

# BROWN

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Steve Biko, a Black South African freedom fighter, "existed primarily to raise Donald Woods' consciousness about racial injustice." In other words, Biko's integrity was sacrificed to enhance Woods' image. The object, of course, was to create a "White star."

"A Dry White Season," another South African theme, used a Black revolutionary character's virtues and insight to prop-up the believability of another White hero, played by Donald Sutherland. Marlon Brando played the White liberal hero, just in case you missed Sutherland-the-converted.

McCarthy blames Hollywood for the distortion. "The truth is that once MEM/United Artists took over production, it became a White film — and in that perspective, Blacks cannot be the main heroes."

The reason for this is that White movie and TV producers, like many others of their color, find it difficult, if not impossible, to ascribe notility to another race. Being a hero requires intelligence, courage, and moral conviction, which to many Whites are essentially White traits. Blacks can provide emotion, inspiration, even be martyrs to a cause. But Whites must be the main movers and shakers. Their reluctance to recognize Blacks as heroes is essential, a failure to recognize their humanity," the columnist believes.

A failure to "recognize their humanity" is the reason these power brokers foster racist myths, McCarthy concludes.

Then why do African-Americans seek truth and freedom from them? The Caucasians who control Hollywood and the TV networks worship greed — not truth. Humanity is an abstract concept to them, some strange emotion to be packaged to increase the box office or win the ratings war during a sweeps month.

But now that McCarthy and so many others have so eloquently diagnosed the problem, what do African-American people do? The first thing that they must do is recognize the movie industry as a source of "lies, distortions and greed. Liars cannot teach the truth — it's not in them." The behavior of greed is based on the emotion of shame; it is a

source of psychological compensation for feelings of inadequacy.

Therefore, those outside of the Hollywood gene pool will never be included or treated fairly because these in the gene pool are essentially unfair. So why bother with them?

As the cowboy himself said the solution for the Indians is to develop a viable response. Presently, African-Americans are exclusively consumers of movies in search of immediate gratification. We buy 50% of the tickets to all movies in America and do not own one brick in Hollywood. And the answer is some jive poverty program promising us eternal life in the affirmative-action unemployment line.

Besides, who, other than African-Americans, ever said or assumed that "White-controlled Hollywood or TV networks" were interested in our image or welfare? If we don't take action ourselves, all we will ever do is ask, "Why?" Look inward. Physician, heal thyself!

# DREAMS

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4. That homes which are a threat to human life must be condemned immediately.

The proposal which they were offered by HUD was far from what most of the residents desired. Windsor Park homes are owned by HUD and the property is owned by the City of North Las Vegas. HUD asked the homeowners to sign over their deeds to their homes to it and then lease another HUD home for a term of one year. By signing their homes over to HUD, the homeowners would have avoided foreclosure on them. After having leased the home for one year, they then would have an option to buy, that is, if they are qualifiable. The monthly rent that they would pay on the house for that one year term could be set as a down payment on the mortgage. Five residents of Windsor Park accepted this proposal out of desperation and fear for their families' lives.

When a house starts shifting and moving, it breaks electrical lines and gas lines, cracks foundations and causes astronomical repair bills for the homeowner. Windsor Park has gas lines and electrical lines running beneath it and, sadly, simultaneously breaking. If a

# JACOB

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Court's actions.

In effect, the Court has sent a terrible message to America -- that it is drilling loopholes in anti-discrimination laws and minority rights may be violated.

Now, the Congress must send a positive message to both the Court and the American people -- that discrimination will not be tolerated.

The proposed Civil Rights Act of 1990 does that, and a measure of its probable effectiveness are the alarm bells set off among its opponents who are waging an all-out effort to defeat it.

They're claiming that a new law is not necessary -- despite the overwhelming evidence of gross disparities between African Americans and white workers that scholars have found is largely due to discriminatory practices.

They charge the Civil Rights Act of 1990 is a new affirmative action law and raise the specter of quotas, when it is nothing of the kind. The proposed law would simply restore employment practices to where they were before the Court acted.

