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its normative identity."

This statement is inaccurate for several reasons: 1) they refer to races, when in fact there is only one race, the human race; 2) "every Conceivable human grouping" in America could also be considered as being minorities, but only select groups are consistently listed and 3) what and who determines the norm (a)?

Finally and to this day, ACU-I (which is proud of the International in its name) continued to have a committee called COMP - Committee on Minority Programs! Guess who belongs to this committee?

ACU-I is not the only association falling short. Actually, ACU-I is a fine organization that continues to provide professionals of color more opportunities to explore professional development projects than most non-Africentric organizations.

However, the fact still remains that there are already enough obstacles in college and life for students and professionals of color without having to be subliminally conditioned to accept substandard campus, national and world citizenry.

Four-fifths of the world's population is Asian, Asiatic-African and African. In western terminology, that means Yellow, Brown, Red and Black folks.

Therefore, until or unless people of color (the world's

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majority) decide upon even more succinct self-identifiers, please join us in spreading the message of **MULTI-CULTURAL, YES; MINORITY, NO. - MULTI-CULTURAL, YES; MINORITY, NO.**

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California and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of Central America.

Pastor Blue serves as pastor of the North Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, California, and by the leading of the Holy Spirit of God, he has led the church to experience both numerical and spiritual growth.

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next day, and they all returned jubilantly to Las Vegas with the zone championship title. Nothing stopped "Legendary Coach Moore" in those days, not even racial discrimination and poverty.

When Coach Moore came to Las Vegas in 1947 as an elementary school teacher, there was only one African American teacher in the whole state, the late Mabel Hoggard. That year saw only two other African Americans receiving contracts, at a whopping \$2,700.00 per year. These two other Black teachers hired that year were Elizabeth Carter and this writer.

Moore developed championship teams at both Westside and Madison schools (K-8) during the 40s and 50s, and when the Clark County School District became integrated, he moved to the system's junior and senior high schools, where he set up the chemistry and science departments in new schools as they were built. He was the first Black to serve the school district in this capacity and was one of the first African American counselors in the high school system.

Coach Moore has been a "Westside Living Legend" longer than any other we have interviewed for our series thus far. Moore serves as an excellent role model for so many of our Las Vegas Afro-Americans who are dropping out of school, unemployed and without purposeful goals in life.

Many of Moore's players played for major universities, and some made professional major league teams. He's an avid golfer and is a charter member of the Valley View Golf Club of Las Vegas.

We interviewed some of "Legendary Coach Moore's" former team members and students, all African American Alumni of the Westside and Madison Schools. Those contacted included a female air line regional director in Atlanta, Georgia; a physician in Fresno, California; a regional director for the IRS in San Francisco; an attorney and a former AFL linebacker, both in Las Vegas; an educator, high school coach and a general building contractor, all in Las Vegas; and a Correction Center warden. They all echoed the same high praise for Moore, as a superb teacher in the

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of the students, and then developing comprehensive assessment systems that will promote and tap into the creative talents of each student. Furthermore, policies at all levels must address the real problems and issues that are confronting our educational system, including consideration of differing life styles. Let us not put most of the money into a few select schools, then neglect the schools attended by the vast majority of students; especially minorities, the handicapped and those with special problems.

We, as parents and community leaders, must insist on the development of quality education. Just as in producing quality in any other product, this requires time and necessary resources. (The percent of the federal budget spent on education fell from 2.5% in FY 1979 to 1.7% in FY 1989.) We must ensure that financial policies in our states address the issue of equalization of funding throughout all school districts, and that equal amounts of resources are expended on

each child regardless of where the school is located and their race, color, or economic status. We must encourage business, industry and other leaders in the community to become actively involved in the schools; and, we must become involved in the education of our children.

America's leaders must begin to understand that there is more of the nation's defense that sophisticated state-of-the-art weapons. An educated citizenry is the foundation of a strong democracy. Our priorities must be reordered so that education is at or near the top. Full funding of the School Improvement Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-297) has yet to be achieved, even as we now direct our attention to the Equity and Excellence in Education Act.

Let us not become spellbound by the allure of quickfix cheap proposals, that have no relationship to meaningful school improvement, but tend to resegregate by both race and class. Instead, we must insist that each school becomes a school of excellence and equity that will produce effective choices for all.

Las Vegas Black Pioneers To Be Honored

The West Las Vegas Pioneers Association will conduct its first annual commemoration of the role African Americans have played in the settlement and development of this region.

During this event, the association will present its 1990 Pioneer Award to four long-term residents of the city, who settled in the valley during the early to mid-1920s. The award recipients are: Juanita Barr, Robert Jones, Susie Maufas and Clarence Ray.

The West Las Vegas Pioneers Association's First Annual Weekend Jubilee will consist of three events, spanning Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30, 1990, at the historical Moulin Rouge, located at 900 W. Bonanza Road.

The events include a **See PIONEERS, Page 13**

classroom and a strict disciplinarian on the athletic field. They all give Moore credit for their successful careers in the nation's work force.

Recognition Luncheon on Friday, September 28 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at which State, County and Municipality officials and civic leaders will present honors to the award recipients. A Gala Reception will take place on Saturday, September 29 with no-host cocktails beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dining, entertainment and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The theme for the gala affair is "The Way We Were...1930s-1950s."

The weekend activities will conclude with the Pioneer Awards Brunch, which begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30. A historical perspective on Las Vegas and the role African Americans have played in its development and growth will be presented by guest speakers and through visual presentations. The festivities will also include the presentation of the first "Pioneer Awards" to this year's recipients.

The West Las Vegas Pioneers is an association consisting of long-term residents of the state of Nevada, dedicated to the

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