

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

The purpose of this news conference is to bring to the fore the issue of the First Amendment rights of citizens in Nevada and in this country.

If one has followed the most recent news events emanating from the State of Nevada Governor's office as has been carried out by the Department of Motor Vehicles, one would be forced to come to the conclusion that the Bill of Rights ends at the borders of Nevada and that in-

deed, there are no rights or privileges the citizens have which the police authorities in this state are bound to respect.

Most of you should be aware of the incident which occurred on June 6, 1992 in which a member of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Las Vegas Branch, was issued a citation for exercising the First Amendment rights guaranteed to all citizens of this country. The guise in which this was

couched was a citation for interfering with the peaceful conduct of business at a state office building. At the time this citation was issued there were two adults collecting signatures and one child passing out flyers in front of an office building which has an expansive entrance of close to 50 feet in diameter. Even if each of the people involved had laid down toe to toe they would have been able to block the entrance or interfere with the people's entrance and/or exit; much less disrupt the business going on inside. The police authorities know this and they knew full well before responding that they were coming out in a blatant attempt at suppression of First Amendment rights to stop the Alliance from collecting signatures for the Citizens' Control Board of the Metropolitan Police Department.

This incident, along with countless others underscores the urgent need for the creation of a Civilian Control Board as outlined by the Alliance and the initiative which is to be put before the people of the State of Nevada in November. It is clear that police authorities in this state have decided that the Fourth Reich is at hand. That they can now degenerate to their base's level and begin to utilize the same tactics utilized by the "brown shirts" and SS of World War Two in Nazi Germany. Not only do they try to interfere and shut down the drive for civilian control of the police; they have also now, degenerated to the point where they now begin to offer bounties on private citizens.

The recent spectacle on the 20th of June where a combination of 18 state and Metro police officers were present at the Department of Motor Vehicles with seven patrol cars, watching and filming a group of four people collecting signatures, should be an embarrassment for the so far silent Governor Miller, as well as the United States in general. The benchmark of democracy apparently is in favor of Democracy only when it is convenient and only when it is not applied within its own borders. The hypocrisy of this is so great as to—in other circumstances—be laughable.

The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression will not stand idly by and allow jackbooted fanatics of whatever persuasion to trample on the First Amendment Rights

of the Constitution. For this reason we are hereby announcing several areas to which this battle will now be elevated:

First, and most important, there will be a redoubled effort in terms of the collection of signatures to put the issue of a Control Board on the ballot in November. Let us be clear that this is the primary issue, this is the primary focus and we will not allow the police to confuse the people by bringing up extraneous issues.

Second, Nevada and New York counsel will, within the next few days, consider filing a fifty million dollar lawsuit against the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs for, among other things, defamation of character and libel relative to the statement, not dated but issued approximately two weeks ago, concerning their contribution for a reward against anyone plotting to kill officers in which they, very conveniently managed to clearly place a bounty on the

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

WELFARE STATE

By R.K. Brown

A recent national poll concluded that whites are tired of blacks living on welfare. It was suggested that blacks are lazy, and don't want to work. This was also tied into the statistics, showing that the government has given millions of dollars to minority programs in the last 30 years. Conservatives have made some progress in persuading the public that blacks are the reason for the nation's problems.

Obviously, blacks and informed whites realize that this is just another, in a line of conservative race baiting. If we examine all of the circumstances surrounding the American welfare state we can clearly see, that polls and statistics, when dealing with minority concerns, completely lose touch with reality. First and most importantly, if blacks had been given their rightful compensation established during reconstruction, we wouldn't be discussing this topic.

The government allocated millions of acres of land, which was to be given to the newly freed blacks. Each family was suppose to receive 40 acres and a mule, along with seeds and tools. This was the purpose of the homestead act. Even the

head of the Chairperson of this organization.

Third, with regard to their libelous statements in that press release, we will hold not only the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs responsible; but also the authors of that press statement.

Fourth, our attorneys will be going to court in the next few days to seek injunctive relief against the State, the Metropolitan Police Department and against the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to stop the interference with the legal activities of the organizations who are involved in obtaining signatures based on the First Amendment Rights of the Constitution of the United States.

