

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harold K. Brown

If there is any one word that can be used to describe Harold K. Brown, it would have to be the word "positive". This word encompasses his total being - his thoughts, actions, accomplishments - in short, his entire life.

Because of his positive approach to people and to life, Mr. Brown has always been recognized as a man of remarkable leadership ability. He has held several positions which reaffirmed this fact. As former Deputy Director of the Peace Corps in Lesotho, Southern Africa, Mr. Brown coordinated and administered several effective programs dealing with African educational advancement and community development. He has also had five years of experience teaching in the San Diego City Schools.

Never one to shun a challenge, Mr. Brown accepted the difficult task of developing and directing the Leadership Training School in San Diego, California, a project affiliated with the national Anti-Poverty Program. Organizing this program to train "ghetto" residents for leadership roles in our society provided him with additional experience in working with community individuals and groups on all levels.

Dedication and the strength to act on the basis of that dedication are also strong personal qualities of Mr. Brown. Indeed, he is one who is and has been for some time dedicated to serving the Black community on a very intimate level. After organizing an extremely active and well-known chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)

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in San Diego, Mr. Brown later became the local chairman and Western Regional Chairman of this national organization and served as a very influential member of its national policy making body. As further evidence of his commitment to the "Human Rights" struggle, as well as the Civil Right Movement, he has served as a member of the executive boards of various organizations, including the San Diego Urban League, NAACP, Southeast San Diego Family Service Association and the Economic Opportunity Commission of San Diego. Mr. Brown was honored for his outstanding service in the area of Human Relations by the Black community and City officials of San Diego by the proclamation of July 22, 1967, as "Harold Brown"Day".

Harold Brown is a professional in every sense of the word. His business competence speaks for itself through his impressive record of professional experience. He is the former Executive Vice President of McKissick Enterprises, Inc., a company involved in developing and assisting Black entrepreneurship.

After successfully completing an extensive Management Training Program at Marine Midland Bank of New York, Mr. Brown quickly rose to the position of Assistant Commercial Banking Officer. While employed in this capacity he also completed two years of study at the Graduate School of Business at Fordham University and received his Master's Degree in Business in July, 1971.

Mr. Brown is also a dynamic speaker and lecturer. His speaking engagements have included the University of Botswana Lesotho and

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Swaziland, and the Agricultural College in Southern Africa, where his topics were subjects of the African-American struggle in the United States. He has lectured throughout the San Diego area in public schools, churches, colleges and universities.

As a very active and highly respected student at San Diego State University, Mr. Brown was selected in 1959 for publication in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

While employed by San Diego State University as the Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Administration, he assumed the responsibility for developing and administering all Afro-American Affairs on campus (including the EOP Program, Black Supportive Services, Afro-American Studies), in addition to his regular administrative problem solving duties. His efforts in the development of Afro-American Studies resulted in Afro-American Studies becoming an academic department within the College of Arts and Letters.

Mr. Brown presently serves San Diego State University as the Director of Campus Information Systems. He is responsible for providing computer services to the areas of instruction, administration and research.

As a husband, father of two boys, and former college athlete, he spends much of his time helping his teen-age sons prepare for a college athletic career. His elder son Michael was a member of the

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San Diego State University track team for two years as a sprinter. He now attends California State University, Long Beach. His younger son Stephen, is a student at Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, where he is on the track and basketball teams. Steve was named to the CIF all San Diego basketball team this year and was also named Player of the Year.

Mr. Brown is married to the beautiful and talented former LaVerne Webb. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of Alabama State University and is employed as a systems engineer with IBM Corporation.