

Point of View

Editorial

President Reagan's constant dialogue emphasizes that his administration is doing and has always done more for Blacks, women, and other minorities than any other president during recent times. He also called any talk stating that little or nothing had been done with and for these groups pure "hogwash".

Any clear thinking Black person, woman, or any other minority member who will search the record will undoubtedly find that Mr. Reagan and his administration has done less for Blacks, women, and other minorities than any other presidential administration during the past thirty years.

Mr. Reagan has proclaimed himself as being against the Equal Rights Amendment, has delayed a vote on the extension of the Civil Right Act for as long as possible, and is now trying to capitalize on his token appointments of a very few Blacks, women, and other minorities to positions in government.

At this time we must state that any claim by the president as having done a lot in the area of civil rights for all Americans is just so much "hogwash", because the record does not show that he has done anything sensational towards helping all Americans to share in the Great American Dream.

Statements coming from Mr. Reagan must be seen for what they are: So much rhetoric coming from an actor whose actions when off-stage do not match in any way his actions on-stage. Mr. Reagan is an actor who seems to be using "prompters" to tell him what to say. Being president of these great United States calls for pure knowledge and decisiveness, of which it appears that our president has very little of either.

FROM CAPITOL HILL

By A. Madison

President Reagan Gets Appropriate Bad Rap From National Urban League

"Honoring Yesterday — Challenging Tomorrow" was the theme of the National Urban League's Seventy-Fifth Conference, which has just concluded its four-day meeting. Many valuable workshops were held on issues relative to Blacks, other minorities and low income folks — all geared toward making this nation

live up to its true democratic creed. These workshops were chaired by experts in their particular fields, and consisted of a dialogue between the experts and the audience.

John Jacobs, the dynamic Executive Director of the National Urban League, stated in his keynote speech that the League was founded

by White and Black, men and women, young and old, rich and poor — united by a vision of a society that offered freedom, equality and opportunity for all Americans. He spoke of how the founders struggled in a national climate of hate and despair. Today, the league struggles in a national climate of selfishness and indifference. Jacobs said, "they (founders) battled against a system of segregation and mass oppression. Today, we struggle against entrenched discrimination and gross inequities." He stated that today, our adversaries cloak themselves in pious statements about having become a color-blind society.

Jacob said that we are far from achieving a just society, and that the Urban League protests the nation's policies that have driven more Black people deeper into poverty. He said, "today if you are a White male, there's full employment. If you're Black, there's depression. If you're rich, the government raised your taxes and took away desperately needed

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The Dynamics of Brainwashing For Blacks

Last week, I began to tell you why a new solution to the negative plight of black people is necessary, and why brainwashing with hypnotherapy must be that solution. This procedure could be used to give blacks a new, positive self-image.

The primary obstacle to progress for black people is more profound than mere American racism. The problem is the black negative self-image or black self-

hatred. "Blacks have been down on their knees so long that they don't know how to stand up." This statement aptly exposes the problem. Blacks have been treated as inferiors for such a long time that most of them actually feel that they are inferior, and are just getting what they deserve in America. Did you ever notice how unusual it feels to see a black person appearing in a major, upstanding role on television?

Television has played a major role in enforcing the negative self-concept that so profoundly afflicts blacks. Television is a masterful utilizer of brainwashing procedures. It has hurt black progress by making black people think of themselves as inferiors. You are what you think you are. The very techniques of brainwashing, used so effectively by television, can be used, also,

programs." He emphasized that a philosophy of meanness prevails in the nation today. Jacobs stated that every civil rights enforcement was cut, every new civil rights bill opposed and of the weakening of federal civil rights agencies. He said, "the U.S. Civil Rights Commission became the longest-running vaudeville act in Washington's history, and the Justice Department was turned into a strike force against affirmative action."

Emphasis was placed on closing the economic gap between the rich and the poor and between Black and White. Jacob called for making poverty of children as illegal as children's abuse.

The Urban League has a program of having communities concentrate on problems of teenage pregnancy, community

to give blacks confidence in their ability to compete successfully with anyone.

The American Medical Association (AMA) accepted hypnosis in 1957 as a valuable tool in improving human behavior. It defined hypnosis as a temporary state of altered attention and selected concentration. Imagine how you feel when you are watching an interesting movie and you become so emotionally involved that you cry at the sad scenes, become angry at the villain, get excited at the gun battle and become swallowed up in the suspense. You actually forget that you are seated in a movie theater.

Now, imagine that you daydream about the movie. You close your eyes and imagine that you are looking at the movie. You are daydreaming but the imagination is magnificent.

You actually feel that you are looking at the movie. And, you experience the same sadness, anger, excitement and fear that you experienced when you were at the theater. The imagination is so vivid that you temporarily forget where you are.

When you are in this daydream-like condition, your subconscious is opened to suggestibility which will affect your behavior when the condition is over. Everyone experiences it; some people with very vivid and creative imaginations are able to block certain things from the mind and concentrate only on selected ideas. It is a condition between being awake and asleep it's almost like mental suspended animation.

The amazing thing about this condition is the tremendous impact that it has upon the behavior. If, during this period of altered attention, you daydream about yourself being nervous during your upcoming speech, the subconscious will accept this suggestion and you will most likely be nervous when the interview takes place. It is automatic behavior. If you imagine yourself remembering important information during an exam that you studied prior to the exam, you will

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who they are — let us name names. Beginning with 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue — and this government's seat of power — let us say with all due respect to that office, Mr. President — to America's Darth Vader of injustice, William Bradford Reynolds, and to the Clarendons Two, Mr. See HILL, Page 12

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of a proud people
burning."
G. K. Osei