

## THE NAACP AND YOU!



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This week "The NAACP and You" features a column written by Nationally Syndicated Columnist Tony Brown.

### The NAACP Should Tell Blacks to Grow Up

When the neo-racist terrorists look for their most logical target, they think of the NAACP. They do so because the NAACP symbolizes the greatest single obstacle to the spread of White racism.

In July of last year, these terrorists fired shots into the NAACP office in Baltimore. In August, a package sent by the terrorists exploded in the NAACP's Regional Office in Atlanta.

On December 18, 1989, Robert Robinson, a Savannah attorney known for handling NAACP cases, was killed - literally blown apart - when he opened a package in his home. On the following day, a similar bomb was sent to the president of the Jacksonville, Florida NAACP. She avoided certain death because of her suspicions.

On January 1 of this year, White supremacists appeared at the NAACP headquarters shouting approval of the acts of violence. These attacks are not aimed at Ben Hooks and his staff alone, they are aimed at killing the heart of our resistance.

Perhaps your chances of

getting bombed are slim because you don't work in a NAACP office or you are not a NAACP leader, but your chances of not having a job or being poor are good - if you're Black.

That's why the NAACP has signed 49 "fair share" economic agreements with firms since 1982 and is currently negotiating with CBS Records as a breakthrough into the \$6.5 billion record industry.

The fair-share concept, as the NAACP's director of economic development Fred Rasheed explains, is simple: Blacks consume very heavily and Blacks should get a "fair share" in return for keeping corporate profits high. For example, Black teenagers alone buy over 40% of all records sold.

"Fair Share" pacts guarantee that the firms will buy from Black suppliers, donate money to non-profit community projects and, of course, hire Blacks in fair numbers. The NAACP has been helping Blacks in similar ways since 1909.

So when the District of Columbia NAACP branch sent out 2,000 letters in April

1990 asking for \$10 memberships, Timothy Pratt, the head of the membership committee, expected Blacks to show their appreciation for all the dying and "fair shares" over the years. What kind of return did the NAACP get from the 2,000 letters?

"As of today, we have not received a single response!" Pratt wrote in an open letter.

But during this period, this same NAACP branch received more than 2,000 appeals for help from Black people in D.C. - and not one person had a NAACP membership.

One of those asking help had just been fired from a \$90,000-a-year job. During the good times, he didn't have the consciousness or courtesy to take out a \$10 membership. But once in trouble, he, like the racial terrorists, thought first of the NAACP.

It is obvious, if you think about it, that the White terrorists and Blacks who do not support the NAACP have one thing in common. Neither wants to eliminate racism in America.

Pratt's response to the non-helping Blacks was to remind them that the NAACP "would like to be in a better position to be of assistance."

Why? What does the NAACP owe people like the \$90,000-Negro who refused to spend \$10 with the NAACP to protect his job?

If your car won't start or you have a flat tire, will AAA come out to help you unless you have a membership? Do you know any club or organization that dispenses benefits without demanding some financial obligation? I don't.

By giving something for nothing, the NAACP is fostering the perpetuation of our historic dependency syndrome that White slave owners created. If you raise a child to expect something for nothing, you will get an ungrateful adult. Just ask the NAACP.

Nelson Mandela came to America last week to get political and economic help for his (our) struggle against racism in South Africa. Mandela did not promise to eliminate oppression without money. He told us he needed money. People can understand that.

As one Harlem mother told her 9-year-old daughter during Mandela's dynamic visit: "He just wants some justice for his people."

Contrast that with the motives of a national Black leader who demanded



SHAME WITNESSED DURING THE Drug Abuse March recently - A mother and her children watch the parade as the little girl holds a can of Old English 800!

### Westside Citizens to Organize Political Action Committee

The Westside Political Action Committee will hold an open forum at 6:30 P.M. on August 14, 1990 at the Doolittle Center, Room A, 1901 N. "J" Street (West Lake Mead and "J") to organize and discuss demanding political action necessary to improve economic and social conditions for West Las Vegas. All interested citizens, religious and community groups are invited to participate.

The time has come for all segments of the westside

\$10,000 from a small NAACP branch for a speech he never made. After legal bullying, he received \$5,000 for the five minutes he did spend telling the audience he could not stay and speak because his son was ill. Later on, he was seen on TV leading a march.

Unlike Mandela and the NAACP, who are using their energies to free us, this Black leader hypocrite-demagogue, just like the \$90,000-Negro, serve the same purpose as the racial terrorists who fire bullets into NAACP offices. They are enemies of our struggle.

But for some reason, perhaps due to misplaced loyalty, the NAACP refuses to tell those Black people to grow up. So as a life member of the NAACP, I'll say it.

You own the NAACP \$10! Many Black youths spend \$179 for a pair of sneakers or \$200 for a scalp-engraved "how Black I am" hairstyle, but refuse to go to college unless White people pay their tuition.

Therefore, send \$10 in money - not jive - to: NAACP, 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215 - NOW!

community to bond together in an assertive manner and demand political action to improve the quality of life for all community residents, the committee declares. Problems to be discussed, with intent of resolution, are: high unemployment of minority youth; job training; housing; war on drugs; economic development; transportation; and voter registration.

It is the committee's feeling that the ever increasing population of the Las Vegas Valley makes it important that the voices of the community be heard and that the City of Las Vegas understand that it has a responsibility to provide programs and services from which the Westside community is not now benefiting.

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### REMINDER.....

Don't forget to attend the NAACP Community Protest Rally this Friday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. This rally is to protest, discuss and plan strategies to combat the escalating amount of police brutality and misconduct we are witnessing in Las Vegas, especially among Black people.

### Forum On Problems of Racism Presented at Library

A forum, "Racism: Is It Alive and Well?" to discuss the problems of racism and to offer solutions, will be presented at the West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake mead Blvd., Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Panelists for the forum are Virginia Brooks-Brewster, Securities Investigator for Nevada's Secretary of State; Faye Duncan-Daniel, re-entry advisor at Clark County Community College; Dr. Roosevelt Fitzgerald, Director of Ethnic Studies at UNLV; Charlotte Fuller, Protective Services Officer for Clark County Juvenile Court; and Captain David Washington, Acting Training Chief of the Las Vegas Fire Department. A question and answer session will be moderated by Dr. Al Gourrier, Principal of Lois Craig Elementary School.

Issues to be discussed include job availability, the educational system, criminal justice system inequities, government involvement, racism and youth and the rise of white supremacist groups.

Seating is limited, so please call 647-2117 for reservations.

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