

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION**

# FIGHTING BACK

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The recent events at the Department of Motor Vehicles underlies a basic tenant of the Alliance, and that is that we can and must fight back and win. The events that occurred on the 6th and the 27th of June should be a clear embarrassment for

the people and officials of the State of Nevada. It appears that when one is dealing with the First Amendment to the Constitution of this country, that concept, and indeed the guarantees written into that Amendment, stop at the boarder of Nevada. To have the Chairper-

son of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (Las Vegas Chapter) arrested at the Department of Motor Vehicles and then held for six hours in the city jail while members of the Alliance, who were attempting to make bail, were told that the Chairperson was not there, is a scene right out of South-Africa.

Indeed a more accurate description of Las Vegas would be Soweto-West. We can no longer continue to tolerate this type of behavior on the part of State Officials, specifically, Robert Anselmo, Deputy director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Governor Robert Miller, (allegedly Anselmo's boss), the Commander of State Police, who apparently allowed two operatives of his organization; mainly a Trooper Dart and a Sergeant Moore, to carry out

the actual arrests and a special word of condemnation for a life form which has no clear definition or purpose, and entity, who refers to himself as "Fisher," an apparent guard and would be tyrant at the Las Vegas City Jail. While I could write volumes about this cretin Fisher, I will not assault my readers' intelligence by continuing on with the description of this, as yet, undefined life form.

In all of this, there has been a certain unholy alliance between the Police Department, the State and Government apparatus, and the News Media. Indeed there has been an extraordinary biased news report on the 27th of June. A local television station, namely KVBC or Channel 3, indicated that "Tate crossed over the red line and therefore violated State Law and was arrested".

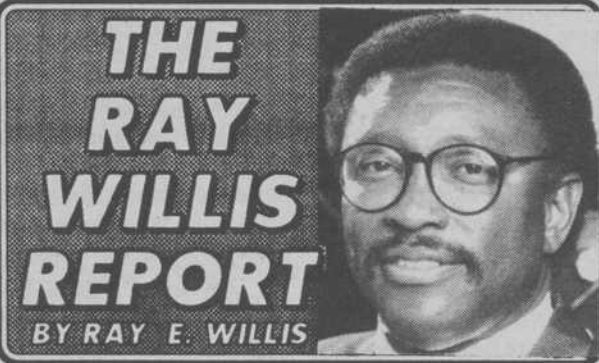
It should go without saying that a news organization, number one, cannot make a determination of whether or not a law has been broken; only judges are suppose to do that. Two, since they were not there and had no knowledge of what had happened, the statement that anyone had crossed over a red line is inaccurate. Finally, the silliness of being arrested for crossing over a line, should make a reporter with an I.Q. that comes anywhere near their shoe size, question the sanity of the individual making the arrest.

These activities on the part of public servants, and lets remember that they are public servants, whether they want to or not, are employed and paid by the citizens of Nevada, that starts with the Governor and goes all the way down to the life form previously mentioned, and they

cannot be allowed to trample to the First Amendment Rights of the citizens any longer. It is time to make a clear statement to be the governor of this State, that if he wants to avoid the unemployment line, he had better have a serious discussion with his employees.

For our part, both in the African American, Hispanic and European communities, there needs to be a more vocal response to this type of activity. Other organizations who have remained silent must begin to very forcefully indicate their displeasure. Now is the time to fight back, for as our Co-Chairperson Angela has said more than once, "If they come for me in the night, you can bet that they will come for you in the morning".

La Lucha continua!  
The Struggle Continues!



"There's a man at my house, he's so big and strong. He goes to work and stays all day long..... Color this man father, color him love."

What more appropriate words to reiterate as Fathers Day 1992 passes. These lyrics are taken from a somewhat obscure, minor soul oldies record by a little known group called the Winstons. Oddly enough, in a world where mothers deservedly get most of the credit for the child-rearing, this is one of the few soul classics that memorializes for posterity the positive impact of fathers on the lives of their children.

But all is not well with fatherhood. Fathers all over this country are having trying times. Can you believe that in 1992 more than half of all Black children live without their biological father? In fact on a personal note, two of my own three children fall into this category.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson noted that one of the biggest problems America faced was the ever-increasing rate of Black families with just a mother raising children. And today, the same alarming rate of single parent families that plagues Black America is visiting White America as well.

One-third of the nation's children go to bed without their fathers under the same roof. Over forty percent haven't seen their fathers in the last year. White families now experience breakups at an alarming pace formerly reserved for Black families.

To some social scientists, these dismal statistics chronicle a moral decline in a country as a whole. Some others believe it's due to women's liberation. Still others say its because of the hectic pace of our high-tech society. Whichever theory or combination of theories, you believe, the undeniable truth is that dads are increasingly unavailable and in short supply.

Fathers, by and large, may be distant and inaccessible, but they're far from begotten. Social thinkers know that without a father, little boys are frequently prone to delinquency. Without the presence of men, boys are likely to create their own misguided rites of passage, often leading to grave consequences.

In spite of the absence of a father, many mothers successfully rear young boys into manhood. Statistics verify though, these instances are few and far between.

As we fittingly pay homage to fathers on Fathers Day, it's time to take a stock of reality. Is the African-American community in jeopardy of becoming a fatherless society? We can't afford to let that happen.

Reflecting back over the years, I've come to truly appreciate the joys of fatherhood. I even look forward to getting the customary necktie as a gift from my children on Fathers Day. Even if the necktie doesn't suit my personal tastes, it makes dad feel very special to be thought of by his offspring. Now isn't that right Donya, Vyshika and Allena?

And, to my own father, Harold Willis, I echo my deep personal appreciation to you for your guiding positive influence on my life. Dad, here's wishing you a very special and a happy Fathers Day, from me to you!

## N.L.V. ... THE WESTSIDE STORY WHERE THE MONEY GOES

BY R.K. Brown

Just as the turmoil of the L.A. riots was swinging into high gear, conservative whites watched from their ivory towers, wondering what they have to be mad about? Obviously we have "given" them more then enough to survive on. This is a growing consensus of the white American public. A recent survey of young people concluded, that white youths feel "they" are discriminated against. It was felt, that blacks receive special treatment. Most don't believe minori-

ties should be given special consideration in job hiring, and there should be no affirmative action programs. Finally it was concluded that blacks are basically lazy, stay on welfare too long, and they don't appreciate what is given to them. These are young people of the 21st century. So, in 400 years nothing has changed. No matter what we accomplish, by dispelling these stereotypes, the racist mentality will continue to remain.

The real truth is, Bush's race baiting campaign was at the

forefront, of shaping these biased opinions. Any time this country gets into trouble, it looks to put the blame on blacks for all of the troubles. We have no access or control of the government. Blacks don't gain the office of the president, and they don't head Fortune 500 companies. There are more white people on welfare then blacks. How do we always become the focus of conservative propaganda then? Your guess is as good as mine! The real truth is that, if anyone had the right to

point the finger, minorities would be at the front of the list. If all of America was exposed to the real truth, we might find more then L.A. riots. If the facts were known, middle class whites, along with minorities, would join forces, to relieve these robber barons of their duties. While conservatives blame anyone they can find, the statistical facts are, they have done the most damage to the country's economic base. In 1980 we were still the richest country in the

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