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The Boston College Third World Law Journal will add immeasurably to the dialogue among those groups of citizens eager to create in our society a warm and welcoming environ in which all ethnic, linguistic and racial groups will flourish. The law is a key ingredient. I congratulate you on this bold and needed endeavor.

The 1980's and years thereafter place this challenge in high relief: can America be that country which unites peoples who differ in color, language, music, dress, or the arts but who agree on a political system and creed? As our country has been able to evolve a constitutional setting which respects vastly different religions, so, I believe, it will structure, slowly but certainly, a legal setting which respects other deep personal differences among groups which call this land their own. Any such legal order must treat all groups with equality.

The legitimate demands of America's third world peoples has already raised constitutional, political and economic questions: bilingual education; multilingual ballots; affirmative action; political reapportionment; full employment. Our strength and vigor in attending to those internal national issues will place us in good stead to understand and deal with the issue which will be jointly addressed by our country and the third world countries which form much of today's community of nations. Our nation and our world grow ever smaller.

Your publication could not be more timely.

Sincerely,


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