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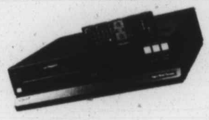
HOME ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Fall is the perfect time of year to plan for those chilly winter nights ahead. A home entertainment center can make those cozy evenings spent in the nest an audio visual delight. Even if you don't have a fireplace, you can snuggle up in front of the hearth of your own entertainment center and enjoy the warmth, sounds and visual magic of first run, as well as home movies.

Fall is also the time when manufacturers introduce their new product lines. Here are a few of the latest home entertainment centers that you might warm up to.



SONY SLHFT7

The Super Beta Theatre® by Sony features an ultra-sharp video picture and enhanced stereo sound.

This advanced video system promises to achieve up to 20% sharper images than the conventional Betamax® VCR's. Tapes are edited with minimum loss of picture quality through successive generations.

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DX-7

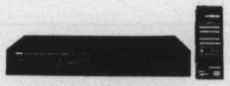
Introducing Toshiba's DX-7 digital Hi-Fi video cassette recorder. The digital VCR gives the viewer a still and slow motion picture, instant freeze action and razor sharp playback in both SP (standard play) and EP (extended play) modes.

Suggested retail—$849.95

DSP-1

Yamaha has introduced the DSP-1 Digital Sound Field Processor which can create 48 distinct acoustic environments and then vary them to suit the tastes of home listeners.

The company has examined the acoustic "personality," or sound field, of many different and highly regarded concert halls and other environments and then digitally stored the information in the DSP-1 which then permits the recreation of those acoustic characteristics in the home. Suggested retail is $849.00



SONY 20" TRINITRON

Sony's 20" Trinitron® Remote Control Monitor/Receiver is so new that it won't be available or priced until November. It features:

- Trinitron Microblack®Picture Tube
- Direct video/audio inputs
- Programmable timer/channel block
- Cable-compatible express tuning
- Sophisticated upright styling and
- Wireless remote

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our theory as to how society ought to be organized... So far as race is concerned, **any** state sponsored preference to one race over another ... is in my view 'invidious' and violative of the Equal Protection Clause."

Of course, the Equal Protection Clause **has** been read to accommodate color-consciousness in our history, but that was in the infamous **Plessy v. Ferguson** decision of 1896, which established the "separate but equal" doctrine that became the backbone of white supremacy for decades and against which the Civil Rights Revolution was fought.

Americans can be proud that the Civil Rights Revolution as conceptualized by such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, and Hubert H. Humphrey, was virtually won by the end of the 60s. Bayard Rustin remarked in a recent interview that the period between 1954 and 1968:

"was, perhaps, the most revolutionary period of any country in the world with regard to the achievement of justice for any minority group. In fact, in most of the world during that period, conditions worsened for many minorities. Racism was increasing in England. In the newly independent African countries, tribal hostilities were increasing. Ours was a most unique situation."

Where discrimination persists, it can be redressed by judgments of equity courts in the traditional ways — through fining, jailing and firing violators — rather than through conferring job slots by race. For example, Local 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, the defendant in one of the recent Supreme Court cases, was generally seen to have indulged in egregiously discriminatory practices. In my view, the union should have been fined say $10,000 a day until the practices ceased; with such a penalty it is unlikely that the problems would have persisted as they did over a ten year period. Furthermore, Local 28's leaders should have been fined and jailed until they complied with the court orders. With such methods, we could root out the vestiges of discrimination through the force of the law rather than perpetuate it through counter-discrimination. (Of course, in cases of proven discrimination against individuals, affirmative action relief is in order for those individuals, black or white.)

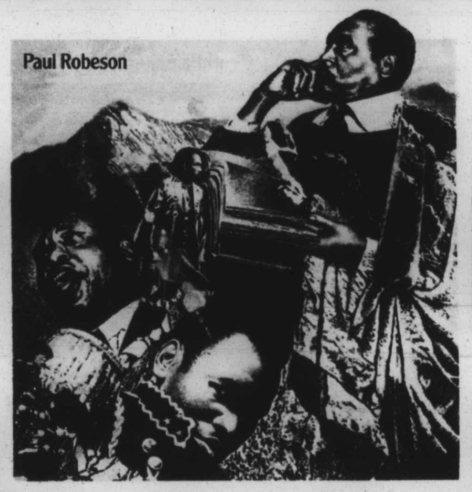
Apart from these larger questions of principle, there is serious doubt as to the functional practicality of color-conscious affirmative action, which helps the blacks who need it least. Such programs don't even begin to touch the lives of the black underclass, the existence of which is clearly the greatest barrier to true integration our society faces today. In fact, it is ironic that this black underclass has burgeoned in size and its problems grown more severe during the very years affirmative action has been flourishing.

And even from the middle class blacks it supposedly benefits, affirmative action exacts costs. First, it demands that blacks continually present themselves to society as permanently disabled victims of racism. Second, programs which hire and promote less qualified blacks over better qualified whites — as is opened conceded to be the case in many settlements, including one of the two recent Court decisions — stigmatize blacks as unable to measure up. Finally, the special treatment granted by affirmative action discourages individual initiative and keeps blacks from the challenge of achieving full potential. Thomas Sowell has pointed out that groups experience a rise in IQ scores after they spend some years in open competition in the social, educational and economic markets.

But the elements of the civil rights movement won't give our system a chance to work and don't believe that blacks can make it on their own. Under the guise of "temporary," "benign" discrimination, they postpone indefinitely the day when King's dream can come true. ■

Bring Your Heroes Home.

Jackie Robinson



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