

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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The purpose of the NAACP March for Human Dignity in South Africa and at Home is to seek worldwide support for a one-person, one-vote policy in South Africa. In

addition, the NAACP is launching a national voter participation program that will link domestic and international issues. The South African white minority

government denies basic civil, political, and economic rights to the country's 72% black majority population. Some white South Africans have vowed they will never allow one-person, one-vote in South Africa, which has a white population of only 5 million. One-person, one-vote would mean the transition from apartheid to self-determination. The NAACP's march is to advocate a peaceful, political change.

The march will begin June 1, 1986, in Los Angeles,

California and culminate in time for the NAACP 77th Annual Convention in July, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The 3,000-mile trek will be the first cross country civil rights march in history. Local NAACP chapters and marchers along the route will collect signatures for petitions, and conduct rallies and symposiums demanding the right to vote for South African blacks. The petitions will be presented to the United States Congress, the South African Embassy in

Washington, D.C., and the United Nations. In addition, the NAACP will register voters and will highlight domestic issues such as unemployment, the black family structure, teenage pregnancy, school drop-outs, crime, and financial self-determination. All Americans will be encouraged to actively participate in local, state, and federal elections and to examine the voting records of candidates seeking public office. (Las Vegas will be their first stop after leaving Los Angeles.)

During the march, 20 Core Marchers, selected from across the country, will be supported by hundreds of NAACP chapters, labor, religious, and civic organizations in each state. The march will wind through 16 states and 37 cities: where-upon NAACP delegates from around the nation will participate in the final leg of the march in Baltimore, Maryland.

**--The Political Season
Is Upon Us In
Las Vegas Nevada--**

Almost every day we read in our daily newspapers, where another person is announcing his or her intentions to run for some political office. First of all, everyone who qualifies should be encouraged to register. Secondly to learn about the issues, those that arise out of the various political campaigns as well as those that will appear on the ballot and thirdly to go out and vote on election day. As Black people, too many of us do not vote on election day and the excuses we usually give are our vote doesn't count, or politics are crooked or voting is against our religion. History shows that elections have been won or lost by one vote. Moreover, since politics are involved in every aspect of our lives, from birth to death, we should face the issues and elect people to office who demonstrate the love of God in their lives and finally the Bible says, "Render unto Caesar, that of Caesar and unto God that of God."

**--If You Don't Vote,
Don't Squawk About
What Is Wrong In
Government--**

If you won't register and vote then you are not counted in anything. You are not counted when the Federal Government apportions Block Grant monies to come back to the state. You are not

counted when the count is made to determine if the State of Nevada is entitled to another Congressional person, and you are not counted or selected when the time comes to select jurors. If you won't register and vote those who do vote are making decisions for you. Therefore, when things go wrong, you don't have a right to squawk or voice your disapproval. To my reading public, those who read this column on a weekly basis, I hope and pray that the indictments contained herein do not apply to you, however, if they do, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. Black people must vote so that the sacrificed lives of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers and Rev. Harry T. Moore will not have been given in vain!

The NAACP went to court and won your right to vote.

For many years Black people were denied the right to vote in the South in the so-called white primaries. Some of the legislators to pass laws that said anyone who's grandfather or great grandfathers were slaves were not permitted to vote. Still others demanded that Blacks who were seeking the right to vote must pay poll tax or must have been owners of land. In Louisiana, I know for a fact that when Blacks presented themselves before the Register of Voters they were asked questions whose answers were impossible to give, such as they were requested to recite certain portions of the Constitution of the United States or "how many bubbles are there in a bar of soap?" The NAACP went to court and had all of those anti-voting laws nullified or found to be unconstitutional.

So you see, the NAACP made it possible for you to exercise your right of franchise.

**--Nevada Falls In Last
Place In The Percentage
Of Eligible Votes Cast--**

In a recent article of one of our daily newspapers in Las Vegas, it was reported that in terms of the percentage of actual votes cast* Nevadans hold the dubious distinction of being in last place of all the fifty states in the United States of America. When we consider the fact that Nevada is one of the small states in the Union in terms of population is all the more reason why every vote we cast is important.

During the next session of the Nevada legislature the

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