Fifth, we have asked—and he agreed—that Lennox Hinds, the national co-chair of the NAARPR who is well known in terms of Civil Rights and police misconduct litigation, become involved in this and we anticipate that he will be coming to

Las Vegas within the next few weeks.

Finally, let it be clear that the Las Vegas branch of the National Alliance Association of Racist & Political Repression is fully aware of the tactics that the Police Department and the State of Nevada are using in an attempt to thwart the drive for civilian control of the police. They should understand two things:

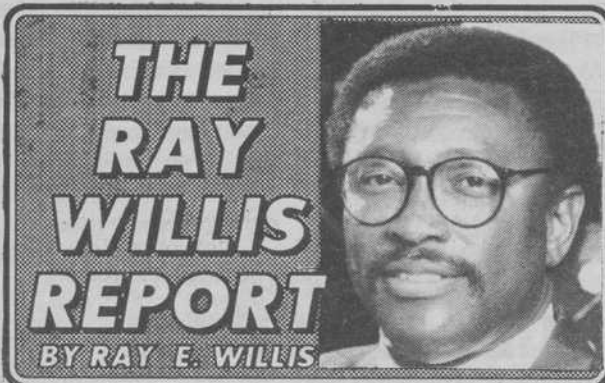
1. That there is nothing that will stop this movement, for it is a movement whose time has not only come, but whose time is long overdue.

2. We will hold the Commander of the State of Police, Sheriff John Moran and his subordinates, as well as the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs and the Metropolitan Police Department; fully responsible for any harm that comes to any member of the Alliance, secondary to the activities of these individuals and organizations. Legal retaliation will be swift and severe.

tens of millions of dollars to public assistance. So what! If the money was given to blacks in a lump sum, or through property, I would have no problem. In that way blacks could invest the money, or come up with other positive ways of controlling their destiny.

What we find however, is that the government purposely wants to provide "rations" so these communities just survive. They would much rather give back our taxes, in a form of exploitation which insures that we have to be provided for. In no way do they want us to take this same earned compensation, and provide for ourselves. By providing the most basic housing and no jobs, they insure the control of a whole community. Just as conservatives wouldn't give blacks land after reconstruction, you better believe that modern racists will continue to operate the minority welfare state.

Peace.....



FOREGONE CONCLUSION

Uh oh! Here we go again. Another one of those insidious race-based studies is about to get underway. You know. The ones where someone decides that a particular inequity is so serious it needs to be thoroughly examined in the name of truth, justice and the American way.

This time the state's highest court, the Nevada Supreme Court, is the entity doing the study. The subject of its proposed study? Whether the state's justice system is affected by racial and economic bias. In other words, they want to confirm whether being Black or poor makes you more likely to be victimized by the criminal justice system.

Now, lest you go off and buy that prime real estate in Pahrump I told you about in a previous column, allow me to continue.

Point Number One - Anytime someone decides to study an issue involving alleged racial discrimination, consider it to be a forgone conclusion that the point of the study is valid. In this case, a study seems absurd. We already know that Blacks are disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system. On the average, Blacks do more time for committing far less crime. So what more could be proven by a study?

Since the average Black earns only 68 percent as much as a comparably educated White person, it's obvious that we have less money to operate with.

That brings us to Point Number Two - Blacks accused of a crime generally can't afford an expensive, high quality defense. So the conviction rates for Blacks are obviously higher. By the same token, people with money usually get off or do less time behind bars than poor people. That takes care of the economic bias part of the Supreme Court's intended study.

Now, where does that leaves us? I guess, back to reality. Despite the obvious, it appears the Nevada Supreme Court will establish a task force to study these two issues anyway.

Point Number Three - What, if anything, will ever come of the study's results?

It doesn't matter whether it's the Nevada Supreme Court or another national, regional or local public entity. Fact of the matter is, the time and effort expended by parties involved in studies of this type could best be used to directly address racial bias instead of unnecessarily analyzing what is all too obvious.

Who needs another study? As my grandfather used to say, "Study long, study wrong!"

To know is to grow. Until next week.

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