

## BLACK ORGANIZATIONS

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the DMV. According to Tate, who has been collecting signatures for the petition since October of 1991, the boundary lines were painted approximately four weeks ago, and since then other organizations, including Nevadans For Lower Taxes, have tried to get Metro to come out and cite them for crossing the lines, but police haven't responded thus far.

"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," Tate said. Since mid-April, the NAARPR has collected over 7,000 of the 17,000 signatures needed to get the issue approved for the November ballot.

"It may take going to court to get them to put it on the ballot," he added.

The Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs, in a statement released early last week, used in an article written by Tate in the May 7th issue of the Sentinel-Voice, as an example, to say that they believe there are individuals who are attempting to incite armed aggression against law enforcement officers.

The statement also labeled Tate a "biggot," and said that law abiding citizens, "don't buy such garbage," referring to the statements in Tate's article.

However, the part of the press release that drew the most attention stated, "We are offering the sum of \$5,000 to be placed toward the \$10,000 award offered by the Las Vegas Police Protective Association on May 22 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons plotting to kill Nevada law enforcement officers."

Rev. Chester Richardson of Reno made a brief statement on behalf of the Las Vegas chapter of the NAACP, who feel the city and state police organizations are doing a great disservice to community police relations.

"The NAACP does not condone violence in any form or promote it's usage in any matter, except in the case of self defense or life threatening situations. We condemn violence by anyone, whether the perpetrator be police officer or citizen," Richardson said. However, he did go on to add, "we fully recognize the perceived need this group has to help alleviate the fears of its members. However, we strongly oppose the latest "bounty" that has been posted in direct reference to Dr. James Tate."

Also in support of Dr. Tate's petition efforts, the African-American Summit Committee stated they feel that recent incidents were done deliberately to discredit the efforts of the NAARPR.

"I support the efforts to form a Civilian Control Board, and I do not condone any bounty on any citizens' head for exercising their rights under the constitution," said Summit Committee Vice-President Marion Donaldson.

Professional Black Women's Alliance member Sharon Martin added, "If we had the control board, I don't think the tanks would come out as often as they do, and people wouldn't be spread over the trunks of their cars as often as they are. Therefore, I really feel an urgent need for the creation of the control board."

The board proposed by the Alliance would consist of 9 civilians (5 elected, 4 appointed) and 3 members of the Metropolitan Police Department.

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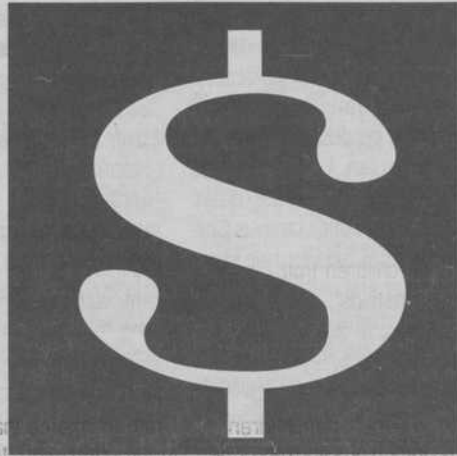
ent politics is such a big story now due to Ross Perot - someone (like Bill Clinton) is going to call your bluff.

Some politically knowledgeable people believe that it was Reverend Jackson who advised Clinton not to show up on the same stage with me, and assured him there would be no negative fallout. Some insiders say that after Clinton backed out, the NNPA asked Jesse to withdraw Clinton's invitation to address the Rainbow Coalition in Washington D.C. two days later. Jesse refused. Clinton repaid him by using the opportunity to lecture his audience on *Black insensitivity to whites* (the pretext for his diatribe was a remark, taken out of context, made by Sister Souljah in the wake of the Los Angeles riots). What is the Arkansas governor's message to Reverend Jackson - and to Black voters? *I expect you to support me, AND ON MY TERMS.*

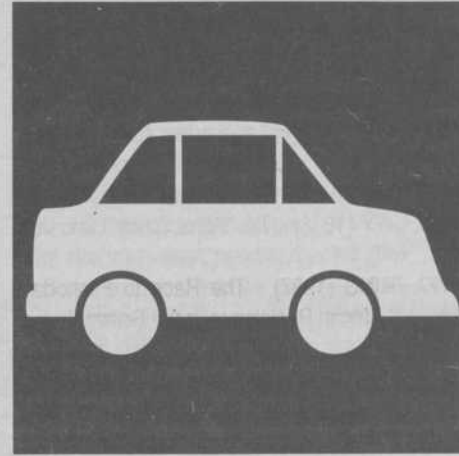
What must our answer be? Mr. Clinton may be too arrogant to realize that his political fate hangs on whether the African-American electorate chooses to come out on his behalf in sufficient numbers in November. But the Black community needs to question is loyalty to a party whose probable presidential nominee is so lacking in good judgment and good manners.

Black voters can change the balance of power in the United States of America in 1992. If we break with the two-party monopoly by voting independent, we have gone a long way toward racism in America. If the African-American electorate gives me a large vote we are sending a message not only to the Democrats that they are a dead party, but to Perot that any new independent coalition which wants to rule America must include us. We've been disrespected, taken for granted and sold out for too long. Here's our chance to land a body blow to our oppressors. Don't miss it.

*We have this...*



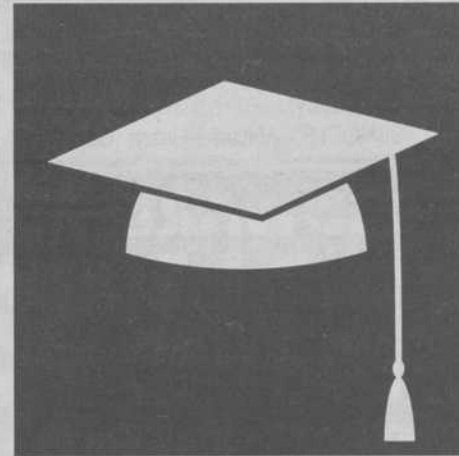
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