It doesn't even address damaging affirmative action decisions, such as the Court's overturning a city minority set-aside purchasing program. If

gas line and an electrical line were to break at the same time, it would only take one spark to turn Windsor Park into a burning explosive inferno.

Miss Walker and her associates feel that something must be done to correct what has happened and taken place in their community. The residents of Windsor Park are hard-working, taxpaying, honest and voting citizens. They feel that they have been dealt a bad hand in the poker game of purchasing a home. They are not looking for a free lunch or bus pass, just some help in their critical situation. Miss Walker and her supporters have expressed that they will not support any political candidates that ignore their plea for help and only extend themselves with empathy with the absence of action.

The incident of Windsor Park is an unusual event in the North Las Vegas and Las Vegas Valley area, but it is not something we can categorize as just a Windsor Park problem. This is a

anything, Congress needs to undo that decision.

Critics also want to scrap the provisions of the bill that allow victims of discrimination and harassment to sue for damages.

It seems to me that when the judicial system finds that someone is wronged, they should be entitled to compensation. Otherwise, the perpetrator gets away free.

And where the courts find gross, intentional violations of rights that warrant punitive damages, such punishment should be enforced.

Those means of redress are an integral part of our justice system, routinely applied to other forms of victimization. Refusing to apply them to discrimination cases is itself discriminatory -- a way of saying that bias is a minor misdemeanor, like a parking ticket.

By restoring the right to sue for compensatory damages, the bill helps to make anti-discrimination laws largely self-enforcing, just as product liability claims force manufacturers to do a better job of ensuring that their products are safe.

It is urgent that this proposed new law be passed without delay. The last time Congress tried to overturn a Court decision that encouraged violation of basic civil rights, it took four years to pass.

With discrimination so common and the legal tools to counter it limited by the Court's actions, we can't afford that long a wait. Congress and the Administration need to enact into law a measure that would roll back last year's Court challenge to justice and fair play.

problem about which we all should be concerned, because it could happen to anyone of us. The action that

# CAREY

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each other's business, things will go smoothly and Carey Arms will begin to flourish," she concluded.

While following up on our interview this past Tuesday, the CIA had about 15 boxes of free bread stacked up all over their office that they acquired and were giving away to the tenants and the poor. They had also scheduled a speaker from the Rape Crisis Center to come and address the staff on how to utilize their services if ever needed.

Don Burse, Chief of Security at Carey Arms complex, has received nothing but praise from the tenants since being hired by Williams. Although Williams and Smith have only been there for several months, Chief Burse and his staff have a long list of experiences in private security for a number of years. Burse is a soft-spoken, no-nonsense professional security chief, with a competent able-bodied staff of officers who know their job and take it seriously. He and his staff know the dangers of the job and take all necessary precautions to maintain the safety and security of all residents. He said it was Williams' commitment to security that caused him to take the job.

"Ms. Williams and Ms. Smith have been extremely supporting of me and my staff. They have supplied us with the state-of-the-art communications radio equipment and made no fuss about money when things were needed. It was their commitment that caused my decision to take this job. We are dealing with drive-by shootings, gang warfare, drug trafficking and the like, and you must be adequately equipped to be effective," he said. "We were not used to this kind of commitment in some of our past jobs. That's why we know we can make a difference."

Burse also was kind enough to offer this Sentinel-Voice reporter and our Marketing Director, Ramon Savoy, an opportunity to ride with them on a typical security run-fully equipped with bullet-proofed vests. We intend to honor his offer at a later date.

In the meantime, Carey Arms Apartments management and the CIA will be giving each other enough time to come together and make a difference for the good of the entire community.

Since the new management and security staff have taken over, drug trafficking, gang violence, and theft have all significantly decreased. The security team has assisted the North Las Vegas Police and Metro on several occasions and are highly regarded by both departments.

With the type of staff that Williams is putting together, and the dedication of Smith and the CIA working together towards common goals, Carey Arms Apartments is sure to be upgraded and the quality of life will be improved. The tenants must also do their part by taking an "active" interest in keeping their community clean and safe, and by utilizing management, security, the police departments and the CIA whenever necessary.

we as citizens take today idly by and watch the Windsor Park residents' dreams sink into the ground, then we are no better to have to suffer the same fate.



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