

## THE NAACP AND YOU!



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Rev. Scott's article this week is an open letter to the Editor of the Review Journal.

Dear Editor:

Re: Commentary by Stephen Chapman - "Difference Between Banning and Requiring Discrimination"

Mr. Chapman's commentary employed rethoric that raises the hidden fears and guilt of the American power structure when the word 'discrimination' is mentioned. Contrary to this commentary, I have no knowledge of any evidence available any where to prove that any substantial number of small or large businesses have been forced out of business due to the production of inferior quality of products or services due to court-ordered integration in the American workforce.

First this is hypothetical and the accompanying scenario, if it were true, would negatively and adversely impact this same business in 1992 because of the enactment of the 1990 Civil Rights Act presently before the U.S. Congress.

Apparently, Mr. Chapman's conclusions were arrived at out of a mind set of supposition and conjecture, with the aim of creating doubt and suspicion. Unfortunately for America, less than ten years before the end of this century, she is still trying to decide whether or not her Black citizens will enjoy the Constitutional guarantees of employment opportunities the same as Whites.

There is serious doubt whether Mr. Chapman has any factual or imperical data that has been developed to cause him to conclude that the enactment of the 1990

Civil Rights Act will do what the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Duke Power vs North Carolina has not done in almost 20 years - that is, put some one out of business because of the requirements of the Courts.

The implied spurious issue of reverse discrimination is the figment of the writer's imagination when one considers that white men own or control seventy to ninety-five percent of the social, political and economic institutions in America.

Consider this: Black men earn only 6 percent of what white men earn. During the Viet Nam War, many Blacks did not have a high school diploma, yet they entered the service in large numbers - they were thirty-five percent of Americans in that war.

The young Black Americans learned how to master some of the U.S.'s most sophisticated weaponry. This should suggest to the skeptics or any one with a rational mind that the real test in a given job qualification does not always lie in one's ability but always in one's availability.

If America wants to continue to be the leader of the free world, then she must do for herself what she is telling the rest of the world - that racial and human rights are "musts" for all citizens.

It is my considered opinion born out of many years of experience and with few exceptions, that if one possesses the basic elements of reading, writing and arithmetic, he or she can learn to perform almost any task. This is called OJT - On-the-Job-Training.

OJT can be seen in action in almost any business one walks into on any given day.

The process is simple: the more experienced employee trains the new one as to what the job content is all about.

After performing the following in and for America. Blacks should be granted equal employment opportunities by the U.S. Congress in 1990:

1. Arrived in America in 1619.
2. First to die for America in the Revolutionary War.
3. Came to America as slaves.
4. Worked for 300 years without pay.
5. Fought in every war for America.
6. Came out of slavery without reparations.
7. Was forbidden to become educated.
8. Co-discovered the North Pole.
9. Completed the layout of the city of Washington, D.C.
10. Were physically lynched.
11. Never elected President.
12. No U.S. Senators.
13. Only one state governor.
14. Black man only earns 60 percent of what a white man earns.
15. First to perform open heart surgery.
16. First to develop blood plasma.
17. First to develop stop and go traffic lights.
18. Leaders in al major sports.
19. Leaders in most entertainment.
20. Invented Gospel music, the blues and jazz.
21. Organized the Black Church.
22. Organized Black Colleges and Universities.
23. One of the first to disavow communism.
24. Organized the NAACP to save the nation.
25. Still trusting God for man's deliverance and salvation.

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**Saturday, September 22, 1990 will be the Third Annual Nationwide NAACP Radiothon. The NAACP Membership Satalite Stions are:**  
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## NFBPA to Hold Annual Luncheon

The Third Annual Salute to Black Public Administrators luncheon will be held Saturday, September 22, 1990 at the Terrace Room of the Desert Inn Hotel with cocktails at 11:30 am and the luncheon at noon. As in prior years, the event promises to be a special one and will feature Dr. Julian Earls, Director of Health Services for the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Earls is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Physics from Norfolk State University, the Masters Degree in Radiation Physics from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and the Doctorate Degree in Radiation Physics from the University of Michigan. He also earned the equivalent of a second Masters Degree in Environmental Health from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's prestigious Program for Management Development. Dr. Earls will undoubtedly be very inspiring and is an outstanding example of the strides that we have made in

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## Minority Enterprise Development Week '90

### Time to Salute Local Minority Businesses

Las Vegas - The Nevada Economic Development Company, Inc. (NEDCO) and the U.S. Small Business Ad-

ministration, Las Vegas District Office, announced plans recently for the annual recognition of Minority Enterprise Development Weel '90. Two events are scheduled as part of the national emphasis on minorities succeeding in business.

EVENT I: The Minority Business Enterprise Reception will take place on Tuesday, October 9 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Frank Hawkins Sports Lounge, 717 No. Rancho. Cost for the no-host cocktails reception is \$10. EVENT II: The Governor's Annual MED WEEK Breakfast and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 from 7:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. at the Palace Station Hotel, Second Floor. Cost for the Breakfast Buffet is \$15. Tables of 10 are available for EVENT II.

For tickets and further information, please call NEDCO at 384-3293. If you are interested in learning more about the organization and its local/national membership and its network of black public leadership, you are encouraged to attend this luncheon. For ticket information call 642-0492 evenings.

## Jesse Jackson Brings Home Americans Held Hostage in the Middle East

Over 250 hostages from Iraq and Kuwait were released Saturday, September 1, after the Reverend Jesse Jackson made humanitarian appeals to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for the hostages' release.

Jackson, who was provided with a 747 Iraqi airline by Iraqi President Hussein, was given permission by the U.S. State Department for special landing rights in Britain, France and the United States.

The Iraqi airline carried along with Jackson and his newsgathering team, 47 Americans, 199 British, 22 French and 2 Canadians that had been detained in Iraq and Kuwait.

"I am convinced that the release of these American, British, French and Canadian hostages is a sign of some will to talk on the part of Iraqi President Hussein," said Jackson.

Jackson continued, "I hope we will seize this moment as a nation, because if talks are impossible...then war is inevitable."

He said, "Besides the thousands of lives that will be lost, rivers of blood will flow, oil wells will burn and the rest of the industrial nations will feel the impact of the war in the Persian Gulf..."

During his 5-day foreign news mission, Jackson was allowed to record interviews with Iraqi President Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan and the release of the hostages from Kuwait and Iraq.

He also met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, American Embassy Officials, and was the first Western journalist allowed into Kuwait since the August 2 invasion.

The exclusive video footage will air in the United States in a five-part television series which will be shown on the nationally syndicated show "Inside Edition."

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