

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

ANOTHER TIRED DISCUSSION OF "AFTER FIVE NEGROES"

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In the recent past, readers of this publication have been as-

saulted, yes assaulted by a misguided poorly, throughout attack on what have been called after

five negroes. I will not justify nor elevate that debate to a level of seriousness by commenting on the issue itself. What I will point out is the following: As African Americans we have a myriad of issues that are used to divide us. Whether we have straight hair, kinky hair, big noses, small noses, thin lips, thick lips: whether we belong to the Crips or the Bloods, the Egyptian cobras or the Axstone rangers, and I know I am dating myself, all these things are used to keep us fighting and killing each other as opposed to turning our anger and our wrath on our enemy.

Clearly, we don't catch hell because we have thick lips, we don't catch hell because we don't live on the Westside, we don't catch hell because we belong to the Bloods, we don't catch hell because we belong to the Crips, we don't catch hell because we have kinky hair, because we have slick hair. We catch hell because, from the collective perspective, the Beast, we are all black and we're all targets.

It is time to put aside petty differences and understand why we are in the situation we're in. It's not because we weren't light enough, it's not because we

weren't dark enough. It's because we weren't wise enough to so organize ourselves, so arm ourselves, so ready ourselves for struggle, that clearly when our adversary chose to attack us they would be risking their very lives and their very being. Only when that situation occurs, where it is clear that the expense of the attack on any of our people would be so devastating as to be suicidal, will our people begin to advance.

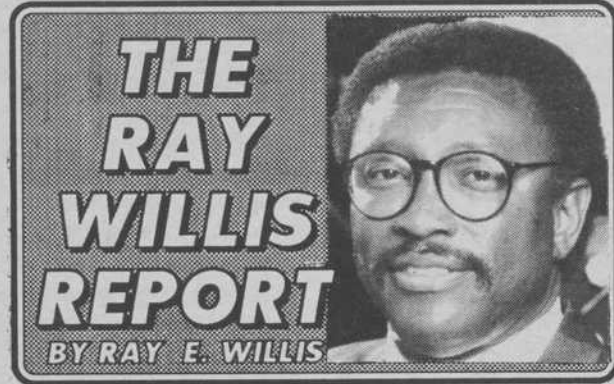
While I personally do not necessarily advocate a violent posture, we must be realistic, violence is as much a part of this

country as "motherhood and apple pie," to borrow a few words. This doesn't mean that I advocate violence, but at the same time I'm not against violence in self defense. I don't even call it violence when it's self defense, I call it "INTELLIGENCE."

If we are going to categorize ourselves, let's be more realistic about doing it, let's categorize ourselves as those who are willing to fight and those who are not m and forget the other divisions, those are not important, the last one is.

La lucha continua!

The Struggle Continues!



WEAPONS ASIDE

Did you know that there are more than 200 million guns in America and that the vast majority of those are made and owned by Whites? That one fact alone should be enough to put to rest rumors that militant Blacks with contraband arms pose a serious threat to this country. In reality, nothing could be farther from the truth. Blacks alone simply don't have the firepower capability to take over America.

The facts didn't seem to matter to many local Whites who made a run on survival and gun stores. They bought every weapon they could find to protect themselves and their families just in case the riots has spread.

In the recent local riots, police reported sporadic gunfire in the West Las Vegas vicinity, mainly from semiautomatic handguns. Despite their initial slow reaction, do you think for one minute the police, of the military, could actually be held at bay for an extended length of time by a few individuals brandishing low-level semi-automatic, or automatic weapons?

Why do I raise this issue? In light of the Los Angeles riots and racial upheavals in other locales, including Las Vegas, many people are speculating about the potential for open revolt sometime in the near future.

But let's not kid ourselves, the reason this topic is on the front burner is because some people mistakenly believe Blacks to be an inherently violent people. I'm here to tell you, that's simply not true.

If that were so, we would have revolted a long time ago during slavery when the odds were in our favor — one plantation owner and a few overseers versus hundreds of slaves. In reality, I don't know that it is fair to say that any race is "naturally" war-like. But, for the sake of argument, let's look further.

In terms of this nation's history, who enslaved Blacks and transported them from Africa to this continent to work as slaves? Who ousted the Indians and claimed their land? In recent months, who initiated the war against Iraq?

