

## TO BE EQUAL

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light on problems that society was keeping in the shadows.

Even that, however, was often counterproductive—businesses and jobs moved out of the cities, with the result that the terrible unemployment problems at the core of the unrest became worse.

But in the 1960's, black unrest was often driven by feelings of being powerless and ignored by the white power structure.

In Washington, Hispanics felt similarly about the city's black power structure. The sensitivity shown by the city's new mayor, Sharon Pratt Dixon, should help to alleviate that.

The most recent previous urban disturbances were in Miami, where black citizens were protesting the practices and attitudes of a local government

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stacy or on cloud nine because we have been working very hard for the day when the little people would have some voice in the city and county government. Hallelujah, this time we did it - praise the Lord!

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dominated by Cuban-Americans. So does this indicate a new era in frictions between African Americans and Hispanic Americans?

I think not. Whatever the resentments on both sides of

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Councilman, other black elected officials have been under attack in the past and these include Senator Joseph Neal.

What is clear is that the beast has decided that since African Americans and other so called minorities have learned how to play the game i.e., how to participate in electoral politics thereby increasing though by no means obtaining total control of their communities, the beast has now decided that it will change

the ethnic lines, both groups have far too much in common.

Sadly, when neglected minority groups are subjected to poverty, discrimination, and high unemployment, they are pit against each other in a bitter

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the rules of the game, allow you to be elected but then immediately remove you or attempt to remove you from office if you are effective.

This strategy must be totally rejected by specifically the Afri-

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The fact is that whoever accepts anything without questioning it, regardless of his race, is isolating himself from information that is different from what he already knows.

Some people refuse to consider another person's ideas simply because he fears that the new ideas may prove his ideas to be wrong.

He fears that he would be thrown into a period of confusion about his life.

struggle for society's leftovers. Ethnic frictions are as American as apple pie.

Groups have often been bitter about newcomers competing with them for scarce jobs and housing. And African Ameri-

can American community and the beast must be shown that if there are attacks on black elected officials the consequences are indeed going to be quite dire.

As the people of Detroit said when there was an attempt at at-

cans resent continually being passed over in favor of new arrivals.

And all of the groups at the bottom of society's pecking order resent local power structures that ignore their needs, what-

tacking John Conyers several years ago, "if Conyers goes, Detroit goes."

Perhaps we were made to rephrase that here and make it clear to master if Hawkins goes, Las Vegas goes.

Confusion, though, is often a sign that one is learning things about the world that he had not known before.

Now he can find new answers to questions that he could

not answer before. Discovering new, confusing information is certainly superior to "faith," which tells you to ask no questions but to accept your current limited knowledge as the final truth.

ever the race or ethnic background of that structure.

The incidents in Washington, Miami, and elsewhere are rumblings of the ethnic fault line that underlies American society.

The nation's minorities are growing in population. It's estimated that by the middle of the next century the average American will be of African, Asian, or Hispanic background.

In the past America's ethnic diversity was its great strength. That can also hold true in the future.

But only if the nation adjusts to the new ethnic realities. It has to be sensitive to the cultures and the needs of its disparate peoples; confront the discrimination and prejudice that poisons our national life, and ensure that all of its people have access to the jobs and education essential to productive lives.

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