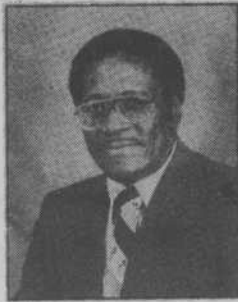


THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
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NAACP as an Organizer

One might ask what is the role of the NAACP? What purpose does it serve? Who does it serve?

From its very inception in 1909 the NAACP has played the role of a community organizer of people. The founding fathers of the NAACP knew that there is strength in unity . . . Together We Stand Divided We Fall.

Bringing people together to serve their own self interest is the mission of the NAACP. Someone might refer to this as people power.

The kind of organizing that I am speaking of expresses itself in the total concept of awareness, commitment, perseverance and goals. In other words effective organizing will produce good results.

People will not organize themselves. Leadership must be given to them relative to the know how.

In the book of Proverbs 29:18 the Bible teaches us "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Through community organizations the people perceive a vision as well as hope.

In Las Vegas, Black people need to organize and create employment for themselves, to break the circle of

unemployment and welfare, to insist that black boys and girls will be able to do reading, writing and arithmetic before they finish high school.

To teach our Black boys and girls that there is no hope in dope either in its sale or use.

Teach them to organize themselves spiritually and as Ecclesiastics 12:1 says "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw near, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

NAACP as a Fighter of Injustice

The NAACP was born fighting. In 1909 the issue was lynching when Black men could be lynched without paying a penalty.

Then there was the all white primaries in the south, which required Blacks to pay poll taxes or they could not vote.

Jim Crow laws prevented Black people from traveling as they wanted to on trains and planes. From living where they were able to rent or buy restrictions of discrimination were everywhere and on everything.

The rent or sale of real

property, public accommodations, taxi cabs, undertakers and cemeteries, loans and insurance were rated high in Black postal zones.

Most Black people who will admit being over 30 years of age know how the president of the United States of America had to call out the National Guard to ensure the safety of several Black boys and girls when the court ordered that they must be allowed to go to Little Rock High School.

The television cameras were placed on Governor George Wallace as he stood in the door of the University of Alabama preventing the entry of Blacks.

Ole Miss or the University of Mississippi is another place where millions of American taxpayers' dollars were spent in the courts and elsewhere in an attempt to maintain segregation.

Don't let anyone tell you differently, the NAACP was right in the very heart of this fight against three injustices.

Congress passed laws striking down many of these Jim Crow policies. The NAACP waged a battle in every court in the land, including the U.S. Supreme Court fighting the good and successfully fight for all Americans.

Thanks to God, this was a fight for justice which included U.S. President, Supreme Court Justices, Governors, Congressmen, Mayors, City Councilmen, County Commissioners as well as Religious Leaders.

The Fight For Freedom Goes On

In Nevada and Las Vegas too many Black people have lost hope. These negative attitudes and dispositions are reflected in the lack of love and respect too many have for themselves as well as others.

Freedom has never come easy for any people and it won't come neither soon or easy to us.

Someone has rightly written that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Anything that is precious as Freedom is worth fighting

for. The race is not given to the swift or strong but to them that endureth until the end.

Come on NAACPers let's fight the good fight for Freedom. Don't let anything or anybody take your zest or zeal for Freedom from you.

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Judge places former NLV secretary on probation

Pamela Atkins, convicted of 22 counts of forgery and 13 counts of embezzling funds from the city of North Las Vegas while employed as a secretary for the city's recreation department, was placed on probation Thursday.

District Judge Thomas Foley suspended a 20-year prison term and placed Atkins on probation for five years. As a condition of probation, the judge ordered Atkins to make restitution to the city of North Las Vegas in the amount of \$5,144.

A report by the state parole and probation department

recommended that Atkins be placed on probation.

Atkins was suspended without pay when North Las Vegas city officials discovered that funds had been embezzled from the recreation department.

City officials said a police investigation revealed that more than \$100,000 had been embezzled from the department during a 2 1/2-year period. Atkins was the only one arrested as a result of the investigation, but officials said they suspected others may have been involved. Atkins was arrested in March 1983.

Prosecutor Tom Leen said authorities were not able to prove that Atkins was responsible for embezzling more than the amount she was required to pay in restitution to the city.

North Las Vegas officials said the embezzlement came to light after citizens began inquiring.

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the poor.

The "trickle-down" theory doesn't work in housing either. That says if you build housing for the middle class, people will upgrade their housing and the poor will inherit the apartments of the mobile middle class.

But rising costs have blasted that theory out of the water, and some cities where homelessness is worse are the same ones that show a rapid rise in new housing for the affluent, who are the prime beneficiaries of national housing policy.

Subsidies for the poor have been cut heavily, and even before the cuts the vast majority of the poor who qualified for housing assistance did not get it. But the bulk of federal housing aid is in the form of tax deductions for mortgage interest and local property taxes, amounting to \$40 billion a year — over four times as much as all direct housing subsidies to the poor.

So we need to fashion a new national housing policy that addresses the urgent needs of the poor, beginning with emergency aid for the homeless and moving on to a massive increase in the supply of affordable housing.

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to be achieved.

It is obvious that distortion of events, misplaced quoted statement, omission of germane information, and fabrication of facts were interlaced throughout the article, as well as inaccurate statements which were inserted to provide the legislature and the public with a negative image of the New Dawn project, and Assemblyman Gene Collins and the project Coordinator Otis Harris. This was done immediately before the vote of 39-2.

The offer of Clyde Weiss (the reporter who wrote the story) to write a retraction confirms that he knew of the inaccuracies and was aware that a retraction would come too late, because the damage would already be done. He would have accomplished what he had set out to do.

The community not only lost the impact of the \$150,000 dollars, but also the potential \$15,000,000 dollar plant that it would bring, and the \$25,000,000 dollars in annual revenue generated by the project's activities over the next six years.

It is obvious that the reporter never spoke with the City of Las Vegas Department of Economic Development or the City Manager, nor any member of the New Dawn Technical institute. If he had he would have determined that everyone associated with the project is of the highest integrity. He would have determined that all project funds, both public and private would be administered by the city. He would have determined that the only funds now available from anywhere go directly to the City of Las Vegas and are to be used for a feasibility study. He would also have found that these type of projects are not new and are successful all across the country. He would have found that we are working to get the most successful of these into Las Vegas such as The Utah Innovation Foundation, or Control Data. These all cost more than the pre-construction cost that we asked the State to supply.

We have no other resource but to believe the whole article was racially motivated to once again deny people access to the economic system.

Sincerely,
Otis R. Harris
Project Coordinator

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