

The Civil Rights Act of 1984

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Other federal laws prohibiting discrimination with federal funds on the basis of race, national origin, handicap or age also apply to the "program or activity."

These laws are very important. For example, Title IX helped to accomplish women's participation in intercollegiate athletic programs. Between 1973 and 1979, women's participation doubled; women now represent 30 percent of all college athletes. Before Title IX, no college or university awarded athletic scholarships to women; by 1982, women received 20 percent of such scholarships.

Between 1972 and 1982, the percentage of women in medical schools rose from 11

to 29 percent; in dental schools from 2 to 20 percent; and in engineering from less than 1 to 15 percent. All this came about because of Title IX.

Concerned about the Supreme Court ruling in *Grove City College v. Bell*, members of Congress have introduced the Civil Rights Act of 1984, which is intended to counteract the Court's decision. This bill would change the words "program or activity" in the Title IX statute and other civil rights laws to "recipient," making it clear that an entire institution, not just individual activities, will be covered by civil rights laws if it receives federal funds.

The Civil Rights Act of 1984 is an attempt to restore the

original intent of Title IX and the other civil rights laws. The House has passed the bill, but the Senate has yet to act. It is important for Congress to act quickly to stop efforts to perpetuate sex discrimination and the Reagan Administration's efforts to apply this ruling to other critical civil rights statutes like Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination by recipients of federal funds on the basis of race, color or national origin. It is important for Congress to stop efforts to turn back the clock on civil rights.

(Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund.)

Letters

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As a religious reader of the article, I would consider what was said, that the members forgave you, God forgave you, you said it would not happen again. Who are we to judge? God can change the minds of men and he does change the minds of men. We can be born again as quick as the twinkling of an eye.

I am not saying an alcoholic is a sinner. I am saying they are sick. One commits a lot of sin while becoming an alcoholic. I am not saying the minister should relinquish his ministry. I am saying with certain sicknesses, there are certain jobs that the person should not perform.

Rev. Moses Small
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in the midst of this economic recovery, it is over 15 percent.

•education -- In 1960, only 18 percent of college-age black high school graduates were in school. By 1975, it was up dramatically, to 32 percent. But it now has fallen to about 25 percent.

•poverty -- In 1960, 55 percent of blacks were poor; in 1970, 30 percent. Today, over 36 percent are poor.

Even with the progress made in the 1960s, blacks would have remained far behind the white majority until well into the 21st Century.

But even that slow drift towards equity was eroded in the 1980s. This is now a time of crushed hopes, a time of struggle for simple survival.

(John Jacob is President of the National Urban League.)

The victory margin

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ask now if various proposals are the right thing to do now, so the future can be brighter for everyone.

•As senator, he will continue to prove that he cares about human beings, and will work hard to serve them fairly and efficiently.

Should he win the election, the key to proper evaluation of his service will not be simply what he said, but rather how much of what he said we insist that he perform.

And those voters who provide

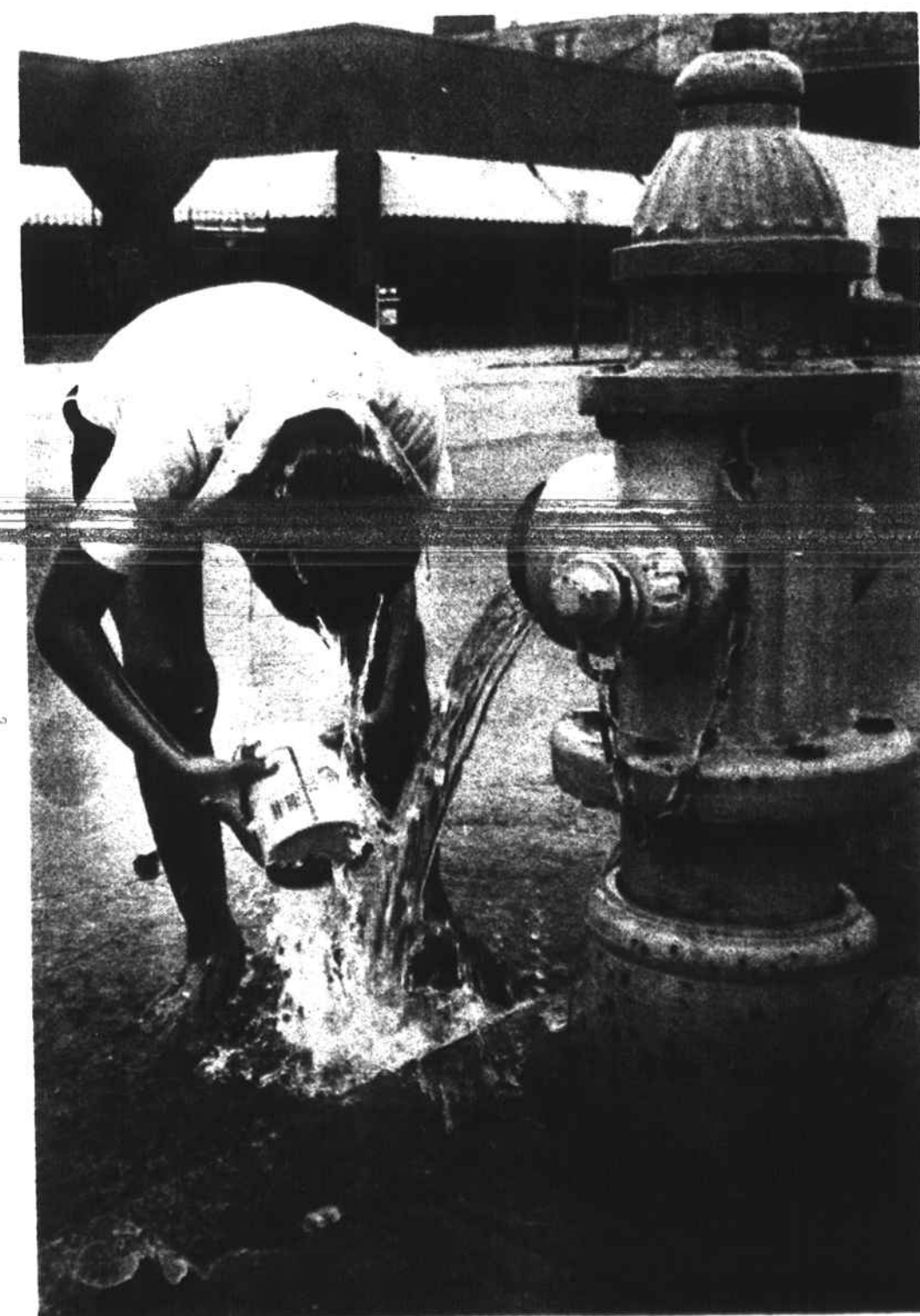
the margin of victory should insist on the highest level of accountability.

In his comments last week, Gov. Hunt identified the voters who hold that margin of victory in their hands:

"If black voters choose to stay home," he said, "they will probably be helping Sen. Helms."

So again, the questions are, which America do you see in the future, and who do you want to hold accountable?

Victory's margin is in your hands!



Cooling out

The city's temporary interruption of water service two weeks ago, didn't hinder nine-year-old George Wesley Brown, from cooling off at a Liberty Street fire hydrant (photo by James Parker).



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