

# Point of View

*A unified people  
requires a  
unified Leadership."*

*Paul Robeson*

## Editorial

Quietly, strategically and methodically there is slowing brewing the development for the next political campaign among black candidates.

The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice observers are finding many fascinating developments. Interestingly, there appears to be a move toward professional strategic plans. Past experiences have taught many camps the need to cut out the fat, the garbage, the waste, the unprofessionalism.

This time around it appears to be a move of separating the AMATEURS from the PROS.

The political game is tough. Nothing is certain, nothing can be taken for granted.

Wouldn't it be wise to consolidate the strengths--mapping a realistic plan--placement of the proper, well-prepared and political--wise candidates.

**WATCH AND DEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS FOCUSED ON THE UNDERCURRENT PRESENTLY BREWING. BECOME A PART OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD NOW BEFORE ITS TOO LATE.**

## To Be Equal

# MEESE SHOULD QUIT CABINET

By JOHN E. JACOB

Ed Meese ought to resign as Attorney General.

His nomination to the post was bitterly opposed by the civil rights community, and we've been proved right. Today, even people who share many of his views are appalled by the way he's furthered racial divisions and by his intemperate public remarks.

In a recent speech Mr. Meese likened supporters of affirmative action to apologists for slavery. Anyone that insensitive lacks the capacity to make the moral and legal distinctions required by his high office.

He also persists in labelling affirmative action as a "quota" system, which deliberately misleads the public. Goals and timetables are measurements of progress. And no affirmative action plan has ever favored unqualified minorities over qualified white males. In fact, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling makes such action illegal.

Affirmative action plans

have consistently been backed by a long line of federal court rulings. In some instances, the courts themselves have mandated affirmative action — and even quotas — to remedy blatantly discriminatory



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hiring patterns.

Mr. Meese, in his speech and in other public statements, equates affirmative action with a new kind of discrimination. But while he declares "discrimination is wrong," he was nowhere to be seen when we were fighting anti-black discrimination.

His sudden conversion to the idea that discrimination is

wrong comes only after defining "discrimination" as preferences for blacks or women in hiring.

So the Attorney General simply has no credibility in his born-again opposition to discrimination. It comes just too late and his targets are not those who discriminate, but the victims of discrimination.

He keeps harping on the

enforcement officer, with the duty to enforce civil rights laws including affirmative action decrees.

So it is unseemly for him to be the force behind the Administration's shabby attempt to revoke executive orders mandating affirmative action programs for federal contractors, although that has been U.S. policy since the 1960s, under both

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shopworn line about America being a color-blind society. If it is so color-blind and if it is so strongly committed to reverse discrimination, why are blacks three times as likely as whites to be poor or unemployed?

And he has stated that affirmative action is designed to compensate for past discrimination. That too, is misleading.

Affirmative action is designed to provide one form of remedy for the remaining effects of past discrimination, and also to help remedy present discrimination, racial isolation and second-class status.

None of this would matter much if Ed Meese were a private citizen, but he is the nation's chief law

your present situation. (Don't forget, the longer that you remain in a negative situation, the more negative it makes you). You must escape it psychologically.

Here's what you should do: 1) Get a pencil, paper and tape recorder. 2) Write down everything that you would like to be or to do. Let your mind soar to the stars; go for broke. 3) In a quiet room record your notes. Narrate as if you were a famous television announcer. Tell a story about yourself doing terrific things; realizing your dreams; being the person

Republican and Democratic Administrations.

There is no reason to reverse that long-standing policy, especially when it has been proved effective. Studies by the Labor Department show that federal contractors — who must have affirmative action plans — have better records in hiring minorities and women than do non-contractors, who are under no affirmative action mandates.

As Attorney General, Mr. Meese opposes the laws he is supposed to enforce and fights the policies that would close the gap between the races. He thus compromises his office and shatters the faith citizens should have in his Department. He should resign.

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## COPING

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### How To Shape Your Own Positive Self-Image

Even if you live in the ghetto, you can control the way that your environment influences your behavior. You can create your own community. You can develop the conditions that will determine the kind of person you want to be.

Is your neighborhood unclean and depressing? If so, you have two important options: clean it up or leave it. Visit a library in a different neighborhood. Manipulate your environment by making

your home or your room look neat and inspirational. If you can't escape a depressing situation entirely, you can escape it psychologically. Don't underestimate the control that you can assert over your own life. After all, it is your life.

Are you unhappy with the course that your life is taking? If you are, redesign your life's program. Develop new objectives. Decide what you want to accomplish, determine how to get it (even

if you have to get responsible advice), then put your plan into action. Take charge of your own life.

Staying in the same environment and being around the same people for long periods of time simply reinforces whatever characteristics and feelings that you have. If you are depressed, you will become even more depressed. If your confidence is low, it will get lower. If you dislike yourself, your dislike will grow.

Remember this key behavioral change principle: Change the environment and your behavior will gradually change to fit the environment. When your behavior changes, your attitude about yourself and others will change. And, you will, in effect, become the person you want to be — provided you initially change to the correct environment.

Are you constantly around negative people? Reduce your contact with them. Are you unhappy with your appearance? Have the guts to change it to what you want it to be. Does the advice that you are given by others cause you trouble? Then, be your own advisor. You are intelligent. Make your own decisions. If other people's advice ruins your life, it is your fault; depend upon your own common sense (it's probably as good as anyone else's).

Let's suppose that you cannot physically escape