

## Whitney Young Stamp On Sale

Whitney M. Young, Jr., whose life ended tragically almost ten years ago in a drowning incident off the coast of Africa, was memorialized in a colorful commemorative stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service in New York City. The stamp has been on sale at post offices all across the country since mid-February.

Regarded as one of the leading figures on the American scene during the nearly ten years that he served as Executive Director of the National Urban League, Mr. Young was one of a small group of men and women who constituted the leadership of the Civil Rights Movement in the turbulent decade of the 1960's.

Under his talented leadership, the National Urban League grew tremendously in size and in the process became an effective and outspoken advocate for the rights of black Americans. His voice was heard in the highest chambers of government and private industry eloquently championing total equality and justice for blacks and other minorities.

The stamp which honors him, issued in a 15c denomination, is the fourth in a series of Black Heritage Stamps that began in 1978 with Harriet Tubman and has been continued in succeeding years with Martin Luther King and Benjamin Banneker.

Mr. Young was appointed Executive Director of the NUL on October 1, 1961. Earlier he had served as Dean of the Atlanta School of Social Work, Executive Director of the Omaha Urban League, and Industrial Relations Secretary of the St. Paul Urban League. In 1969 he was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President Johnson. He died March 11, 1971, in Lagos, Nigeria, at the age of 49.

## Avon Funds Go To Minority Bank

In an unprecedented move to further minority community development, the Avon Foundation deposited its entire account into the Hispanic-owned Banco de Ponce at 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Helmuth R. Fandl, (far right) Vice President and Treasurer of Avon Products, Inc. presents a \$1.5 million check to Joseph Wiscovitch (far left) Assistant Vice President of Banco de Ponce, at its headquarters. Sharing this his-



toric occasion are Randolph W. Cameron, (2nd from left) Avon Products, Inc.'s Director of General Communications and Luis Diaz Albertine, President of Spanish Advertising and Marketing Services.

In presenting the check, Mr. Fandl said, "This is the first time that a major corporation foundation has put its entire funds into a minority bank. We anticipate additional working relationships and activities with the minority banking community."

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## On The Cover

In this issue of National Scene, we have focused on dance, art and theatre. It is a celebration of the creativity and excellence that our people continue to exemplify. Alvin C. Hollingsworth, our frequent cover artist, provides the following description of his cover painting as well as the art found inside.

### "Marriage Of Painting And Dance"

My painting, "Poetry in Motion," gracing this month cover of the National Scene, "Painted Me," inspired by the choreography of Alvin Ailey's Revelation, I attempted to capture the color, motion, and excitement of "Ailey's Genius" on canvas. Revelation and Cry were the most inspirational to me of Alvin's Turpsichorish efforts. Although I have painted my impressions of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, the Besart Ballet and the Merce Cunningham Group, the Ailey impressions remain my favorite. Dr. Joseph Harris' inspired article concerning the Ailey Dancers and my Dance Sequence in a review of the Bronx Museum, show, "Dance Sequence and Faces of Hostos" is one of the most sensitive articles that I have read on the subject and

will represent a cultural Odyssey for our readers. The cover painting "Poetry in Motion" is in the collection of Professor and Mrs. John Randall.

## Big Brothers Of America Awards Dinner Held

The Big Brothers of America held its Annual Awards Dinner recently at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Comedian Bill Cosby was master of ceremonies for the second straight year. This year's theme, "The Streets of New York," saluted the valuable work that concerned citizens, both male and female have lended themselves to for the encouragement of our youth to prepare themselves for life. Among this years honorees were tennis great Wilma Rudolph and Comedian Alan King. The Affair was coordinated by former New York Giant Football star Ron Johnson. On the photo is Bill Cosby with one of the "little sisters".



Bill Cosby—Big brother of America Awards Dinner

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