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En la grafica aparecen de izquierda a derecha, Daniel G. Saldana, Presidente de el nuevo Club de Leones Los Amigos, Dr. Milton Miller, Past District Governor and Co-Chairman of San Jose Lions Club. Y Dr. John de Heras, Charter Secretary de Los Amigos Lions Club.

En Le Baron Hotel, la noche del primero de Mayo, Los Amigos Lions Club celebrara su Carter Nite con un banquete y baile; a dicho evento asistiran representantes de to-

dos los Clubs de Leones del Distrito Leonistico y como huéspedes de honor Mr. Harry J. Aslan Second Vice-President de Lions International y Mr. Richard C. McKenzie District Governor.

Las reuniones de Los Amigos Lions Club se llevan a cabo todos los miercoles a las siete y media de la noche en el Restaurant El Charro No. 3 localizado en 2169 Winchester Blvd. en Campbell, Ca.

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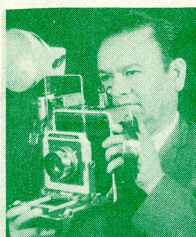
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INSTALLATION DINNER

Left to right: Bob Garcia from American
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Commander Mr. Soria American Legion
Clifford Rodriguez Post 809

Picture was taken here in San Jose
during the recent installation of
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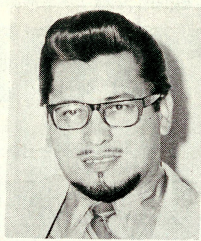
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San Jose's 27th Annual UNITED FOOD DRIVE Dance will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at the STARLIGHT BALLROOM, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is a bag of groceries and a \$2 donation from adults and \$3 from teenagers, at the door (all for a good cause). The orchestra of CONNIE CAUDILLO and JESS ESCOBAR will play on Friday night of April 26. Last year's president, el Señor LINO COBARRUBIAS, was re-elected to head this year's food drive campaign; Lino represents LA CONFEDERACION DE LA RAZA UNIDA. Other officers and groups they represent are: Vice-Pres. Vickey Gonzales, C.S.O.; Sec. Mario Garcia, Club San

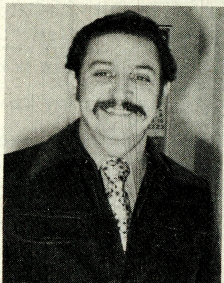
Felipe, and Trea. Dan Romero, Club New Mexico. Committee Chairmen are Tino Castillo, Publicity, and Richard Martinez, Dance. If you would like to assist in committees, call 258-7752 or 258-3839. Call el Presidente LINO COBARRUBIAS, 272-0673 or 259-5292 for groceries or money donations to the needy. "La miseria pública es un hecho social propio de los tiempos modernos, y se manifiesta más y más a medida que la civilización se extiende." — Blanqui. Photo by Richard Diaz.

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Es para a mi un gran placer de presentarles al muy activo CLUB ACUÑA. Según la Constitución de esta organización dice así en parte: "Los objetivos de esta organización serán crear vehículo de cultura y amistad entre los residentes del Condado de Santa Clara originarios de Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila (Mexico) y lugares circunvecinos de dicha ciudad. Se establecerán y mantendrán y mantendrán vínculos de comunicación entre este Club y las organizaciones de Ciudad Acuña, para llevar a cabo intercambio culturales, filosóficos, y de estudiantes, entre este Condado de Santa Clara y Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico, etc. Todos los residentes de este Condado de Santa Clara, California, o lugares circunvecinos tendrán derecho a membresía, si es oriundo de Ciudad Acuña o simpatizantes de esta ciudad." Oficiales de esta organización son los siguientes: Pres. Martin Rios, Vice-Pres. Juan Flores, Sec. Angel Rios, Tesorero Jose Calderon, Comite de Festejos Felipe Rios, Vocales: Jorge y Arturo Treviño. Para información detallada, llame usted al Señor Juan Flores, 258-1274. "Gobernar una familia es casi tan difícil como gobernar un reino." — Montaigne.





