

Black World

SEPTEMBER 1970

A JOHNSON PUBLICATION

50c

ANNUAL
POETRY
ISSUE

Herb Bruce

Dedicated to
Sterling A. Brown,
Poet, Folklorist,
Critic, Teacher



CONTENTS

SEPTEMBER 1970
VOL. XIX No. 11

- Whisper together brethren Mari Evans 4
- A Strong Man Called Sterling Brown
Stephen A. Henderson 5
- Breakforth. In Deed . . . Carolyn M. Rodgers 13
- Black Critics Don L. Lee 24

A Portfolio of Poetry

Leatrice Emeruwa (Leatrice El), Quandra Prettyman, Ishmael Reed, H. Foy, Mae Jackson, David Llorens, Robert L. Terrell, Helen H. King, Quincy Troupe, Toni Escoe Price, Carolyn Franklin, Clarence Major, James W. Thompson, Octave Lilly Jr., James A. Emanuel, Michael Cecil Gee Ogbeide, Sharon Scott, Sonia Sanchez, Larry Neal, Dudley Randall, Nikki Giovanni, Brenda M. Torres, Carolyn M. Rodgers, Zack Gilbert, Johari Amini, Sylvester Leaks, Karl W. Carter, Mike T. Kennard, Isaac J. Black, Charles K. Moreland Jr., Charyn Sutton, Francois Clemmons, Desmond Jolly, Etheridge Knight, Eugenia Collier, Ed Bullins, William Shelley, Barbara Mahone McBain, Ellease Southerland, Arthur E. Williams, G. A. Jackson, Cyprian Lamar Rowe, Don L. Lee

Regular Features

Perspectives (Notes on books, writers, artists and the arts), 49-52;—Honor in Hue, 23;—On Record, 91.

Editor and Publisher:
JOHN H. JOHNSON

Managing Editor:
Hoyt W. Fuller

Associate Editor:
Carole A. Parks

Art Director:
Herbert Temple

Production Assistant:
Ariel P. Strong

Circulation Manager:
Robert H. Fentress

*Director of
Public Affairs*
Reginald C. Hayes

BLACK WORLD is published monthly at 1820 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60616. © Copyright, 1970 by the Johnson Publishing Company, Inc. New York offices: Rockefeller Center, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York 10020. Washington, D. C. offices: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Second class postage paid at Chicago, Illinois. Reproduction in whole or in part forbidden without permission. Unsolicited material will be returned only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Subscriptions \$5.00 per year. For foreign subscriptions add \$1.00. BLACK WORLD articles are selected on the basis of general interest and do not necessarily express the opinions of the editors.