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now believe to be a high level conspiracy.

WE are further concerned that the funding of previously well-conceived programs is being re-allocated to other local groups to fragment the community and disguise the issue, cloaking the matter in such a way as to cast dispersions on the SNEDC, Inc., which produces a pronounced state of ambiguity as to both the current crisis looming in the courts as well as whether or not future funds will be channelled in the direction of the westside community for economic development. However, despite the dastardly deeds of the perpetrators behind this scurrilous activity, this ploy, will not work. I repeat, it will not work.

Our deliberations revealed that it appears that the progress resulting from an "effective entity" has been erased and the same entity replaced by a loosely constructed body (under the guise of a task force) whose conclusions can only realistically be the same as those reached in a similar study conducted over five years ago, that conclusion being that something needs to be done in the westside community for its citizens economically. The effect of the dismantling of SNEDC, Inc., was to postpone, if not eradicate, any real gains being made so that no true economic development or growth would be realized in that community. In other words, "local state and federal officials sabotaged this ship before it left the port, by drilling holes in the hull". But what we have seen is that the "captain of this ship was not responsible for its sinking." Rather, while adrift in deep water, he personally tried to patch up the holes to prevent it from sinking while simultaneously being ambushed from the mainland by those destined and determined to see this ship go down.

We have spent the past two days studying

documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, and a room full of paper work accumulated during the active life of the SNEDC, Inc. After having concluded this study, the Ministers Alliance took me on an extensive tour of the westside community, highlighted by candid corner conversations with many of its deprived citizens. I left that tour determined that the conditions of its citizens, along with the visual evidence of a local, state and federal conspiracy to maintain this oppression, totally warrants the intervention of the National Black Pastors' Conference and the exposing of all gathered facts before the national forum.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us be clear. We have not touched the tip of the iceberg. There is much we have left unsaid. But all that we have declined to say in this article, this morning, will surely be said in the very near future. The black community, and all justice-minded citizens of the City of Las Vegas will be fully informed as to all the deception, trickery, conniving and demagogery that has taken place in this town over this matter. We are hauntingly reminding those involved of an ancient philosophical axiom that runs through every episode of every drama in human history. And that truth is "TRUTH, WHEN CRUSHED TO THE GROUND, WILL ALWAYS RISE AGAIN!"

That truth will triumph, we are calling for a Mass Protest Rally to be held November 13, 1981, at the True Love Baptist Church, 1941 North "H", at 7:00 o'clock p.m., to inform the citizens of this community that no longer will their voices go unheard; no longer will their tears be shed in vain. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy and jobs will come in the morning. What we do - we must do! Our people are "listening for the trumpet of prophetic protest. And where the trumpet is expected, the flute will not suffice. We are tired of injustice and we will no longer tolerate inequality. We have had

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tion sounds like a good idea until you realize that there is no way a judge can predict a likelihood of an accused person's turning up for trial.

Without hard evidence that accurate predictions can be made — and all studies indicate the contrary, especially when applied to blacks — we shouldn't weaken the governing assumption of our legal system that an accused person is innocent until proven guilty.

The same holds for the so-called exclusionary rule, which the Task Force wants weakened. That rule prevents illegally obtained evidence from being used in a criminal trial, and it is based on Fourth Amendment protections against illegal search and seizure.

The exclusionary rule keeps law enforcement agents "honest," since they know they have to go by the book or lose

their case in court. But it does more than that too. It protects all citizens from arbitrary police behavior, it increases respect for the law, and it removes incentives for law enforcement officials to abuse their power.

Weakening the exclusionary rule will not add to the conviction rate. Despite a handful of publicized, extreme cases few people have escaped a guilty verdict because of it. Again, this is an instance where a precious constitutional right should not be compromised to satisfy a purely rhetorical "get-tough" stance.

All the talk about building more prisons and drilling holes in the constitutional safety net avoids the real issue of attacking the causes of crime.