Introducing Mr. Felix Fimbres, general manager of PIP in San Jose. PIP is the world's largest chain in the field of graphic arts. El joven Felix Fimbres was born in the state of Arizona; he came to California para ganarse la vida. After having studied planography, intaglio, gravure, rotagravure, imposition and matrix, he joined PIP and later became a general manager. His business is located at 109 W. San Fernando St. Call him at 288-6961, if you have any need for his services. "Pocos negocios vence el ímpetu; algunos la fuerza; muchos el sufrimiento y casi todos la razón y el interés."—Fajardo.

MINI-CHISMES: 'CINCO DE MAYO' Fiestas Celebration and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 5. If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, call Parade Coordinator Ed Carranza, 251-7696 or 286-1251. Commercial entries are \$35.00. Community and civic organizations may enter a decorated car, float, marching unit, horses, etc., at no cost to them. **NO POLITICAL ENTRIES OR ADVERTISING GIMMICKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.** This is a very patriotic event and it could only hurt a political candidate's image, if he or his group allows it **MOTHER'S DAY CONTEST AND DANCE** will be held on Saturday, May 4, at the HARDEMAN HALL, corner of Locust & Willow, from 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. San Jose's Honorable Mayor, Norman Mineta, will present a trophy to the youngest madrecita, Honorable Councilman Al Garza will present a trophy to the madrecita con los más hijos and el distinguido Atty. Jim Ono, past Model Cities legal representative, will have the honor of presenting a trophy to the oldest madrecita at that event. For any information, call el Señor Mike Rojas, president of the GARDNER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, Inc., at 293-8456 . . . The Santa Clara County **MEXICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** (not to be confused with the S.J. Mexican American Chamber of

Commerce) is now on a membership drive to round up new members. Call el presidente Señor Manuel Morales, 251-1851, for any info concerning this business group. Endorsement of political candidates will be discussed at their next business meeting, according to Pres. Morales . . . **LA CONFEDERACION DE LA RAZA UNIDA** has a 15-minute radio program every Tuesday from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m. on **RADIO KEGL**; 'they tell it like it is'. Congratulations to Raul Resendiz and Nelda Rosie on their marriage. They were united in wedlock on April 20. "May all your troubles be **LITTLE ONES**" . . . **SJ Fine Arts Commission** is recommending that someone come up with a more proper name for the San Antonio Mall . . . how about St. Anthony's Mall or Tony's Mall ????

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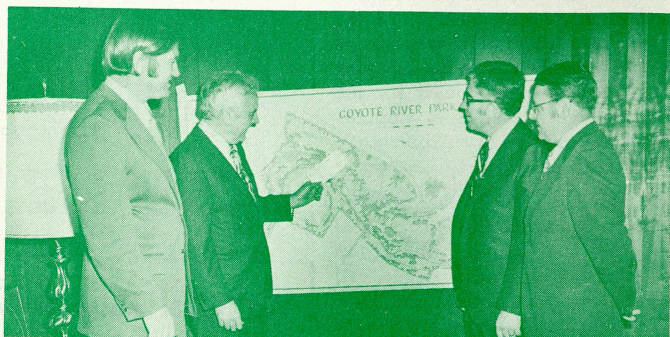
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The announcement was made by Board Chairman Jose R. Puentes.

Banco de San Jose, the city's newest full service bank, features Saturday banking from 9 a.m. until noon and a staff that speaks Spanish as well as English. The bank is located at Story and Leeward roads.

Boccardo started his legal career in 1974 when he was admitted to the California State Bar. After spending several years as a partner with Bohnett, Hill, Cottrell, and Boccardo, he opened his own firm, which has been operating in California for more than 30 years and has offices in the Community Bank Building in San Jose as well as in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Boccardo is the founder and chairman of the board of directors of the Community Bank of San Jose.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, and the California Trial Lawyers Association; past president of the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association and the Northern California Chapter of the American Trial Lawyers Association; and a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Nationally recognized in his profession, Boccardo has lectured throughout the United States and abroad, including the University of Rome. In 1970, he was knighted with the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity by the President of Italy for his work in promoting U.S.-Italian relations.

