

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

CONTROL VERSUS ADVICE

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.
There has been much hoopla recently about the creation of the so called Police-Community Relations Board. This board is basically, very clearly, an attempt to head the drive for true civilian control of the police off at the

pass. This board is no different from the previous bogus board set up by the sheriff in an attempt to head off the bill submitted to the Assembly by Wendell Williams two years ago. At that time, a board was set up that was so bogus, even the Review

Journal had to come out and condemn it. Now — with a few cosmetic changes and an expansion of what the board will "advise" the sheriff on — the RJ says that that's O.K., that's a good board.

Nothing could be further from the truth and this attempt at defrauding the people of Clark County must be exposed for what it is: A simple attempt, and a very dishonest attempt, at confusing the issue that is to go to the people in November.

With some very hard work and diligence the Alliance has been successful in obtaining the

number of signatures needed to put the issue before the voters in November.

In an attempt to short circuit that movement, the police are now constructing any kind of bogus advisory board that they can think of to get people to think that the issue has already been resolved.

Clearly it has not been resolved. Indeed, if the police were willing to form an advisory board, it is clear that they are conceding that there definitely is a problem and that the problem has been there for some time, contrary to their earlier state-

ments. However, the problem is not just with the minority community, as they claim, the problem with the police is with the entire Las Vegas community: Black, Hispanic, White, Asian, Native American, what have you.

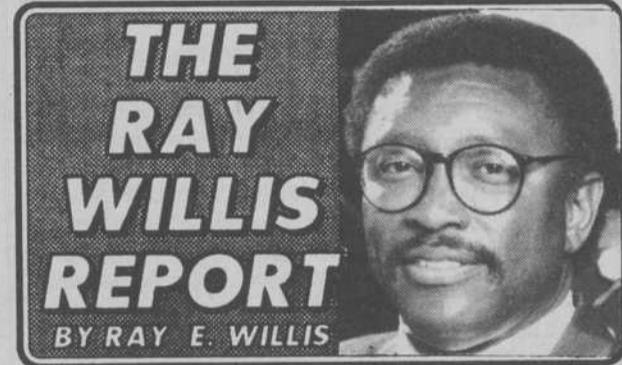
The problem is, as we have stated here before, that the police maintain a Them versus Us mentality. They unfortunately think of themselves and behave as if they were storm troopers from the Nazi SS as opposed to being civil servants.

It is clear that police officers are necessary; it is also clear that the ones who must set the

tones and the limits under which they function are civilians. People who are not involved with the day to day police operations. That is the only way the system can work.

The best way to repudiate this new bogus board is to go out and vote overwhelmingly in favor of the Civilian Control Board in November, and it would be hoped that those who have been misguided enough to engage in this kind of activity, will, by that vote in November, understand that this activity is unacceptable.

La Lucha Continua!
The Struggle Continues!



BABY GOT BACK

Quickly respond to the following question. What's the most distinguishable part of a Black woman's anatomy? If you said "posterior" then you guessed right.

One of the hottest songs on the Top Ten Pop and Soul charts right now is by the clever West Coast Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot. The title of the song is "Baby Got Back."

The playfully suggestive lyrics begin, "I like big butts and I cannot lie. You other brothers can't deny. That when a girl walks in, with a itty-bitty waist and a round thing in your face, you get sprung..."

"Baby Got Back" is a joyful celebration of the most eye-catching part of the Black female's anatomy. But there's a darker side. Let's reflect back in the annals of real life history for a moment.

The Venus Hotentot was an African woman who was brought to Europe in the early part of the 19th century. Venus had one of the tiniest waists imaginable. From her waist down her hips flowed so wide that it almost looked like she was a composite of two different women. Her posterior was so full and round they say you could sit a cup of coffee on it while she walked and not spill a drop.

Venus wanted to be an entertainer. Instead, against her will, she was put on nude exhibit in cages in the private malls and circuses of London and Paris. As a nubian oddity, untold thousands of people paid a pretty penny to peek at her prodigious posterior.

She was experimented on by French scientists whose sole objective was to prove that the genitalia and buttocks of the African woman was where her essence resided. Venus Hotentot dies a young 25 years old, probably as a result of the "scientific" examination of her body. Amazing as it seems, her genitalia was preserved and remains to this day on display in a glass jar at a famous Paris museum of anthropology.

The story of The Venus Hotentot is a perfect case in point of how the Black woman's anatomy is considered abnormal, strictly because her physical characteristics generally differ from other races.

It's easy to see that America celebrates thin angular features in the female form. Everywhere you look, in magazines and the media, you see women who are the antithesis of what the traditional Black woman represents. Voluptuous Black women are frequently left dazed and confused. "What am I to do? Because of my ample proportions, am I abnormal?" they ask themselves. "What can I do to conceal my generous dimensions?"

Obviously, the Black women's self-concept is adversely affected by society's rejection of her curvaceous features as acceptable, even superior to tall, angular model-like bodies.

In the final analysis, it has to do with self-concept and self-image. Black women need positive reinforcement. They need to be made to feel good about themselves. Records like Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back" help to restore the confidence of African-American women in themselves and their body types. And when we as men compliment our women and let them know we appreciate them for who and what they are and how they look, it helps them to appreciate themselves even more. After all, the true standard of beauty in the world is a woman of color.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

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

NOT REALLY PEOPLE

By R.K. Brown

I am really glad people in our community, have shown support for the storm victims in Florida. As usual, in times of trouble the black community pulls together to help other communities deal with hard times. It is a testament to our fortitude and strength, that we can give to other communities, when we have always been the most neglected section in the American population.

KCEP along with other local groups, have been at the forefront of this positive outreach effort on the part of black communities, is while we continue to sacrifice the little comforts we have been able to accumulate, our government does exactly the opposite to our communities!

It is as if we aren't really

human. As I watched the relief effort taking shape in Florida, one revealing norm was a constant. The CNN chief on the spot anchor monitoring the situation was asked, if all of the positive efforts from the various communities, was making a effective contribution. His response was direct and simple; "Well the relief seems to be getting to the prosperous communities, but the reality is, the minority communities, especially the black community, is being left in the cold!" With all of the incredible amounts of money and support coming in from all over the world, blacks as usual have to wait for "trickle down relief efforts." First, the rich white communities are taken care of, and if there are any supplies left over, then maybe blacks can

gain access to relief. Remember, I didn't come to this conclusion, the anchor who has monitored the situation made the commentary! It is as if, we really aren't people.

Although I feel it is a shame that there is political and civil unrest in several European states, it is laughable to try to compare their human suffering to the plight of the blacks world population! More people are dying everyday in East Africa then have died in the whole European conflict. If we talk about Russia's economic decline and the granting of aid by our government, then African nations should have been granted American relief years ago!

When Bush says he will not stand for oppressed people to be murdered by tyrants, it

puzzles me how he could watch gunmen open fire on large groups of bystanders in South Africa and not get upset. In his election swing he has promised to reinvest in the labor force, since large chunks of white Americans are now unemployed. Isn't it strange that blacks have maintained the highest unemployment rates of any group, but no one was concerned until large numbers of whites became unemployed also? It's as if they feel, we aren't really people. Once again I would like to say how proud I am to be black, because we continually prove that we can survive through any type of oppression. But, as we in the valley send products for relief we must remember, that in Florida blacks are as usual, last on the priority list! Peace.

