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EDITORIAL NOTES

Nelson Mandela's visit to the United States reminds us of the importance of role models in our lives and the lives of Black youth. Every life he touched during his stay was better for it. He is an inspiration to us all.

The Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) -- an all-volunteer communitybuilding coalition of more than 90 national Black-led organizations that are focused on reinstilling positive personal values in our young and older population and on prioritizing the uplifting of our entire population through supportive togetherness--is focused heavily, but by no means solely, on enabling affiliated organizations to extend their service as role models for increasing pride in self and community. By emphasizing togetherness, AOIP enables these organizations, along with their members, to work in a coordinated way to make our African American communities such viable and productive dwellings and marketplaces that all of our people will be challenged and supported in their quest to achieve literacy and the good life

We invite your comments on all the articles that appear each month in the *National BLACK MONITOR*. If the *MONITOR* is to remain true to its avowed purpose of being the magazine that "monitors the actions of all in regard to Black community development," we need and solicit your very important input. We thank you in advance for your interest and cooperation.

The National BLACK MONITOR is the official national interorganizational magazine of the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP)

May we remind our member organizations that the guidelines to the Constitution and By Laws of AOIP's parent body--Community Motivators, Inc .-- require that all affiliated organizations urge every person in the Black community to aspire to become a member of some order of the Elks or Masons, as well as be a life member or otherwise paid member of the NAACP. Those guidelines also call for us to join the Pan-Hellenic groups--of which AOIP is an extension -- in assuming strong local leadership toward the coalition's community-building goals.

Because of the unusual support of the advertisers in all issues of the National BLACK MONITOR, The AD-VANCER--AOIP's family and Community Reading Newspaper, produced and distributed at cost--now serves many thousands which we want to turn into millions of potential learners of all ages. Thus, your extraordinary support of these concerned advertisers is requested.

Growing priority support for our Blackowned businesses and African American institutions, first, is the focus of AOIP's community-uplifting thrust, as well as the Credo For Justice and Equity, which is published quarterly in the National BLACK MONITOR.

Second, we are concerned with demonstrating our long-term support to those entities outside our African American communities, which are helping us rebuild our communities iinto our own "oases of hope" for the good of all in America.