

Point of View

Editorial

Though there are no limits - nor should there be - on the inventiveness of those who would narrow or limit the effects of a Supreme Court decision which they find repugnant, there are, however, limits based on good sense and good faith.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) has recently proposed an amendment to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This amendment - which is disguised as a 'simple codification' of the 'Hyde' Amendment - threatens the integrity of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and seeks to use this important and historic legislation, for which so many bled and died, as a basis for having Congress declare that civil rights protection begins at the moment of conception, contrary to rulings of the Supreme Court.

If this amendment is allowed to pass, it would open the door for the Civil Rights Act - which was enacted (we might remind Senator Hatch) to enforce the constitutional right to vote, eliminate discrimination in public accommodations, protect the constitutional rights of all Americans in public facilities and public education, and prohibit discrimination in employment - to become little more than a vehicle for every controversial cause. We believe that S522, The Abortion Funding Restriction Act, has no place in the Civil Rights Act.

Moreover, we sense that this rush to action on S522 is a thinly-veiled effort to confuse the critical debate over the Civil Rights Restoration Act and will interfere with Congressional efforts to restore longstanding laws protecting the rights of minorities, women, the disabled, the old and the young.

We urge the abandonment of this ill-advised assault on the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

To Be Equal

SOUTH AFRICA STRIKES AGAIN

by John E. Jacob

Twenty-five years to the day after the notorious Sharpeville massacre, South African police once again opened fire on a crowd of black people, killing and wounding dozens. The massacre at Uitenhage cannot be seen as an isolated incident. Rather, it is an integral part of South Africa's racist ideology and violent policies.

It is in the interests of whites and the black majority for change to come peacefully. But the brutality of government policies and its refusal to negotiate South Africa's future with its black majority make peaceful change less likely.

The latest bloodbath is the result of overt government violence, but it should



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not obscure the daily violent assault on the fundamental rights of the majority of South Africans denied political representation, elementary human rights, and even citizenship in their own land.

Concerned people everywhere in the world are appalled by the apartheid policy and find it difficult to justify normal relations with

a state that has no legitimacy, since it excludes the vast majority of its people from representation.

Even conservative

inhumane policies and by the economic inefficiencies caused by apartheid. Many are coming to the conclusion that their con-

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Americans who honestly believe in long-term evolutionary change are fed up, and are insisting that our government take decisive measures to change its friendly policy toward South Africa.

Those conservatives were as shocked as anyone else when they heard President Reagan tell a press conference that both the peaceful demonstrators and the police shared blame for the massacre.

The rest of his statement, about 'an element in South Africa that does not want a peaceful settlement, who want trouble in the streets' was remarkable. It is as if the prisoners in a Russian gulag were to be blamed for wanting freedom.

Those remarks, along with his refusal to visit a former Nazi concentration camp on the 40th anniversary of its liberation by Allied troops, betray an insensitivity to human suffering and to American ideals of freedom and liberty.

Top Administration officials have hastened to condemn the latest South African outrage, but unless they change the policy of 'constructive engagement' that is seen by South Africa as a continued license for oppression, such statements will ring hollow.

One source of American pressure on the South African government comes from corporations doing business there. In recent months I have talked with many corporate executives who are deeply troubled by South Africa's

continued presence in South Africa may no longer be worth the trouble.

Others believe they still may be able to do some good by staying. They have integrated their work force, upgraded living standards for their black employees, and now are beginning to speak out openly against apartheid.

They say that pulling out removes a major pressure point on South Africa - the threat to withdraw U.S. investments.

In fact, by recognizing and negotiating with black trade unions, and by training and employing skilled black workers, the apartheid system is undermined.

But the big question is time. Time is running out for South Africa. It is also running out for America's opportunity to influence the future and assure a peaceful end to apartheid and minority dictatorship.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By Charles E. Belle, NNPA Business Editor

Save me, O God! The water is up to my neck. (Psalm 69:1 Ter) To tell the truth, no one knows if Ronnie Reagan is really religious or just jiving around with the

morai majority (which everyone knows is neither) for their votes or vindication of his own sins against the poor. President Reagan has presented his budget for

the coming fiscal year to the Congress. Those that didn't find it comical, call for help from high above to save the country from a financial disaster. Comedy is not the best field for the President. And if his 1986 budget for the country was meant to be a joke, no one is laughing.

Like flood water over a broken dam, the deficit is running all over the Ronnie budget. Buffoon Ronnie is not bluffing for the benefit of a bigger defense budget to frighten the Soviets at the arms negotiation table is plausible, if not plausible. Powers in the Kremlin do not bend at the smell of a foul wind. This is a fake they will not fall for from a would-be-John Wayne B grade actor. An act that could cut him, the country and the rest of the world from playing, would-be World War III - unthinkable.

What most people, re-

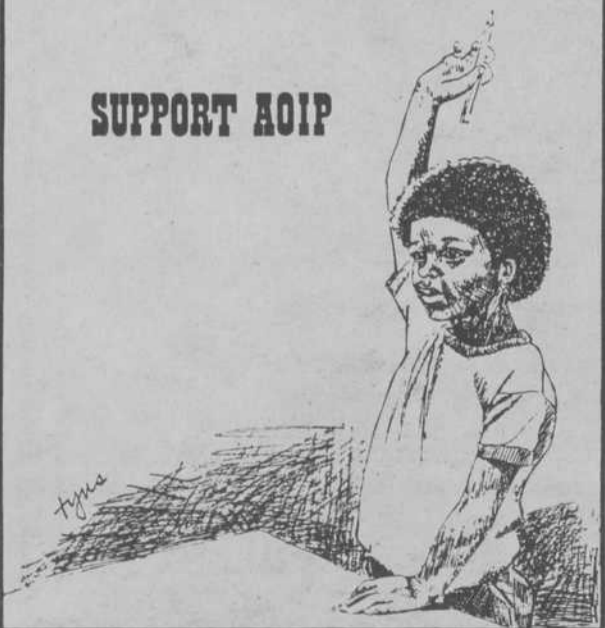
publicans and democrats alike, did think about was Ronnie's specific tax budget proposal. Party leaders for the Republican persuasion took a hike. Held it away from them as if a skunk had misused it for a month.

Meanwhile, after fainting from the sight of it, Democrats decided to let it air in public. President Reagan was accused of being too optimistic in hoping a healthy economy would wrestle down the musty deficit by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

Others are more concerned about the cuts or increase in the cost of services provided by Ronnie's proposal. "Users" is the new buzzword around the White House. While it pertains mostly to middle class white Americans, it will hurt a few Black Americans aiming in that general direction.

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