Boccardo has sizeable interests in a number of industrial ventures and vast ranch and agricultural holdings.

A native San Franciscan, he graduated from San Jose State and received a J.D. degree from Stanford University. Boccardo and his wife, Lorraine, reside in Los Gatos. They have two married children, Leanne and John.

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Aun cuando el titulo de estas lineas se pueda tomar por una insensatez o un juego de palabras, no lo es, todo lo contrario, tienen un hondo sentido y ademas encierran una tragica verdad.

Si pensamos en el Decalogo sabemos que los Diez Mandamientos le fueron entregados a Moises, como la ley fundamental de la Nacion Hebrea. Si pensamos en el Derecho Romano, sabemos que muchos paises en el mundo basan sus leyes en los principios del mencionado derecho. Sabemos tambien que la humanidad a traves de los siglos ha tratado de promulgar leyes que protejan sus derechos.

Se ha dicho que; Toda es un Derecho, pero no todo Derecho es Ley. Tambien se ha dicho que: Todo crimen es un delito, pero no todos los delitos son crímenes.

En tiempos remotos se uso el derecho de castigar un delito como una venganza, esto creaba muchos abusos, hasta el grado de que por una ofensa leve se condenaba a muerte al ofensor. Entonces aparecieron las primeras reglas o leyes; una de estas fue llamada la Ley Talion o sea ojo por ojo diente por diente, esto se hizo con el fin de no extra-limitar el castigo. Sin embargo, las penas se imponian como castigo al culpable y ejemplo a la comunidad; pero eran exageradas y se daban casos en que se quitaba la vida a un sirviente por que habia robado al amo, se le hacia confesar su culpabilidad, aunque fuera inocente, dandole tormento.

Kant, el filosofo, sostenia que el principio fundamental de la ley penal, era la preservacion de la justicia. En el siglo XIX se considero el derecho de castigar, como la facultad de sancionar ciertos actos que ponian en peligro la seguridad social y la pena tenia que ser en proporcion al delito.

Las teorías de Cesar Lombardo, Enrique Ferri y Rafael Garofalo, todos ellos italianos, contribuyeron a la creacion de metodos cientificos para la identificacion y clasificacion de los criminales. Posteriormente y tomando como punto de partida todas las leyes y

teorias anteriores, el sistema judicial ha avanzado al parejo de todos los adelantos de la civilizacion actual. Pero desgraciadamente todavia no hemos encontrado la formula que nos de por resultado la proteccion real y verdadera de los derechos individuales; todo lo contrario, la violencia es mayor cada dia, los crímenes y delitos aumentan hasta poner en peligro la estabilidad de la sociedad. La cantidad de leyes y reglamentos que se establecen constantemente, son indecifrabiles rompe cabezas tanto para los acusadores como para los acusados, lo mismo que para los jueces y los abogados.

Todos los crímenes y delitos que se cometen voluntaria o involuntariamente, cuando llegan a las cortes se hacen interminables, lo mismo es que sea un crimen horrendo, un robo, un asalto, un estupro, una infraccion a un reglamento o una simple querella sin ninguna importancia ni transcendencia para la proteccion de los derechos individuales.

La aplicacion de la justicia se hace cada dia mas turbia; los jueces, con algunas excepciones, no se atreven a sentenciar a un criminal por el temor a las represalias que este o sus complices puedan ejercer contra el, sus bienes o su familia; esto en parte es justificable.

Algunos abogados ponen sus conocimientos legales como una mercancia en subasta, al mejor postor. Afortunadamente hay abogados que defienden a sus clientes poniendo toda su voluntad y capacidad, aun cuando no estan seguros de que su cliente pueda pagar sus honorarios y sin temor de las represalias de la parte contraria, para esos abogados su apostolado es defender a sus clientes de una injusticia.

