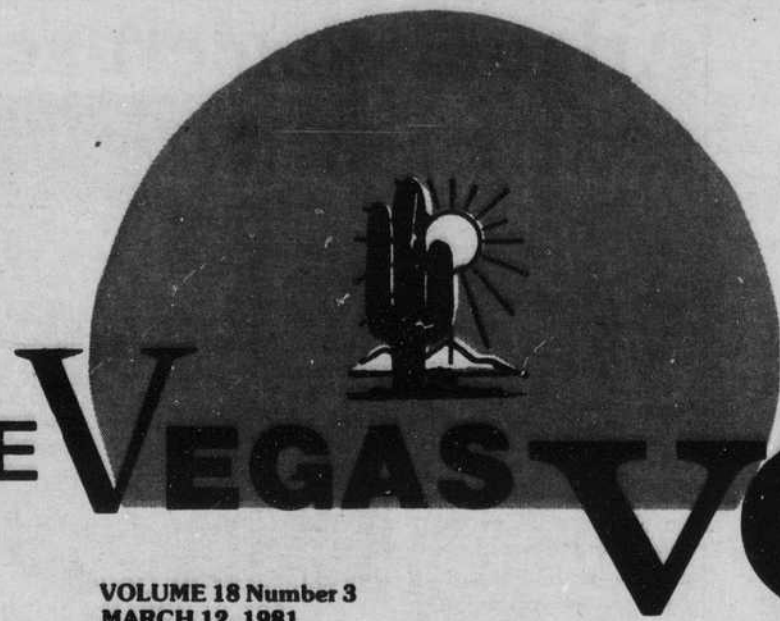


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## BLACK CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE VICTIMS IN ATLANTA

Two leading national Black organizations have called for all Americans to wear a black or colored ribbon as a gesture of respect and universal empathy for the bereaved families of the murdered and missing children in Atlanta until the case has been solved.

The Coalition For Black Colleges and The National Black Child Development Institute have joined forces to launch a nationwide Black Children's Campaign on behalf of the slain and missing children. The slogan of the campaign is, "We Must Do More!" Its objective is to focus as much public attention as possible on Atlanta's children so that America will respond to this crisis with the deliberate speed that it demands.

"We in the national Black community have a collective responsibility to do everything we can to eradicate all forms of injustice against them. This assault on Black lives, reminiscent of a bygone era of kidnappings and lynchings, challenges America's moral conscience with a gravity that is unparalleled in modern American History," says Tony Brown, founder and coordinator of The Coalition For Black Colleges.

He continues, "America is being held hostage to the suspicion and fear which besieges not only Atlanta and Buffalo, but every American city until the killer or killers has/have been brought to justice. White America, therefore, indeed all America has a great if not greater stake in solving the Atlanta murders of children and the Buffalo murders of Black men if the great American ideals embodied in the Declaration and the Constitution are to be maintained."

Sadly, the deaths and disappearances of Atlanta's Black children coincide with a period in which nationwide conditions for many Black children have reached deplorable and disgraceful levels.

In a recent study, The National Black Child Development Institute confirmed that vastly disproportionate numbers of Black children face inequitable and unnecessary obstacles to their development in virtually every sphere that can affect their lives. "If both the situation in Atlanta and the incredible fact that 42 percent of Black children live in poverty are viewed in a larger context, it becomes inescapable that we can't afford to wait any longer. Only the concerted and consistent mobilization of the Black community offers any hope of arresting the worsening picture for Black children," says Evelyn Moore, Executive Director of The National Black Child Development Institute. "Who, if not us," she asks, "will be responsible for Black children?"

The Coalition For Black Colleges and The National Black Child Development Institute point out that the wearing of ribbons successfully reminded Americans of our patriotic duty to the hostages in Iran. "This domestic tragedy is comparable to if not worse than the taking of hostages in Iran and black ribbons will remind us of our moral obligations to Black children. They will become a profound symbol of the tragic deaths and an equally evocative statement of our national solidarity to protect the defenseless," states Tony Brown.

The Black Children's Campaign also emphasizes the color black because of its association with mourning and when tied to the American flag, it vividly reminds Americans that the nation's morality is endangered. The Atlanta incident is a tragedy for all Americans.

The Campaign believes that this simple expression of moral support from the country would assist the families and workers of Atlanta as they face the stark terror of their situation and let them know that we share their deep sense of loss and anguish.

The Campaign is urging that Americans in addition to wearing a ribbon: volunteer to serve as an area coordinator; inform as many people as you can by passing out fliers in your community; call your radio and television stations urging them to publicize the Campaign and give appropriate news coverage to the Atlanta situation; endorse and solicit endorsements for the Black Children's Campaign.

For more information write: Black Children, 1463 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

## CURE THE DISEASE - KILL THE PATIENT or THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS, BUT THE PATIENT DIED

By Bill Hunter

Why is it that we Americans always go to extremes. Do you remember a young fellow named Ralph Nader. He wrote a book called Unsafe At Any Speed. It was about a General Motors car called The Corvair. G.M. went to extremes to discredit him. They tried to paint a picture of him as a homosexual, deviate, pervert anything they could think of. Finally G.M. gave up, and the Chairman of the Board of GM apologized publicly to Ralph Nader.

Don't you know Mr. Ralph Nader sued GM and collected six million dollars. Mr. Nader head of Naders Raders is today the Consumer Advocate who believes he is watchdog for the people. Don't get in his way if you are in business. He has already gone to extremes.

The little story above is to set you up for what is coming now. Our President, Mr. Ronald Reagan or Ron or Ronnie has leaped out to head the field by a wide margin in going to extremes. The President during his campaign made everybody a lot of promises. By GOD he means to keep them no matter what the cost or no matter who the cost. President Reagan probably realizes that he is a one term president. At age 70 he would be 74 when he runs again and this writer would find it hard voting for a 74 year old man. With this one term in mind President Reagan probably wants to go down as a great president. Mr. President, PLEASE STOP. BACK UP. SIT DOWN AND THINK. DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING? You want to cut CETA 3.7 billion and eliminate it by 1983.

You want to cut Medicaid, welfare, student loans, elementary, and secondary school aid, unemployment, social security disability, food stamps, social services, and that's just a few, all it seems intended to either hurt the poor or the old. Mr. President have you taken leave of your senses? I know that there have been abuses, in CETA, student loans, Social Security Disability, Medicaid, unemployment, elementary & secondary school aid, Food Stamps, Social Services. Mr. President, may I make a suggestion. Go after the abusers. You know the kids that haven't paid for their school loans! Go out and collect them (you have the IRS collecting from everybody else). You know the medicaid frauds perpetrated by doctors and hospitals. Arrest them, strip them of their licenses and put them in jail. But you know Mr. President what I just wrote about the abusers...there just nothing compared to the guys and gals in your city. You know Washington D.C. home of Watergate, Abscam. Mr. President look at the administrators of these programs. The people who handle the money. Find out Mr. President why a program funded for a billion only gets lets say a million by the time the money leaves Washington for the people who were to receive it, then Mr. President make your cuts. Start at the TOP Mr. President not at the bottom where the old, the poor and the sick are. Some called this program, "Reagan's New Beginning." I believe it's going to cure the disease, but kill a lot of patients.

