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## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

BY CHATWOOD HALL  
(For Negro Press International)  
ON BACKLASHERS AND  
FRONTLASHES

The United States appears to have entered the age of the backlash and the frontlash. The strongest and most admirable frontlash has been made by the Federal government—passage of the Civil Rights Act.

Frontlashing along with the Federal government are the NAACP, the Urban League and other respectable and respected civil rights organizations and groups.

Further buttressing the forward line of the frontlashing are millions of Negro and white citizens who are deeply concerned over and committed to making equal civil rights available for all American citizens.

One of the oddest aspects of the backlash has revealed a queer brood that stubbornly cherish and want full civil rights for themselves but oppose equal civil rights for their colored American compatriots.

This brood should be reminded that those who seek to deny democracy and equal civil rights to others do not deserve democracy and full civil rights for themselves.

Another oddity about the backlash was uncovered in a recent survey. It disclosed that the largest percentage of backlashers was found among immigrants or immediate descendants of immigrants—ethnic minority groups whose roots have barely touched American soil.

Most of these new "American" backlashers, it was found,

have their ancestral roots in East European countries. They, or their immediate ancestors, left their ethnic homelands precisely to seek greater civil rights in the United States.

Yet, contradictorily, it is these same minority ethnic groups who have been found to be most strongly opposed to full and equal civil rights for such old-line Americans as American Negroes.

If these minority ethnic groups are such ardent backlashers, they could more worthily and fruitfully exercise their backlashing talents for removing the dictatorial boots from the backs of their ethnically-related kinsmen back in their ancestral homelands in European countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Strangely enough, there are Negro backlashers, too. These Negro backlashers deceptively think they are frontlashing. But, as a matter of fact, they are merely alienating many whites who were erstwhile sympathetic towards the civil rights cause.

The self-deceiving Negro backlashers, who think they are frontlashing, are those Negroes who ran amuck with vandalism and looting in Harlem, Rochester and Jersey City.

Undoubtedly, Negroes in these places have grievances. But just how they can expect to lessen or remove these grievances by going on destructive rampages, is difficult to understand.

They say they need employment. But what employer would be ready to hire persons who engaged in looting and vandalism?

They say they want integration. But who—including decent and respectable Negroes—would want to

integrate with persons guilty of such outrageous conduct.

They say they want full and equal civil rights. But by engaging in such unbridled conduct, they play directly into the hands of those striving to deny them full citizenship rights—the segregationists, racists and white backlashers of all stripes.

By running amuck in the streets and destroying or looting property, they make it more difficult for the frontlashing—Negro and white—to advance the cause of equal civil rights.

The future belongs to the frontlashing. They are the pro-Americans. The backlashers of all colors are engaging in anti-American propaganda and activities. They seek to reverse the forward march of democracy and equal rights to which our country is dedicated.

**THE VETERANS' CORNER**  
EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA Office.

Q—As a so-called peacetime veteran am I entitled to any disability compensation from the VA?

A—Yes, such disability compensation is generally 80 percent of the wartime rates. However, if the disability occurred under extra hazardous conditions, wartime rates apply.

Q—Are veterans ever required to pay for care received in Veterans Administration hospitals?

A—The circumstances under which a veteran might be charged for care received in a VA hospital

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**GARDEN TIME**  
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When we are discussing this time will apply to azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and gardenias. It is a common trouble with these plants and one that is not easy to clearly define in a short article. We will call it iron deficiency chlorosis and attempt to clarify in simple terms.

First, consider the importance of iron in the soil. Although iron is a minor element, it is essential for the manufacture of chlorophyll, the green coloring matter in plants.

If the iron becomes deficient, it is expressed as chlorosis in the leaves causing them to become yellowish, except along the mid-rib and leaf veins. In advance stages, the green color may disappear from the mid-rib and veins and the entire leaf become almost white.

What makes the iron unavailable to the plant? The pH of the soil is too high. In other words, the calcium (lime) content is too high and the soil too sweet. All of the plants in this group like an acid soil, the azaleas and rhododendrons being a little more sensitive than the camellias and gardenias.

Iron is available to the plant at a pH range of 5.5 to 6.0. At 6.5 the iron availability is reduced, and at 7.0 it drops off sharply.

To correct the iron deficiency two things can be done: have your soil tested and adjust the pH to the 5.5 to 6.0 range. This can be done by using sulphur to lower the pH and lime to raise it. This procedure will require some time to overcome the chlorosis, but is the better method because the roots will then be able to absorb the iron. There is also a quick method of overcoming the trouble; by foliar

feeding. In this method chelated (iron chelate) iron is used as a spray. Chelating changes the iron into a soluble form which is quickly absorbed by the leaves and stems when applied as a spray.

This material can be purchased from your local garden supply center with full instructions for mixing and applying. It is sold under different brand or trade names. Just be sure that you ask for iron chelate because there are also other chelated materials such as zinc.



**COLORED BLIND BEACH** — Pelican Beach, Fla., the nation's first "color blind" waterfront country club community, will open its doors to all at a gala ceremony Sept. 12. The new development is located on U. S. 1, 12 miles south of Melbourne, on the banks of the Indian River, overlooking Cape Kennedy.

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arises rarely. It is possible that a veteran admitted to a VA hospital, is later determined not to have legal entitlement, so would be billed for his care. Also, a veteran may be admitted for injuries sustained in an automobile or industrial accident and "third party" liability determined later. If the veteran is awarded damages based wholly or in part on the cost of the medical services involved, the VA may seek payment.

Q—When I am discharged from the service, will I be entitled to any pension from VA?

A—Pension benefits are available to veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from causes attributable to their military service provided they have had 90 or more days active service, any part of which was served in wartime, or if they were discharged for disability. The veteran also must meet certain income limits. Your nearest VA Regional Office will provide further details.

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