En los casos de infracciones a los reglamentos, el tramite es mas ligero, haciendo que el infractor pague una multa, como en el caso de las violaciones a los reglamentos de transito. En caso de informalidad, el infractor es requerido por el juez para que se presente en otra fecha, esto presume perder otro dia de trabajo, lo cual resulta mas caro que pagar la infraccion no cometida y por lo tanto arbitraria.

Otro caso es el de las casas comerciales que detienen a una persona bajo el cargo de que entro al establecimiento a robar alguna mercancia, por lo general de poco valor, basandose para tal acusacion en el dicho de alguno de sus guardias particulares. Hace tiempo lei en un magazine que las casas comerciales pierden millones de dolares al año por esos pequeños hurtos, per el magazine no dice cuantos millones se ahorran al año

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de salarios que tendrian que pagar a sus empleados para que tuviera atencion su clientela. Muchas veces el comprador quiere informacion sobre alguna mercancia y no hay quien se la de, sale de la tienda sin comprar lo que fue a buscar. Es una falta de etica comercial no tener personal que atienda a la clientela. Se han dado casos en que se ha calumniado a personas honorables y las han hecho aparecer como que se llevan la mercancia sin pagar, sujetandolas a toda clase de vejaciones, cuando se dan cuenta de que han sufrido una equivocacion, se empeñan en hacer aparecer a la persona como culpable, aunque esta sea inocente. Como estos casos se dan casi siempre en tiendas grandes, tienen las relaciones legales suficientes para convencer a los jueces de la culpabilidad de la persona presuntamente acusada y desgraciadamente como los jueces son humanos, prefieren la gratitud de una gran empresa comercial, que la fe en la justicia que pueda tener una persona que no disponga de un cuerpo de abogados a sueldo que la defiendan. Asi es como se llega a la injusticia de la justicia.

Sofocles, el poeta griego dijo: "Hay un punto, pasado el cual, hasta la justicia se vuelve injusta." Y el padre de la democracia americana Thomas Jefferson dijo: "La espada de la ley no debe caer nunca sino sobre aquellos cuya culpabilidad es tan evidente que puede ser proclamada tanto por sus amigos como por sus enemigos."

La omnipotencia que las leyes le dan a los jueces los hace semi-dioses y su veredicto por injusto que sea se tiene que acatar, so pena de recibir mas severo castigo. Dios en su poder infinito puede perdonar. Los jueces de la especie humana son inflexibles en sus sentencias; ellos no son culpables, la culpable es la sociedad que les ha dado ese poder.

No hace mucho tiempo aqui en San Jose, se dio el caso de que el defensor publico le llamara la atencion a un juez, por la forma en que reprendio a un acusado, extendiendo su reprimenda a todos los individuos pertenecientes a la nacionalidad del acusado. Personas con impulsos de esta naturaleza, no deben ser investidos con la omnipotencia y poder de castigo que se les da a los jueces.

Por desgracia no es el unico caso en que la discriminacion racial, carga la balanza de la justicia, convirtiendola en arbitraria injusticia. El incremento de la criminalidad se debe en parte a que cuando la justicia no

protege al individuo, este se hace justicia por su propia mano y con sus propios medios.

Un amigo a quien estimo y admiro por la ruda batalla que ha librado en la vida, me recito un versito que compuso un amigo de el y dice asi;

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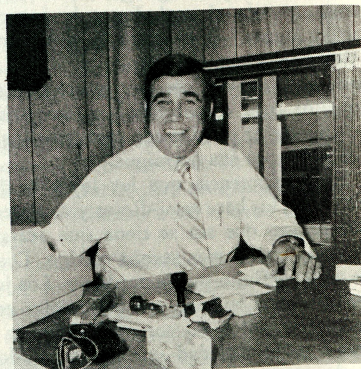


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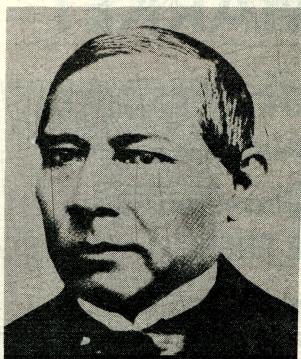




