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national law and, in an ob-

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vestigated U.S. Atty. General

Edwin Meese, III, for laws at

home. He said he would con-

vene a meeting of represen-

tatives of South African fron-

tline states - Zambia, Bots-

wana, Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique — to bolster

protection against the

lawless and murderous raids

across their borders by the

illegal Botha regime forces.

He reitereated that as

president he would call for a

peace parley in the Middle

East and "get people to

talking'' with each other. For

there can be no peace in that

troubled area, he said,

unless Arab and Jew, and

Palestinian sit and talk of a

peace plan that will guaran-

tee an Israeli state within

secure borders, and a

recognition of Palestinian

America, he asserted, is

not endangered by alien

ideologies, but by mind-

altering substances. If elec-

ted president Jackson said

he would strengthen the

Coast Guard and all our bor-

der areas where the check

points are, invest in a

massive rehabilitation

program which is also

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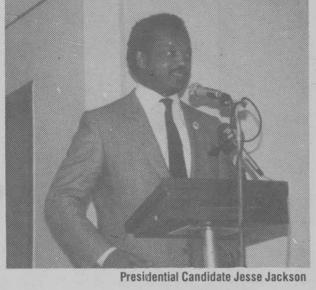
"New Realism" Needed In White House, Jackson Says

by Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. didate Jesse L. Jackson declared "we need a new realism, not (merely) new faces in the White House."

1,100 mostly white male audience attending the against poverty, disease, American Society Newspaper Editors meet in no appeal to them. They seek Washington, D.C., Jackson help from whatever source is

ted, "and tis world is not just White nor male." At the Democratic Presidential can- end of World War II, the Third World was just beginning its struggle for equality. The world, he said has changed dramatically since Addressing more than that time. Third world countries are struggling grimly of despair. Communism holds



declared his "Jackson Doctrine'' of economic justice at home and peace abroad is more ideally suited to the realities of a world that has

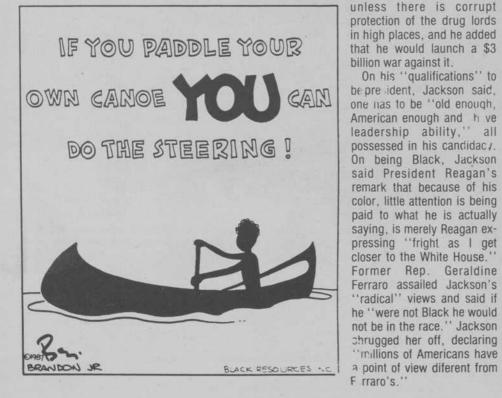
ago. "The next president must know this world," he asser-

vastly changed since World

War il ended nearly 43 years

forthcoming. When leaders of America and Russia sit down at their chessboard they must remember that together they represent no more than one-eighth of the world's population.

Jackson declared that as president he would reinstitute a respect for inter-



To Be Equal **REALITY COMES TO** SCHOOL REFORM

by John E. Jacob

For the past five years, school reformers have preached a diet of higher standards and tougher requirements. But they've largely ignored urban schools and some of their reforms would only push kids out faster.

A signal that a new realism is taking hold comes from a new report by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which earlier had issued sweeping proposals for reform in teacher education.

The new report says many urban schools are flunking. They've been passed by m the reform wave that never addressed their needs.

The Carnegie report says

"We campaigned across . without a the south single catcall or boo. It was not until we got North to New York that we began to hear this from (Mayor Edward) Koch, president Reagan and then Mrs. Ferraro,'' Jackson said. ''Some people are making hysteria while I am making history.'

In response to a query from the floor that he would not meet with Jewish leaders in New York, Jackson pointed out that he has the endorsement of Jewish labor leaders, of the Nation magainze that has a number Jewish writers and of editors, that he met with a group of Jewish business leaders. "I reach out to all people, Haitians, South Americans, Afro-Americans," which is more than the other candidates do, he observed.

Finally, on the constant'y repeated question: Is the country ready for a Black president? Jackson poin ed out: "People are speaking and we must let them speak.

This audience comprised of tough, hardened often cynical White newspaper editors, most of whom were male, gave Jackson a standing ovation at the end of his 35-minute speech. It is hard to imagine Jackson as a loser

as many as thirteen million kids are trapped in urban schools with high dropout rates, low morale, rotting physical structures, and



stifling bureaucracies.

It cescribes those schools as "human storehouses to keep young people off the streets And it acknowledges that

the prescription for reform tougher homework, more testing and tough standards

- place extra hurdles in the way of kids who are already failing to cope, and who don't get the assistance they need

that shouldn't mean lower standards, less homework, and fewer tests - not by a

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long shot. But it does suggest that instead of piein-the-sky reform plans we need solid basic skills teaching and new organizational structures that make those schools function the way they're supposed to. It's been proven many

times over that disadvantaged kids can perform at top academic levels, given strict standards and committed teachers and principals.

class." Although the article

notes, in passing, the gap

between African American

andw hite employment, col-

lege enrollment and income

levels, the majority of the

article is devoted to proving

that, as the article says,

have more to do with class

than color.

'white stereotypes . . . often

This theory goes not give

adequate weight to two very

important considerations:

First, that the majority of

African Americans are still at the bottom rung of the ladder

due to racist education and

employment policies. And

second, that even when Afri-

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3-PIECE SUITS NO ARMOR AGAINST RACISM

by Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

One thing our forebears understood was the insidious nature of racism. They understood its life-threatening nature and the necessity for fighting it consistently and in all its many guises. Now there are those-both African American and white - who claim that class is more important than race. It is a dangerous position to take, both personally and as a people.

An article in the Washington Post earlier this year noted ". . . [the] black mid-dle class is emerging and succeeding by the standards of the majority white culture

. class is becoming more an important predictor of behavior than race . . . This is true not only of black behavior, but also of white reactions to this new black middle

can Americans move into the middle class it remains a very tenuous position due to the racism which they continue to face. Let's take a look at em-See JOURNAL, Page 16

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