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# -President Bush Flunks His Racial Tes

When the president was vicepresident of the United States under President Ronald Reagan he attended several NAACP National Conventions and had much to say about how fair he wanted to be toward providing Equal Employment Opportunities for Blacks, other minorities and women.

The 1990 Civil Rights Bill gave the President that chance and he flunked it miserably. He vetoed a bill that both Houses of Congress thought would give fair employment opportunities to Black people and he flunked the test. As native Americans or Indians would say, the president "speaks with forked tongue." Now we know that his words of America being a fairer and gentler nation were all pious rhetoric and meaningless. The president flunked the racial fairness test because he ignored the advice he received to sign the 1990 Civil Rights Bill from one of the most conservative members of the Republican party, US Senator Orin Hatch from the State of

The president flunked the racial test because he knows or should have known that the 1990 Civil Rights Bill could not exact quotas upon American businesses through court decision, in-as-much as a special provision had been written in the bill explicitly excluding quotas. The provision read as follows: "Nothing in the Amendments made by this act shall be constructed to

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require or encourage an employer to adopt hiring or promotional quotas on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin."

Obviously, the president did not have a similar obsession with

quotas when he assigned or deployed a large number of Black men and women to the Middle East to fight and die for American interests and oil. However. when they return home they may not be able to get a job in the

country they fought for due to racism. President Bush, you flunked the test on Taxes, the Budget and now the 1990 Civil Rights Bill for Blacks and Women

A community meeting will be held to plan a Prayer Vigil and

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demonstration about the president vetoing the Civil Rights Bill and against the Charles Bush killing on Thursday, Nov. 1, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Immanual Baptist Church, 805 Bartlett, 647-5797, Rev. S.P. Parks, Pastor.

## STATEMENT OF THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMISSION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST UPON THE FAILURE TO OVERRIDE THE VETO OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

The Commission for Racial Justice fears that the inability of our national leaders to legislate an end to employment discrimination will lead to a greater degree of racial polarization in the United States.

If tensions do increase, President Bush has only himself to blame. Presidential actions help set the moral tone of this nation, and the message of Bush's veto is "who cares?"

We find it ironic that while the rest of the world appears to be taking steps toward a greater sense of democracy, the United States seems to be stepping backwards.

The Commission for Racial Justice will be joining with other national civil rights agencies immediately to begin to organize grassroots support in every Congressional district in the

country for the passage of the gress' inability to override the Civil Rights Act of 1991. In other words, we don't intend to allow President Bush's veto or Con- the last word on this matter, and

veto to be the last word. The American people should have we predict that our rights will be one of the major issues facing Congress and the President in

## **WEST COAST BLACK PUBLISHERS ISSUE STATEMENT** ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S VETO OF THE 1990 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Last Friday during its convention at the Alexis Park Resort Hotel, the West Coast Black Publishers Association issued a statement to be forwarded to President George Bush regarding his veto of the Civil Rights Act of 1990

Following is the text of that statement.

#### Bush, Read Our Print

President Bush reneged on his sworn oath of office to represent all of the people as president when he vetoed the 1990 Civil Rights Act.

The Bush veto, announced on the steps of the Whitehouse, flanked by, we're told, Ku Klux Klansman David Duke, sends a clear signal to the African American community that the Republican Party will not represent us. The current party leader of the party who freed the slaves, would like to return to the days of reconstruction.

Despite the allegations that the legislation required quotas, yet nowhere in the Civil Rights bill does it require quotas.

As publishers of the African

American press we want President Bush to read our print. We will not allow him to turn the clock back. We will not allow him to send African American service men and women to fight in the Persian Gulf, to fight and deny them full citizens' rights, when they have been denied the rights to employment, to purchase a home or to have the means to make them full citizens.

Mr. President, the West Coast Black Publishers will not let this issue die. We will stay on vour case until the bells of equal-

ity ring from every room of the Whitehouse. We will stay on your case until your lips sound like the oath of office you took. Until your little brown grandchildren will have true equal rights and not make it just because they are the grandchildren of the President. Mr. Bush, we will stay on your case until you stop reflecting the sick mentality of the Ku Klux Klan, the David Dukes and Tom Metzgers of our nation, who teach hate based on race.

We will stay on your case until you fulfill the Constitutional rights of all citizens in America.

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