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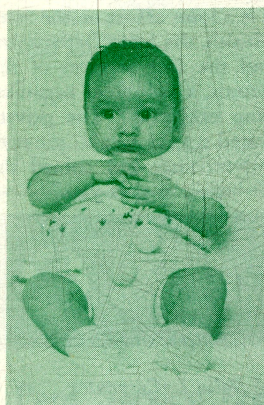
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Want to know about VD? Afraid to ask? Dial toll-free (800) 952-5250. The answers will be direct, and the call is confidential. Incidentally, April is VD Awareness Month. Why ask about VD? Because it's not going away, despite some optimistic reports of fewer cases in scattered areas.

The State Department of Health said today that California is just about holding its own with VD. It has twice the average number of VD cases reported by the 50 states, and is third highest in the number of gonorrhea cases. Gonorrhea, also known as "clap" and other impolite euphemisms, is the most common of venereal diseases.

Las year, public and private agencies in

California spent more than \$31 million for VD victims. That's about \$1.50 for each man, woman and child.

Despite this enormous expenditure—and the existence of widely available treatment facilities—gonorrhea and syphilis accounted for more than 62 percent of all communicable disease cases in 1973. More than 100,000 cases of VD alone were reported last year.

And the health department says, for each case of VD reported, at least three are not. Conservatively, at least 400,000 cases of VD occurred in California last year, and 300,000 weren't treated.

Although recognizing that the fight against VD is a continuing effort, the California Legislature this year designated April as "VD Awareness Month," during which special efforts will be made to bring information and treatment to the public.

The campaign is a joint effort on the State Department of Health, the State Department of Education, and the free services of the California Ad Group, a volunteer organization of advertising executives. The private organization, created a year ago to promote public service advertising, has coined the slogan, "Get VD before it gets you."

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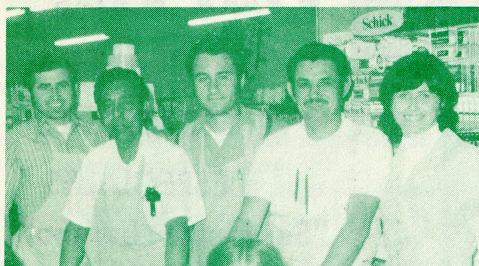
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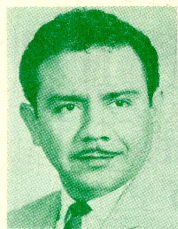
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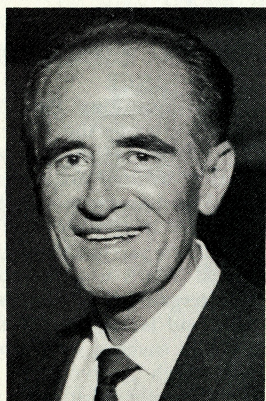
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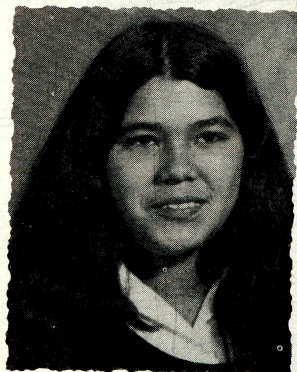
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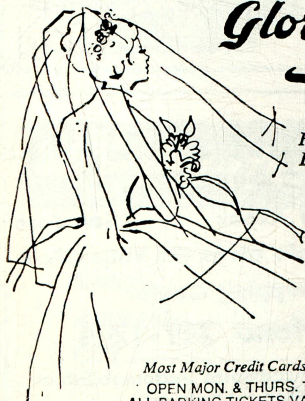
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EL ALCOHOLISMO

Cual es la diferencia entre un bebedor normal y el alcoholico? El bebedor normal, es el que toma con moderacion y en cualquier momento puede abstenerse de hacerlo.

