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for Service

to Blacks

Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, a lecturer and research physician in gastric cancer at Cook County Hospital, and Rufus Stokes, scientist and inventor of a patented anti-air pollution system, last night were honored for their contributions to black people at the first annual awards dinner of the Council for Bio-Medical Careers.

Dr. Berry, a former president of the National Medical Association and professor at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, was presented the council's Imhotep award. Imhotep, a black Egyptian physician and surgeon who lived about 2,980 B. C., diagnosed more than 200 diseases and was worshiped as a god in Egypt for 3,000 years.

Dr. Berry, who has been associated with several hospitals in the Chicago area since 1933, pioneered a drug rehabilitation program for Chicago. He was given the council's award for his leadership and service to the community.

Stokes, president of the Air Purification Co. of America, was awarded the council's Mankind Award for developing a process to precipitate and recycle pollutants from smoke-generating devices.

The council was founded in 1962 to recruit, interest and motivate inner city youths to careers in health and science fields.