

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

WHAT PRICE SUBTERFUGE

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State Legislature for review.

By now, most people are aware that the Secretary of State's Office has made public statements saying that the petitions gathered by the Alliance must now be submitted to the

The fact that 27,000 people placed their signatures on this petition is of no concern to the Secretary of State. Indeed, the Secretary of State is saying that no matter how many signatures

you get, things are going to stay the same in the State of Nevada. This is and always shall be the "Good Old Boys" system. But we have news for the Secretary of State.

In excess of twenty seven thousand people placed their signatures on a petition demanding civilian control of the police department. That, in itself, is of tremendous significance and indicates that the people of Nevada are no longer willing to put up with the old status quo.

Let us make this clear, here and now. It was the bungling, the incompetence and the outright dishonesty of the Secretary of State's office and its attempt to stonewall the gathering of signatures on the petition that created the current situation.

In October of 1991, the Alliance submitted to the Secretary of State's office the language of

the petition to be used to gather the signatures to put this issue on the ballot. The Secretary of State's office indicated they did not approve language for petitions.

This is a blatant lie and is made very clear by the Nevada Revised Statutes under which the Secretary of State's office operates. Secondly, when the Secretary of State's office was sent the language a second time, with a Xerox copy of the Nevada Revised Statutes that covers this issue, they then wrote back that they still did not certify petitions and that, in any case, this was something that should go to the County Clerk.

It took the retaining of an attorney, Mr. Thomas Peterson, and a total of in excess of two thousand dollars, merely to get the Secretary of State to admit that it was her responsibility to

accept the petition, and she did that only on April 12th, 1992. If then, we were to abide by the deadline set up by the Secretary of State, which was May first of 1992, the Alliance would have had two weeks to gather signatures on the petition and submit them back to the Secretary of State for ratification in order to place it on the ballot. Two weeks! For 17,600 signatures. That's absolutely unreasonable and calculated to make sure that the petition would not reach the people.

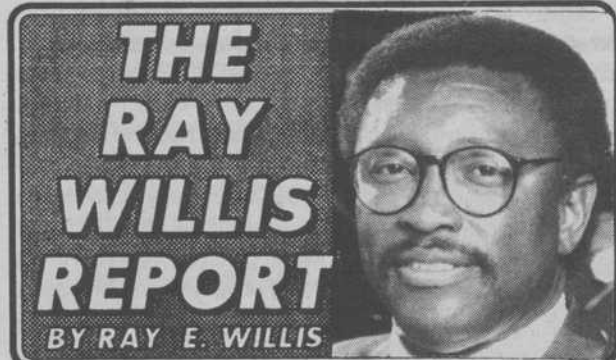
It is clear that the intention of the Secretary of State's office was to block the petition from the beginning. It is also clear, as we have stated many times in the past, that the Alliance will not allow this to happen. With the tremendous outpouring of support that has been made evident in this petition drive, to back out

now would be tragic. The Alliance, therefore, intends to proceed in Federal Court to force the Secretary of State's office to accept the petitions and place them on the ballot in November.

Attorney Thomas Peterson's office has been restrained to proceed with this, with the proviso that this must be a top priority item for the firm. Indeed, this is an issue that must now become a top priority issue for the entire community of Las Vegas; Black, White, Hispanic, Asian; all communities must unite and force the Plantation Masters in Carson City to understand that the State does not belong to a few political hacks who get elected to office; but to all of the people of the State of Nevada.

You will hear more about this in the future.

La lucha continua!
The Struggle Continues!



WELFARE EQUITY

Not long ago "60 Minutes" carried a compelling story about people with hemophilia who were succumbing to AIDS in alarming numbers as a result of their unknowing use of tainted blood products.

The terrible plight of these victims is enough to get you right in the gut. But there's more. The rest of the report about them focused on how destitute their families were becoming due to the high cost of their medical treatment once they got AIDS.

But the part of this report that really caught my attention was when they discussed how many of these victims were being forced onto the public dole just like welfare mothers. Even worse, the report said, they were discovering in the process for the first time how unfair the welfare system is—especially for married couples. Many of these couples have been forced to consider getting a divorce against their will in order to qualify for welfare benefits.

As these unfortunate souls spoke to "60 Minutes" you could see them express utter disbelief, even disdain for the welfare system. Thinking out loud collectively they were saying, "How could a nation as great as America force decent families to separate in the name of receiving public aid? How could this country do such a dastardly thing to God-fearing, law-abiding, upstanding citizens?"

The answer to their questions is incredibly simple. The same standard that applies to these luckless individuals and families is the same standard that applies to welfare mothers everywhere. One main welfare axiom in 1992 is that you can't qualify for welfare with a man in the house. And government social workers constantly spy on people to make certain they don't try to trick the system.

Welfare, as we now know it, was developed during the depression-era in the '30s. Back then, though, it was a more acceptable and positive form of public assistance. White families were encouraged to accept welfare until the male head of household could get back on his feet. Later on, when the economy got better and jobs were plentiful for White males, the welfare system started to change—many say for the worse. No longer does the system allow a male head of household to remain in the home. This was the precursor to the nonsensical system we now have.

As I listened to the "60 Minutes" broadcast repeatedly belabor the plight of the families of these AIDS victims, I asked myself, "is there something wrong with this report? If so, what?"

And then it dawned on me that neither the reporter nor the victims and their families seemed to grasp what was happening. For decades people on welfare have complained that the system was unfair and needed to be changed. Obviously, their complaints fell on deaf ears. The same welfare requirements that everyone else has to live with, are the same ones they must now rely on to relieve their own destitute status.

It's a sad but deadly accurate commentary that many people don't have the appetite to pay close attention to how "unfair" the welfare system is until or unless they need it for themselves.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

BLACK WOMAN

By R.K. Brown

Each time I watch the "classic" King Kong, I get chills, and my stomach turns. I don't get sick because of the action; I am nauseated because of the "dependable" exploitation of Blacks in the movie and T.V. industry. Here you have an ape who can choose from an entire island of beautiful BLACK WOMEN, but falls in love with the first blonde and blue eyed one. It's bad enough that movie moguls would

write such a script, but to make matters worse, King Kong "eats" any BLACK WOMAN who is presented to him. What a joke!

The entertainment medium has institutionalized the idea of white women as the symbols of beauty. Movies, T.V., and magazines want us to "realize" that the white woman is the essence of what every woman should be.

Now... if I can wake from the brainwashing, and into reality, I'll point out that these claims

have "no" historical significance. Long before Marilyn Monroe or Mona Lisa, sisters had established themselves as symbols of incredible beauty. Many historians conclude that the first great civilization was the empire of Egypt. Although Elizabeth Taylor did a superb job in portraying Cleopatra, it is a destruction of history to have a European woman playing the role. Hollywood totally disregarded "actual" history to bring Cleopatra's

romantic life to the silver screen.

Truthfully then, the first "historically" proclaimed sex symbol was a BLACK WOMAN; Cleopatra! She was so appealing that she controlled the hearts of the greatest European rulers ever known; Mark Anthony, and Julius Caesar. Merchant traveling routes of the ancient world brought stories of a tribe of unbelievable BLACK WOMEN. It was said that if you saw them (See Black Woman, Page 18)

