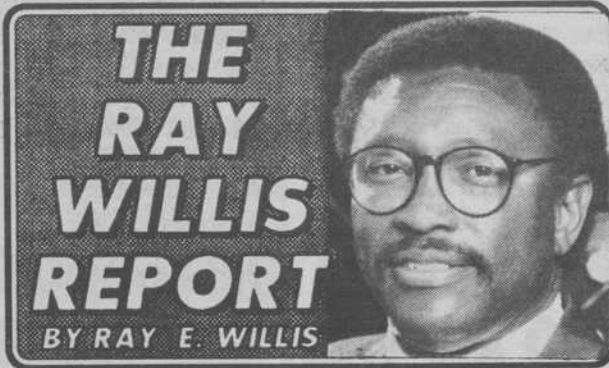


## NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

# ACTION VERSUS REACTION

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.



## BIGGEST NIGHTMARE

"An educated Black man is White America's biggest nightmare."

-Father Clemens

Turn on television news or look in your daily newspaper any day. Odds are you will see an African-American male in an "arresting" pose—most likely with his hands in the air or behind his back in handcuffs.

What's the deal here? Why do Black men get negative p.r. so frequently?

An often quoted statistic is that one-fourth of all Black men in America are captive to the criminals justice system—either in prison or on parole. What about the other three-fourths then? If one-fourth is in trouble with the law, that leaves a majority, three-fourths, who are free and clear of criminal involvement.

The image of the African-American male as portrayed through the media would have you falsely believe that all Black men are criminal minded. Biased typecasting like this works insidiously to change perceptions into a false expected reality.

Now that we know that a vast majority of Black men in America have a positive rather than a negative profile, what should we do to make perceptions more closely reflect reality? We should promote Black men who are gainfully employed and who are engaged in activities which contribute in a positive way to society. At every opportunity, we should reinforce that Black men by-and-large are non-violent, God-fearing, upstanding citizens.

If that message was consistently related through the media, the positive result would be overwhelming. The result; Black men as a whole would not be perceived as violent or threatening. After all, it's the perception, not the reality that is the biggest

problem.

Little old ladies would not be inclined to cross over to the other side of the street or clutch their purses to avoid coming close to Black men. A much more harmonious relationship between Blacks and Whites in general would be fostered. Race relations would be vastly improved.

How could such a simple remedy go largely ignored? Because no one wants to promote members of another race and culture whom they don't directly identify with.

Realistically, no one should be expected to take responsibility for the Black race but Black men. I say that because it is the male of a race on whose shoulder fall the mantle of leadership. The same goes for other races too. Since the beginning of time, it has been man's nature to support and nurture those who look like him and who more closely resemble him in terms of race and culture.

Right now is a critical time in the history of Black people in America. So, let's not waste any more time. Get busy now. Seize every opportunity you can to nurture, care for, and support our own, the same as others do for theirs.

Oddly enough, other cultures seem to place greater emphasis on group and collective support. As a result, their successes are well known. It's high time we did the same.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

Having just returned from the quarterly Executive Board meeting of the Alliance in New York, some of the discussions that went on there were quite interesting and provocative. Perhaps the most provocative was the discussion that took place regarding the tendency for progressive organizations to react to situations as opposed to taking the offensive and attempting to change situations or create situations that are more favorable to the people from the outset. For example, if one were to look at the various organizations involved in "the struggle" we find they all have one thing in common. They are at a constant disadvantage, always struggling to catch up to what the Beast has done. Never do we, as a group, sit down and plan what we would like to see done, within, of course, the scope of our various organizations. For example, what would the NAACP like to see this country look like relative

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

# TRUE EXPLOITATION

By R.K. Brown

As the new sports season gets underway, I thought it would be interesting to examine a re-occurring position which has been taken by economic elitists. It has been suggested that sports athletes in the areas of football, basketball, and baseball; receive too much money for their efforts.

Because we don't have the space in this particular discussion, I won't reflect upon the fact that these references aren't applied to the "white collar" sports of, golf and tennis in the same way. Is it because minorities have gained access to the big buck? Anyway, that isn't the meat of this particular discussion. My whole and only point is, what is wrong with these pro ball players making the big dollars?

If we look beyond the exploitation of the media and crafty team owners, we would quickly

realize some logical facts. First, the players salaries are printed in the papers. We can't begin to imagine how much money the owners make! If the general public had access to their earnings,

we would really understand what moneymaking is. No owner is going to pay these large salaries, unless he is making ten times as much off their efforts! Secondly, the athlete is the somewhat of a simplistic example; but merely to illustrate the necessity for us to set goals that we want to see, as opposed to reacting to things that someone else does. As long as we continue to do that, we will continue to be behind, always struggling to catch up and rectify the damage that's already been done.

I say that realizing that it is

see the country look like in 1992. And lo and behold, in 1992 it very clearly resembles what it was they decided they wanted it to look like. We must learn to do the same thing. We must learn to decide what it is that we want the country to look like and then structure our activities and our goals to bring the country to that position.

For too long we have been brainwashed into believing that only a certain group of people can run the country, only a certain group of people can exercise control over the country. That is not true, we don't always have to struggle to reverse what Master has done.

At some point in time it will be necessary to take the reins of control away from Master and dictate to Master what he will do. Master then will, at that point, have no choice but to acquiesce for his own survival.

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