqueness and the depth of the dilemma, and the as-yet unaddressed steps that must be taken for complete compensatory rectification—not mere remediation—resides in the issues surrounding the reasoning of Judge Bork.

Black Children Deterred By "Original Intent":

One of those is the enormous—and still unfathomed—harm done to the mindset of almost all Black Americans by the concept of "Original Intent" in the unquestionably-great Constitution of the United States of America.

For any child to face the challenge of a new science and technology age is not easy. However, the awesome and unequalled burden facing the Black child perhaps is exemplified in its most devastating form in the intentionally-imposed and Constitutionally-ratified notion that Black Americans are inherently inferior.

Background that our readers should

know is that in order to justify the continued—and hoped-for-permanent—existence of enslavement of recognizable persons of African descent, a vast array of cruel and patently inhuman acts not only were perpetrated on these African Americans. But also, an entire array of artificial notions and descriptions regarding race actually were both enacted by state legislatures and ratified as part of the "Original Intent" of our Constitution.

One of many, many examples of how deep, firm and hopefully-lasting was this "intent" of our "esteemed" forefathers was illustrated in one of many statutes enacted by some of them in Maryland. According to Lerone Bennett in *Before The Mayflower*, "The statute was aimed at White women who had resisted every effort to inoculate them with the virus of racial pride, and the blunt preamble clearly stated the reasons which drive White men to the extremity of enslaving White women.

"And forasmuch as divers freeborn English women, forgetful of their free condition, and to the disgrace of our nation, do intermarry with Negro slaves, by which divers suits may arise, touching the issue of such women, and a great damage doth befall the master of such Negroes, for preservation whereof for deterring such free-born women from such shameful matches, *be it enacted*: That whatsoever free-born woman shall intermarry with a slave, from and after the last day of the present assembly, shall serve the master of such slave during the

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