

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

RULE BY ABSENTEEISM

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

It may have struck some people as strange, the raging controversy that has been going on between those people here in Clark County advocating a civilian control board for the

Metropolitan Police Department, and that the governor of this state has remained strangely silent concerning this issue.

We realize that this is not an election year for the governor, but it would appear that Big Bob

is somewhat lax in his duty in that he has remained strangely silent. It is known that he is a favorite, and an advocate of law enforcement. That, to us, seems to be a personal problem. He is also, however, by way of his job description, Governor of all the people in the State of Nevada.

It would then seem unconscionable to ignore such a raging battle going on in his most populist state. Many politicians believe that voters have a very short memory.

Perhaps that is true, but we as citizens of Clark County should remind the Governor that our memory ability can very easily be improved upon, especially two years from now when it is time for Big Bob to take the big plunge again.

The recent debacle on the part of those "mental giants" at the Secretary of State's office, which by the way is a part of the Governor's administration, shows the level at which the state operates. There is a very clear statute (NRS295.140) which speaks to the people of a county being able to change or modify a state statute, which in essence was passed, creating the Metropolitan Police Department, which affects only one county in the State of Nevada.

I suppose it would be somewhat illusory to think that the Chief Executive of the state would enter into this discussion and perhaps attempt to mediate the situation. However, this has

not happened in spite of the fact that 28,000 people attested to the fact that they felt a control board was necessary.

Perhaps we must begin to examine our own activities as a cause for this cowardice from the Chief Executive's office. As

long as Big Bob gets to go to his annual fund-raising banquet for this organization or that organization, he will feel he has done his due in terms of keeping the natives in line.

Perhaps it is time to recind the invitations to Big Bob to let

him understand that the people are very much dissatisfied with his lack of leadership on this issue, and that until he gets his act together, there ain't going to be no more free dinners.

La Lucha Continua!
The Struggle Continues!

THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET '92

Members and friends of the NAACP gathered in the Grand Ballroom of Bally's Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip Saturday night, October 24, 1992, for dinner.

The atmosphere was filled with music, song, speech, and the renewing of acquaintances. Among those present at this gala affair were representatives from the social, business, clerical, political, and economic areas of Southern Nevada.

At this festive affair were people of all colors and nationalities in one setting, which truly symbolized a proverbial flower garden.

The program got underway at 7:30 p.m., with Mr. Cecil Davis, Senior Training Specialist of REECO, serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. Willie Davis, the Pastor of Second Baptist Church of Las Vegas, did the invocation, after which the audience sang the Negro National Anthem with great gusto and jubilation! All three stanzas of it!

Greetings were brought by this writer, as Branch President. My "State of the Branch" message included a restatement of the NAACP membership goal of 5,000 memberships in 1992, and 10,000 in 1993, asking the Nevada Delegation in Congress to request a congressional investigation into the killing of Charles Bush by three Metro Policemen in 1990, and a request of the audience to consider voting for District Court Judge Lee Gates in the November 3rd election, because, for the record, he is better qualified than his opponent. Finally, I asked the audience to be supportive in helping Jerry Lockhart receive a rental car dealership

at McCarren International Airport, which is trying to block him from getting one.

The audience was also reminded of the fact that the kind of denial that Mr. Lockhart is experiencing at the airport, is the reason why the young people in West Las Vegas resorted to the burning rebellion on April 30, 1992.

There was then a musical selection rendered and a speech presentation made by two ACT-SO students—the youth of the NAACP.

Mr. Darill Scott and Mrs. Rose McKinney-James rendered, separately, beautiful vocal renditions that captured the applause of the attendees.

After partaking in a delicious prime rib of beef dinner, Attorney, Arthur Williams, the General Banquet Chairman, introduced the evening's principal speaker.

Our speaker this year was Dr. Floyd W. Hayes III, Professor of Afro-American Studies at Purdue University. He presented an informative and dynamic message on the racial concepts of several conservative Afro-American writers and scholars, relative to the social, political and economic plight of Afro-Americans today.

The benediction was rendered by the Rev., Dr. Marion Bennett, Pastor of Zion United Methodist Church in Las Vegas.

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Remember, if you want to vote in the NAACP election December 20, 1992, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Heritage Lounge, 1012 W. Owens, you must get your NAACP membership on or before November 20, 1992.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Las Vegas Metro Police Department's bid for HIGHER TAXES for 300 new officers is totally out of touch in these tough economic times. It is nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing; Metro spends money like a drunken sailor on shore leave. For Metro brass to use the Rodney King beating as a thinly disguised threat against citizens is absurd and insulting to intelligent people. In Clark County when layoffs in such areas as mental health has cost lives, Metro continues on their merry way, how unprofessional.

Throwing money at any problem is not necessarily the answer. Better management along with priority adjustments is the first step to bring Metro under control. It appears to me that Sheriff Moran has spent so much time in his ivory tower that he has become psychologically detached from reality. We need more Metro Officers like General Custer needed more Indi-

ans. What Metro lacks most is leadership.

I have a question. "Who is going to pay for the hundreds of millions of dollars in lawsuits currently pending against Metro for wrongful deaths and police brutality?" The fact of the matter is, they are out of control financially as well as physically, oh well, boys will be boys. Police have a good secure job that pays top dollar. Let us never become slaves to our servants. I call for a complete investigation into the unethical financial affairs of Metro along with a close look at their retirement and other benefits. Metro, I challenge you to a public debate on this issue. Any takers?

Larry Kepler -
Metro Watchdog

To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Las Vegas, and as a concerned citizen, I am writing to your publication, to voice my sincere concerns regarding the West Las

Vegas Library.

Since my migration to Southern Nevada, from Southern California, over two years ago, I have continuously observed blatant disregard for the African-American population of Clark County, specifically the residents of the Westside.

The most recent affront being the insult to our sensitivity of culture, by disruption of the program at the West Las Vegas Library by Mr. Huntsburger.

I have had numerous occasions to take my granddaughter to this library, and the warmth and cultural feeling generated there was exactly what I, as an African American, appreciated for this child and all the children who utilize the facility.

I strongly oppose any changes, now or in the future, which would jeopardize this rich environment, which is vital to the well being of our youth.

Sincerely,
Annie Walker
Concerned Citizen

Retain **JUDGE LEE GATES**

District Court
Department 8



(Left to Right: Bill Ellis, Bailiff; Liz Lucero-D'Angioloella, Secretary; Judge Lee Gates; Yvonne Valentin, Court Reporter; Tami Bass, Law Clerk)

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