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TIME COVER STORY THIS WEEK IS ON BLACK ANTI-SEMITISM. THIS SUBJECT HAS RATHER SUDDENLY BECOME PROMINENT HERE, PARTIALLY AS RESULT OF LAST FALLS VERY BITTER SCHOOL STRIKE. RECENT MANIFESTATIONS INCLUDE UPROAR OVER METROPOLITAN MUSEUM EXHIBIT ON HARLEM. ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH RECENTLY CLAIMED THAT "DISGUISED ANTI-SEMITISM IS AT A CRISIS LEVEL IN NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS". ALTHOUGH CENTERED IN NEW YORK CITY, THE PROBLEM IS NOT PURELY LOCAL. TIME CLAIMS THAT IT EXISTS IN ALMOST EVERY LARGE URBAN CENTER WHERE LARGE COMMUNITIES OF NEGROES AND JEWS INTERMINGLE. COVER STORY ITSELF IN ANY CASE BRINGS QUESTION INTO NATIONAL (AND INTERNATIONAL) SPOTLIGHT. CONSIDERING EXISTENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND ANTI-SEMITISM (ON OFFICIAL LEVEL IN POLAND) IN EAST EUROPE, OUR TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT MAY RAISE SOME POLICY QUESTIONS. MY PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD REPORT ON SUBJECT AS PART OF THE RACIAL TENSIONS AND SOCIAL CONFLICTS WHICH ARE NOW TROUBLING THE AMERICAN SCENE. (WHICH WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY NIXON IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS LAST WEEK). TIME STORY STRIKES ME AS EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR COVERAGE, PROBABLY OBTAINING ANY NEED FOR A BACKGROUNDER BY THE NY NEWSROOM. THE STORY IS HARD-HITTING, VERY THOROUGH AND SOPHISTICATED. WHILE STRESSING THE REALITY AND SERIOUSNESS OF BLACK-JEWISH ENMITY, TIME CONCLUDES ON A HOPEFUL NOTE. I SEE NO NEED FOR ANY PARTICULAR POLICY POSITION ON THE SUBJECT, OTHER THAN CLEARLY TO CONDEMN THE EXISTENCE OF RACIAL PREJUDICE ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE.

PENDING DISCUSSION WITH DESK CHIEFS HERE (WHO HAVE NOT YET STUDIED TIME ARTICLE) WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS, IF ANY.

THANKS AND REGARDS

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