

“Do the Right Thing”

By Gwen White

It has been supposed by some that Black people don't understand the detain/arrest procedure. Not so. Black people have gained greater experience at being detained and/or arrested than any other ethnic group. They possess the convicted person ID, accumulated rap sheet information, the Juvenile Detention record, and so on...It's a method of head counting.

This is America, not Johannesburg or Soweto. How is it then that a Black man nude and asleep in his bed is ambushed by three vice officers, attacked and murdered? Admittedly Metro was not at his apartment on a complaint, they had no arrest or search warrant. He clearly was not committing a crime in his sleep. Was the alleged conversation between the white girlfriend of Charles Bush the reason he died?

What led Metro to use overkill tactics on Bush, we ask. Were they told that he was violent, a drug user, an escaped convict, a wanted murderer? Did their autopsy trial testimony reflect any of these accusations? I don't believe that their stories coincided, and there is still a question of just how the door key was obtained.

Does Sheriff Moran condone and support the actions of these three officers?

Black people have marched the streets, demonstrating against police brutality and insensitivity. The protesting voices were low, the demonstrators weak in numbers. So, once again eyebrows will be raised and

the action will be attributed to a "few disgruntled trouble makers." Obviously a new approach is needed by Black citizens to get their legitimate concerns addressed.

A clear bell has sounded, a clarion call to action...There must be cohesive effort of Blacks to put their untested potential for solid political action out front. Political action is absolutely necessary; it's fun, hard work and competitive. It's a cooperative effort, it's getting out to support candidates of your choice. It's fundraising, field work and office work, it's a chance to learn a lot about how the system works too. It's open to everyone.

A close scrutiny of the officials who wish to serve must be made. A judgement on how thoroughly they will serve must be determined. Accountability to the community must be extracted from those aspiring to become representatives.

Passing the buck, blaming others is out. Registering to vote is far superior to being registered as a felon. Voting on election day is a whole lot better than lining up at the jailhouse under lock and key.

Freedom is not free, it never has been and it never will be. Effort must be exerted to stay free. Freedom must be fed and cared for, it must be protected and guarded, lest someone take a part of yours for themselves. Freedom will become elusive for those who take it for granted. It must be made to focus squarely in the faces of those who would imprison, degrade and snuff out lives without having to answer for their deeds.

Tony Brown to Keynote Summit Meeting

In his keynote address to a summit meeting of the nation's Black leaders, Tony Brown urged them to cancel their 1992 conventions and form a coalition to use the annual \$3 billion that they spend on annual meetings to develop an economic infrastructure for the Black community.

He proposed that they use their respective 1991 conventions to develop and coordinate an economic recovery plan--which includes the purchase of hotels in the major cities, to be utilized, in part, for their future meetings.

"By 1992, Blacks would be in a position to use the \$3 billion that 150 Black organizations spend annually in hotels and for travel expenses as a capital base to finance our own enterprises and jump start projects to attack the social problems of poor Blacks," the self-help advocate and host of PBS' "Tony Brown's Journal" said.

The NAACP issued the call to this summit meeting that took place August 17 in Washington, D.C. at the Howard Inn to determine what can be done by Blacks themselves to help the so-called underclass.

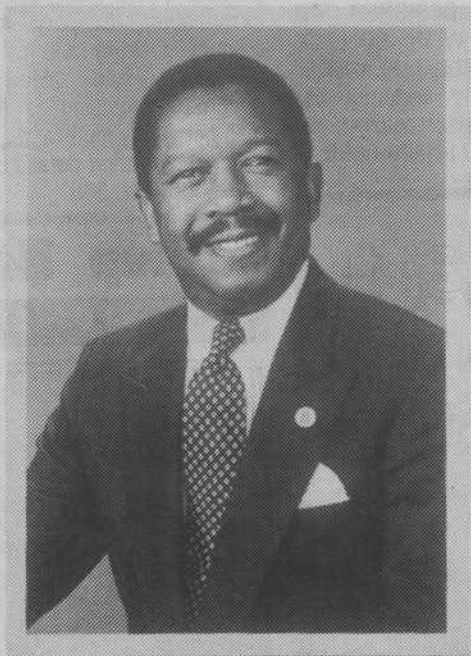
"This conference was not intended to discuss problems, but to stimulate dialogue that may lead to possible solutions. We all have studied the problems enough. Now, we need action," said Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director.

Jacob Speaks at Cal-Pac Convention

NEW YORK, NY -- John E. Jacob, President of the National Urban League was the featured speaker at the California State Package Store & Tavern Owners Associations, (CAL PAC Convention on August 20 in Las Vegas, sponsored by Heublein.

Mr. Jacob who serves as the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Howard University is also a member of the Board of the New York Telephone Company, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., and the National Westminster Bancorp, Inc.

John Shea, Director of External Affairs for Heublein expressed delights in having Mr. Jacob as his luncheon speaker. "John Jacob is one of the nation's outstanding leaders; we are delighted that he agreed to speak at



this all important event." Jacob is listed in Who's Who in Black America and is included among Ebony's 100 most influential Black Americans.

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- * 1989 Community Service Award Black Professional Women's Alliance
- * 1989 Community Service Award Grace Immanuel Baptist Church
- * 1989 Community Service Award Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
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- * 1989 Community Service Award Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
- * 1989 Special Congressional Recognition for Community Service U.S. Senator Harry Reid
- * 1989 Community Service Award Ray & Ross Transport
- * 1989 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Nevada State AFL-CIO
- * 1990 Community Service Award Fordyce Club of Las Vegas
- * 1990 Community Service Award Doolittle Community Center
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