

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION**

# KEEPING THE FAITH

*By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.*  
I'm sometimes impressed, as I go from place to place throughout the city, at the number of people who offer best wishes and encouraging remarks like: "keep up the good work" and "I'm sure glad someone's out there 'for us'". What also impresses me is the small number of people who are involved in any of the organizations struggling to create an atmosphere where freedom truly reigns. Too often people give lip service to change and add lip service to struggle; but don't get involved in it.

here in Las Vegas, are so far behind the rest of the country is that we haven't yet learned to translate the idea of feeling the change that needs to be made into actually struggling for change.

Until that begins to happen, we, here in Las Vegas, will continue to suffer from the overt and covert pressure of racism, sexual bias and political repression. It does no good to merely encourage others in the struggle. Indeed, if the struggle is to be successful, we must all get involved. The failure to do so condemns all to continued suffering under the oppressive

weight of the Beast. The next time you are sitting in a bar having a quiet drink, may I suggest you reflect on what you have done that day to further the struggle for equality. What you have done that day to make sure that Blacks, Hispanics, women, Pacific Islanders are one step closer to freedom. If you can't come up with two to three things you've done that day, you've wasted one whole day. If you


can't come up with ten things you've done that week, you've wasted an entire week. If you can't come up with twenty things you've done in a month, you've wasted the month. These don't have to be large scale things activities that take one more step toward freedom.

And you see people out at the DMV collecting signatures and you walk by and wave and merely wish them well. Under-

stand that that is one less soldier in the struggle for freedom. That you have passed up the opportunity to get involved. Indeed, if the Alliance had had one third of the well-wishers — who came forward after the arrest — present at the DMV, in all likelihood there would never have been an arrest, for the Beast would not have had the courage to attempt to arrest someone out of a group of two to three hundred people

at that location. Really, the time for struggle is now. If we continue to sit back and wait for a messiah to come and to lead us out of oppression and into salvation, well be waiting a long time. It is up to each one of us to join in the struggle in the maximum level at which we can. Only this will lead to true freedom and equality.  
La lucha continua!  
The Struggle Continues.

One of the reasons why we,



**THE RAY WILLIS REPORT**  
BY RAY E. WILLIS

## RACIAL BOONDOGGLE

Many of the same people who consider welfare a waste and a rip-off may be unknowingly causing billions of taxpayer dollars to be flushed down the drain. And add insult to injury, their actions place a financial burden on every household in America.

Is it really possible to put a price tag on racism? Can you actually calculate in dollars and cents the host of racial bigotry in America? Yes you can. According to some leading national economists, racism is estimated to cost this nation close to 2 percent of the Gross National Product, or some \$93 billion dollars. That's \$1,000 for every family. Money wasted, because it ultimately has to be paid by you and me. Can you believe this boondoggle?

These figures are not pie-in-the-sky. They are fact-based. If you examine the end-product of racism it is evident that many African-Americans and other so-called racial minorities are a squandered human resource.

Conservatives are frequently critical of what they call the "welfare mentality" of the underclass, seldom if ever stopping to think that inclusion rather than exclusion of minorities would create a better standard of living for us all.

Many employable African Americans stop seeking work after being repeatedly rejected. Even Blacks with jobs frequently encounter subtle and overt discrimination.

While women and minorities today compromise 65 percent of the total work force, they don't have clout consistent with their numbers. It's not surprising that most minorities who are employed have low-paying jobs with a limited future.

The few who are in middle and upper management positions inevitably hit the "glass ceiling". Eventually many become frustrated and quit or start their own small business. Women fare better than racial minorities in securing senior executive jobs. Women hold 3 percent of the nation's top corporate jobs. By comparison, minorities hold only about 2 percent of top management positions.

Looking at the financial bottom line, it's a case of "pay me now, or pay me later." Can this nation afford to continue throwing good money after bad? If the bottom line of business is to maximize profits, and it is, how can we justify an expensive proposition like this because of racism? To know is to grow. Until next week.

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

# WELCOME HOME

*by R. K. Brown*  
Now that the Olympics are over, we can celebrate the tremendous effort that all of our American athletes made. As usual, the United States did much better in the summer games, then it did in the winter. Our medal count was second only to the Unified Team, for overall achievement. We regained our place as the best in the world in basketball, not even having a close game. All in all, we made America proud.

What is revealing to me, is how America in the height of the conservative racist regime, will gladly use all the minorities it can muster, to represent the U.S., when we want to make a good face in front of the world. We all know that if you want to win track and field, boxing, basketball, and the like; the logical thing to do is find those "black" athletes, and put them out there to represent the country.

It's the "darndest" thing, all you have to do is tell "those people" what to do, and they bring home the gold every time. What is strange, is after achieving the gold, minority athletes have to sit up there and look at the "American" flag afterwards, and pretend that it is suppose to mean something. Well, it does mean that they are representing

family and friends back home in the neighborhood, but what about the U.S. government?

We all know, just as soon as they have gained the gold, they will step off the plane, and all they can look forward to is "a welcome home." This has taken place time and time again. America sends blacks off to war, or sporting competitions, and have no problems giving us much greater representation, then our 12% of the general population. The Dream Team alone was made up of at least 80% blacks! When the ground forces were sent over to die for the country, at least 35% were blacks! America seems to have no problem using minorities to represent America abroad.



I have no problem with this system, if it wasn't so hypocritical. I didn't draw these conclusions, the many war and olympic veterans did. When Ali came home after winning the gold for 'America', he couldn't even sit at a white counter and get a meal to eat. When the "68" track stars wanted to give notice to the unrest at home by raising their fists in the air, America took their medals away. Black war veterans from the civil war until today, have come home to find they can't get a job, and they are still seen as just "black" in the eyes

of the racist conservatives. Many were even lynched, after coming home in their military suits.

So, before all of these people get so happy in welcoming our boys home, let's change this racist pattern for a change. Let's give these American representatives a reason to come home.

Give them the same effort they gave this country, which is obviously 100%! Also, don't just court them when you need their services for war, or competition, give them opportunities everyday, so America can really be seen as a place called "home" peace.....

**THE NAACP AND YOU!**

**Rev. Jesse D. Scott**  
President  
Las Vegas, NAACP

## ACT-SO OPENS NEW DOORS

Robert White, an 18-year-old recent high school graduate from St. Louis could have been another inner city statistic—a young black male under-educated, incarcerated or dead because of drugs. Instead, with the help of teachers, a special program for minority science students and mentoring by a noted African-American chemist, he is on the road to joining the elite statistical group of black scientist.

One of 2,000 students competing in the NAACP's 1992 National ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) competition, Robert's research project is entered in the chemistry division.

Four years ago, Robert was basically on his own and a world away from ACT-SO. He credits caring teachers who "snatched knots" out of him with steering him toward a different direction.

"I found school boring. I have problems at home and I had to find

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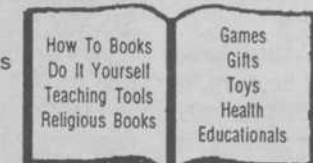
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