Alcoholico es la persona que pierde la libertad de limitar y disciplinar su consumo de bebidas embriagantes. En el alcoholico actua una doble compulsion a beber, que se desencadena al tomar la primera copa y queda incapacitado para detenerse o parar. Un bebedor normal, puede transformarse facilmente en un alcoholico, siempre y cuando haya excesos. Como cuando el que bebe, relacione el hecho de beber con algun problema individual, familiar, amoroso, etc., etc.

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Todos los que toman, saben esto, pero parece que les importa poco o casi nada contraer una gravissima cirrosis hepatica.

Desgraciadamente el alcoholismo cronico, se encuentra a la orden del dia en este mundo contradictoriamente civilizado en que vivimos, inclusive en el delicado ambito femenino.

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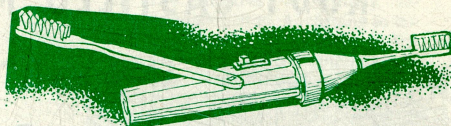


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10 years after

By David Holmstrom

Ten years after the 1964 Civil Rights Act, blacks in the U.S. face a frustrating paradox:

While opportunities in some areas of housing, education, and employment increase, many doors remain closed, or barely open.

At the same time, however, throughout the country some notable "firsts" are beginning to be made in previously unchallenged areas.

In February of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a civil suit in Hartford, Conn., against a large real-estate company for discriminating against black buyers. It is the first discrimination suit filed by the Justice Department in Connecticut.

Damages awarded

In San Mateo County, just south of San Francisco, two black high-school teachers were awarded \$4,300 in damages because they were refused rental of an apartment. The award was the first in San Mateo County since the Civil Rights Act.

And in San Francisco, a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 enabled a group of tenants in a large apartment complex to have a hearing on discrimination charges against the management. It was the first time that the high court ruled that persons who are not direct victims of discrimination may file suits. In the case, the plaintiffs argued that they were being denied the social benefits of living in an integrated community.

Potentially one of the most forceful weapons in the battle against racial discrimination is the Equal Employment Opportunities Act of 1972. This legislation empowers the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) with the right to sue employers who have discriminatory hiring practices and policies.

Settlement reached

Even before the ink dried on the act, the EEOC, the U.S. Justice Department, and the U.S. Labor Department had reached a \$38 million settlement with American Telephone & Telegraph on behalf of minority workers (13,000 women and 2,000 men) who had been discriminated against. Even though AT&T did not concede that it was guilty of discrimination, it did agree to the settlement.

Despite such deep inroads into equal opportunity, statistics from the United States Census Bureau indicate the socioeconomic status of blacks and whites still differing sharply. The 1972 median income among whites in the U.S. was \$11,549 compared to \$6,864 for blacks. And even though the proportion of black workers in the total work force jumped by 8 percent between 1966 and 1972, most remain at low-level jobs.

At the same time that employment opportunities have increased slightly in some areas for blacks, overall unemployment for blacks hovers at a rate nearly four times the national average.

Statistics show racial segregation in the nation's suburbs increased between 1960 and 1970 despite legislation aimed at assisting blacks to leave city slums behind.

One study disclosed that out of 18 suburban areas near major metropolitan areas only two — New York and Los Angeles — actually decreased segregation. According to the 1970 U.S. census, Milwaukee is the most segregated metropolitan area in the nation, with a slim 1.3 percent of the area's 106,000 blacks living outside the central city.

Government action, such as bans on discrimination in housing and property sales, and the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act, have not made significant, broad inroads into housing-discrimination practices.

While some laws designed to end discrimination have not had the results hoped for, and while many blacks are encouraged by new laws, they insist that the long view of race relations is the most viable.

For others, the importance of "black awareness" transcends even the most welcomed laws against discrimination. "I hope that militant separatism is only a stage in which we as a black people learn to love ourselves," said a black graduate student at Stanford University. "I hope we can live in a truly integrated world — a multiracial world where people can be different without terrifying one another."

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