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fined to New York City. In San Francisco last year there were approximately 2,300 civilian complaints against the police. The city pays more than \$1 million per year in claims against the police. In one outrageous incident, two officers claimed that a man on a bus made an obscene gesture with his finger at them. The police ran onto the bus, dragged the man into the street, and beat him. The two policemen were finally forced to resign.

In Portland, Ore., last April, a 31-year-old black man, Lloyd D. Stevenson Jr., was killed in a scuffle with two officers. One policeman had applied a "sleeper" hold to Stevenson, and blood to his brain was cut off.

When Portland Police Chief Penny E. Harrington banned the "sleeper," two outraged officers prepared and distributed T-shirts with the logo, "Don't choke 'em, smoke 'em." Given this kind of police reaction, it is not surprising that storeowners in urban areas may acquire a Bernard

Goetz mentality -- shoot first and ask questions later.

A grand jury refused to indict the officers who killed Stevenson, but his family is currently suing the city for \$15 million.

Poverty, unemployment, poor schools, drugs and the breakdown of neighborhood and cultural institutions are the root causes of street crime. If we spent \$30 billion on jobs and schools instead of the MX missile and other weapons systems, we'd cut urban violence significantly.

But we must also support the creation of tough civilian controls over the police, the establishment of residency requirements for police, the introduction of more women and minorities into the ranks and leadership, and the use of citizens' commissions and special prosecutor's offices to check police violence.

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Opinion

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Beginning next week, we'll take on the hard phase, starting briefly but critically into the face of what isn't right in the black community and offering some possible solutions.

We hope you form and enjoy the articles to follow. And we hope you share our enthusiasm for what the future holds.



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Reagan

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free advertising atop black kids' noggins.

Never mind the president's much-criticized posture on civil rights, social programs or South Africa. These guys want to look good.

David Kepple, who chairs the Forsyth County Republican Party, said he didn't know about the style.

"I'm not aware of it," Kepple said, first sounding incredulous, later chuckling softly.

Kepple asked if we might print a picture of the phenomenon so

he could see what it looks like.

On the political ramifications of the rise 'n' dip, "Your guess is as good as mine," he said.

President Reagan wasn't available for comment.

Meanwhile, like other fads among youth, the Reagan Look probably will go the way of the Afro and polyester leisure suits when all is said and done.

But also like many fads, it may resurface 10 years hence, and some wag -- or newspaper columnist -- won't resist the temptation to say, "There they go again."

Jacob

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without using numbers, it, for all intents and purposes, opposes effective affirmative action. For those numbers represent people -- people who would not have equal opportunities without vigorous affirmative programs to include them in the mainstream.

John Jacob is executive director of the National Urban League.

Letters

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Chairman, NAACP Housing Committee.



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★ Introduced the resolution for the MBE/WBE (Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise) program adopted by the Board of Aldermen in July 1983. **IMPACT: THIS PROGRAM HELPS MINORITIES AND WOMEN TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT.**
★ Introduced a resolution to the Board of Aldermen that would ensure that more minorities and women would serve on the city's boards and commissions. **IMPACT: THERE ARE MORE MINORITIES AND WOMEN SERVING THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CITY. MANY ARE RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHEAST WARD.**

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