Obviously, these acts were not perpetrated directly by Blacks, because we don't have the power to impose wholesale aggression on other large groups.

Another factor to consider are killings at the hands of police. Have you ever heard of a Black policeman anywhere in America shooting to kill a fleeing suspect? Can you say the same for White police officers?

When we look closely at ourselves, we don't see much that's positive. Unfortunately, crime among Blacks is usually Black-on-Black. Very few homicides by comparison involve a Black who kills a White person.

The research strongly suggest that the reason Blacks kill black is because of pent-up frustrations derived from living Black in a predominantly White oriented society.

In light of the these statistics, why are Whites so fearful of Blacks? Why, when a Black male is walking down the sidewalk in the direction of a oncoming group of Whites, are the Whites prone to cross over to the other side—despite the fact that the Blacks make is well-dressed and not exhibiting hostile behavior? A straightforward explanation might be, "I feel guilty that me and my people have consistently wronged you for the last four hundred years so I've got to keep my guard up for fear of retaliation? FEAR.

Until we can get rid of fear, some false, some real, we'll never be able to bridge the racial gap.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

N.L.V. ... THE WESTSIDE STORY

RESPECT

By R.K. Brown

I must establish before I get into this article, that I am a moralist. I can't condone the violence and looting which took place in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict. A major target of these aggressions were Asian shop owners. Although it was a sad chain of events which took place, the seeds of dissatisfaction had been sown months before.

While watching CNN recently, the major commentaries of these Asian merchants, were that blacks don't deserve respect; they should earn it. This concept might be realistic when dealing with war, or some type of competition; but these people have lost total contact of reality! The most basic oath of ANY SERVICE industry, is that the CUSTOMER is always right. If we examine McDonalds, all the way to International Business Systems, this basic rule is the same.

I'm sure most of us have worked in this situation, if only at one of the local hotels. If the consumer has a complaint, (no matter what race, creed, or sex) you must be polite and direct them to the manager. Obviously then, this is a common sense business approach.

Now...if these Asian merchants set up their businesses in Asian communities, and blacks had to go to THEIR communities to make a purchase; then I feel it would be O.K. to drop this basic service rule.

What we find however, is that these merchants put their businesses in the hearts of minority communities, making large amounts of money from these communities; and at the same time not having a drop of respect for the people who keep them in

business. They don't even respect the basic human or economic value of these consumers.

By listening to racist propaganda from conservatives and believing in the Japanese government's assessment that minority communities in America are inferior; they have been brainwashed into believing minority communities don't deserve

respect! This delusion of reality will never be accepted. It is O.K. to believe in racist principles, if your private service is located outside the minority communities. (Country Clubs). If you build your business in the heart of minority communities, because your community won't provide the large enough economic base; common sense says you

should respect; and appreciate the community that does make YOUR BUSINESS possible!

Until these Asians merchants realize that Blacks have fought and died for 400 years, for the rights and advancement of ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR, they will continue to be the object of resentment. Not only do Blacks want RESPECT, THEY DEMAND IT! PEACE...

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

After meeting with other citizens immediately following the burning and looting in the community, a request was made for all African-Americans to patronize only Black owned businesses; whether it be our community grocery stores, beauty and barber shops, record stores, realtors, doctors, lawyers or our own Sentinel-Voice newspaper.

We must make and impact from all directions in order to make a change. We must become more politically, religiously and, most important, economically involved.

To the business owner: A lot of responses from the people who are spending their money in the community were as follows:

Some of our Black owned businesses:

1. Smell bad and are unclean.
2. Have poor lighting and parking
3. Are old and have run-down exteriors & interiors
4. Offer poor customer service

5. Have unfriendly employees
6. Do not stress on employee's appearance
7. Neglect their employee's language
8. Have loiterers hanging around
9. Have trash on the outside of their business
10. Provide smelly meats and poor vegetables
11. Have dusty shelves and filthy floors
12. Do not provide proper air conditioning/heating

Our business owners must take heed to these complaints. Corrective criticism only helps. When we go to the strip or the malls we expect to see those establishments looking & smelling good, with courteous employees.

So we must expect and receive the same treatment from our black businesses.

For those of us that are advocating recycling the Black dollars, we need for our Black business owners to take the necessary steps to get that Black dollar.
—Gwen Walker

