

# TO BE EQUAL

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justice systems.

So in the coming months we're likely to get a drumfire of reports from across the nation detailing racially-biased two-tier justice systems.

The New York commission fully documents a system shot through with racial inequities, from top to bottom.

Among the findings:

- Only 93 minority judges among the 1,129 in the state court system.

- Rotting building conditions in courts that mainly serve minorities, such as the Family, Criminal, and Housing Courts.

- Widespread racial stereotyping and harassment affecting minorities and minority lawyers.

- Minorities far less likely to be represented by attorneys, to serve on juries, or to receive favorable action.

And in a key passage, the commission stated:

"Many minorities in our courts receive 'basement justice' in every sense of the phrase — from where their courts are located. Similarly, many minorities who work in the courts or in the legal profession are relegated to the bottom tiers."

If the word "justice" is to have any meaning at all, such conditions must be changed immediately.

The commission made 76 recommendations, ranging from

cross-cultural sensitivity training for judges and court workers to minority tutorial programs designed to increase the number of minority lawyers.

The commission is to be commended for taking such a hard, clear-eyed look at the reality of a justice system that humiliates people and treats them unfairly. Just as it would be a mistake for anyone to think the problem is confined to one state, it would be a mistake to think it's confined to the justice system.

The courts reflect racial attitudes that pervade the total society,

## NEVADA UNEMPLOYMENT

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.5 percentage point hike over the month.

A year ago Las Vegas' rate of unemployment was 5.4 percent. Reno's May jobless rate rose .3 percentage points to 5.8 percent. A year ago Reno's rate of jobless was 5.1 percent. Eureka County continues to hold the lowest concentration of unemployment in the state with 1.1 percent, a .2 percentage point decline since April.

Nevada's highest unem-

ployment rate remains in White Pine County with 8.7 percent, a .5 percentage point increase since April.

The state job director said there were 38,800 Nevadans unemployed during May, 700 more than the previous month.

Statewide, retail and wholesale employers accounted for 129,100 jobs, 1,200 more jobs compared to April, and 5,900 more jobs since the same time last year.

The mining industry picked

and while we have made huge strides toward reducing discrimination and prejudice, there's a an awfully long way to go.

Myths about a "color-blind society" don't reflect the reality faced by minorities in all aspects of life.

In our pluralistic society, it's necessary for all institutions — private and public — to emulate the self-examination of some state court systems to determine the extent to which they too practice two-tier behavior, with one level for whites and another, lesser one for minorities.

up 300 jobs over the month raising the number working in the industry to 14,400...though mining is still 300 jobs shy from last year's May count.

The construction industry is showing some stability remaining steady over the month with 45,200 jobs.

Last year in May there were 48,300 construction workers employed.

Employment in transportation and public utility jobs continues to grow. During May there

were 100 more jobs in the sector since April. The number of people employed in finance, insurance and real estate jumped by 100 from April's 28,800 jobs.

Manufacturing jobs rallied with 100 more jobs over the month, reflecting 300 more jobs than the same time last year.

In May the government work force-federal, state and local including teachers, was 83,800-600 more jobs than April and 7,400 more jobs since May of 1990.

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