A society that has full employment, equal opportunities, decent education and housing for all, and eliminates discriminations will be a society that is relatively crime-free.

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blue-blooded Americans with money to burn. Tickets to this annual event at \$500. per and tables go for \$5000 for ten seats. However, that isn't what is unique about this organization. It is its purpose which lights up my hopes and dreams of the future and renews my faith in God created humanity.

The story of the World Mercy Fund started with caring in the heart and soul of Father Thomas Rooney, who has won world wide recognition as its founder, and now president of the Fund. A former oil engineer, he made a trip to West Africa, and that changed his life. Said he, "I got the feeling that human life had lost its value in places like Africa and India. Men don't look at

it up to here with political pledges and promises. Ladies and gentlemen, "Enough is Enough!!!"

these people as individuals—as human; they're numbers and it's becoming more and more difficult to get the true message of the reality of life across in a materialistic world.

When I got to Africa, there was no night life, so I used to take my recreation with a group of local missionaries. I got interested in their struggle to bring social amenities to the poor people. One of them asked me to help. I thought he was asking for a donation."

Tom Rooney's donation, said the Boston Globe, was his life. And he soon would return to the hunger-scarred heart of Africa to try and bring some small sense of hope to people who would kill for food. The area he lived in was bigger than New England. There were only 2-3 doctors for over 3-million people. The infant mortality rate was 70% and people drank mud for water, considered ants and rats food....STAY LOOSE.

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been deplorable. The Administration has violated international law in setting up its "kangaroo courts" at sea. Moreover, it has proposed a major revision of immigration law which would permit detention of refugees in special camps exempt from most environmental codes. In addition, the Administration's plan seeks to severely limit the role of Federal courts in reviewing decisions made by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Such emergency measures are a clear affront to human dignity and a violation of due process. They betray an absence of compassion and one can only hope that the proposals will be drastically revamped before being enacted into law.

Yet it is clear that the problem of an unending exodus of refugees from Haiti and other tyrannies will not disappear. What, then, can be done in order to assure that those who are fleeing political repression are treated fairly?

In my view the answer requires creating a board which would monitor and review applications for political asylum. Such a board

could be created with the active participation of human rights and humanitarian organizations. The body could serve as a kind of an appeals board, charged with the responsibility of reviewing the often callous and legalistically-minded decisions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The functioning of such an independent entity and the broadening of the concept of a "political" refugee to include those who flee both right-wing and left-wing dictatorships would serve to make clear the basis of our nation's policies concerning refugees.

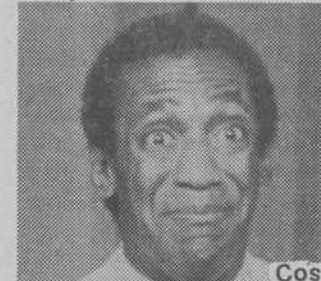
It would make clear to the people of Haiti and other dictatorships that if they can demonstrate convincingly that they are fleeing political oppression and not merely seeking to better their economic lot, then the United States remains a place of asylum, a sanctuary.

In the absence of such a clear-cut policy, which realistically acknowledges that the United States cannot open its doors to everyone who seeks to escape Third World poverty, we will be unable to prevent other catastrophes which so dishonor the soil of a country founded by refugees and immigrants.

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Comic Redd Foxx. Honorary Chairman is singer and hotel owner Wayne Newton.



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The guest speaker for the evening will be Attorney Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, the first black woman elected to the U. S. Congress from California. Attorney Burke presently is with

the law firm of Kutax, Rock & Huie and is the first woman and the first black person to serve on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

In attendance at this banquet will be National Executive Director of NAACP Benjamin Hooks. Several Black Mayors from around the country will be represented by proclamations from their cities proclaiming Nov. 22 as Sammy Davis Jr. Day.

Lovell Gaines, local chapter president is encouraging all to attend.

Dinner and entertainment tickets may be obtained at the NAACP Office, 1040 W. Owens Ave., phone 648-2880.