

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

MANIFESTATIONS OF ATTEMPTED INTIMIDATION

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

Every once in a while the Hollywood establishment produces a motion picture that is truly an epic and truly worthy being considered a serious film making attempt. Spike Lee's masterful job in the creation of the film, "Malcolm X", is an example of this type of film.

The film is clearly the best effort so far on the part of Spike Lee, but, in addition, it is also a film, that while I am sure will not get a garner in the academy awards, is really what motion picture excellence is all about. It's historical context and the way in which it was told is an extremely masterful effort. But in spite of all this, when the film comes to Las Vegas, it is barred, by what you may ask - by the apparent attempt at intimidation on the part of those yo-yo's at

the Metropolitan Police Department.

It seems that at each film showing, three to four Metropolitan Police Officers show up and stand around in the lobby attempting to intimidate movie goers. The question is: "Why is this done?" Why is this done with "Malcolm X"? Why was it done with "Boys N' the Hood"? Why is it done with any black film that appears at theatres in this city? Why is it not done, for

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A Time To Take Action

By R.K. Brown

It is time for all the black people in the Las Vegas Valley, and across America, to move to obtain all of the positive actions which can be gained during this new "liberal awakening."

example, with "Rambo," and other blood and gore type films made by white film makers. Why is it that Metro only shows up when it's a black film maker's film?

The question can be asked, are these boys stupid or what? "It sure ain't or what." This is a question in which the entire Las Vegas community needs to deal with. As a result, the handlers of the Metropolitan Police Department ought to be asked to re-

spond publicly in terms of why they felt it necessary to put on such a show of overt racism. I would suggest that you write and/or call Sheriff Boo-boo and ask him, why? Sheriff BuBa should really get a taste of what the Las Vegas community thinks of his wayward charges and their activity regarding this film. As we can all see, racism is alive and well in Las Vegas.

La Lucha Continua
The Struggle Continues

With the election of our new president, access to the new inclusive America will reach all time highs! Nationally, we have already begun to see the effects. Unlike any administration in the last 30 years, policies have begun to include the problems and concerns of "all" Americans.


We have a president who "walks" in inner city communities; supports the acceptance of Haitian refugees, wants to send troops to Somalia, and who will staff his administration with minorities and women! This can't be the America that we all call home. Yes, this movement toward the acceptance of all people will set landmark accomplishments in domestic policy...that is, until elitists decide to ruin the president's credibility with false media propaganda. If that doesn't work, you can believe that next step will be a permanent silencing, say like JFK or MLK for instance. But that is another subject.

In Las Vegas we can already see the results. The exclusive story by the Sentinel-Voice about banking procedures has been moved upon. With the involvement of influential officials like Hawkins and Neal, local banks are moving to ease their historical position. In last Sunday's Review Journal, banks suggested that they were going to look onto their loaning practices and move to change loaning policies, for low income and minority applicants.

For the first time since the early 1970's the school district moved to give minority students the same neighborhood schooling that white children in the valley have received for so long. The RJ ran a Sunday editorial blasting the library district's attempt to have closed door meetings, concerning the public criticism of its library system. It even called for possible criminal procedures to be seriously considered. Now, for all of us who have concluded in the past that the RJ was a "truly" conservative bastion, this is the ultimate sign of an all new social and political environment!

Finally, for the men who have in the past broken their backs, legs, arms, and especially necks without intervention; even Metro has moved to acknowledge the presence of this liberal awakening. Although it has called for a raising of taxes to put 300 more officers on the streets, the police department decided to admit wrong doing in an unprecedented move! The widow and son of Charles Bush will receive the rightful compensation their family so justly deserves.

The 1990's is the time for black America to move forward. As long as we have liberals in office this type of positive change will continue to take place. It is my advice to all African Americans to take advantage of this change. Reach for the sky because right now, all things are possible! PEACE...



THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

A JORDAN OF OUR OWN

It's commonplace for African-Americans to resort to history as a means of gaining racial inspiration to enhance self-esteem. But there's another way we can make ourselves feel good. And that's by acknowledging the achievements and accomplishments of noteworthy individuals who live here among us in our own community today.

One such person is Eric Jordan. This young man is truly deserving of every accolade and achievement conferred on him. For instance, he serves as a member of the very important Las Vegas Planning Commission. And just recently he was promoted into the top administrative position in U.S. Senator Harry Reid's Las Vegas office. I believe that appointment to be a first in Nevada. Eric is home grown. He also is a college graduate.

His first taste of national distinction was the result of his pro football career. He wound up with a Super Bowl ring while he was with the New England Patriots.

When he returned to Las Vegas after his release from pro football several years back, Eric called me up and we had lunch. I knew then he was going places. Anyone who has been in this young man's presence knows of whence I speak when I say he is truly a person of stature.

A devoted family man, Eric ranks high on the list of African-American achievers in this community who are destined to even bigger and better things.



Notice I haven't mentioned the word role model so far in describing Eric. You don't have to characterize Eric in that manner. For it's plain to see that he is a cut above in every endeavor and pursuit that he is involved with.

On that note, Eric, we wish you the very best as you embark on your new career in upper level government management.

We're not just proud of you. We vicariously share your accomplishments through our common experience as Blacks in America. Here's to you, Eric.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

THE NAACP AND YOU!

Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP

The Talk Of The Town

Every where you go and everyone you talk to now-a-days, their upper most interest and concern is the NAACP. To say the least, this is an exciting course of events. I have lived in Las Vegas for twenty two years. Most of this time I have been actively involved in the activities of the NAACP. I have never seen a Branch election that was as highly contested for the presidency as this one.

For a long time it just seemed as if only a few people wanted to be an active part of the NAACP. There were only a few people who would volunteer to do the work of this very worthwhile organization.

The NAACP has been around very quietly in some instances and not so quietly in others, helping people who don't realize the very presence of the NAACP, and the help they are to them.

Most of the people who I have just described have never attended a meeting or given one dollar, but expects the NAACP's doors to always be open and ready to fight for their causes, whether they be large or small.

Just maybe, this 1992 NAACP Branch election signals a period in its illustrious history where its members and friends have decided to stop complaining and start working.

The election Supervisory Committee of the branch is now in the midst of making plans for the NAACP candidates night. According to Rev. Chester Richardson, the Chairman, Candidate's night will be held at the West Las Vegas Library, Monday December 14, 1992 at 7:00 p.m.

Each candidate will be asked a series of questions to demonstrate his or her fitness for the office. The candidates are: Mrs. Joanna Wesley Lee, Mr. Byron Goynes, Mr. Gene Collins and Rev. Jesse Scott.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the family we are, no matter where you live in Las Vegas or on this earth, we will never get anywhere and we will continue to whine & snivel on the Ray Willis Show at how bad we are being treated.

Mark my words, our future generation will spit in our faces for having to be under the same thumb that we are under. We are letting them down and disgusting those who came before us.

Think of all of those who died and were degraded and ridiculed just for us to have the choices that we have today; do you think they would be proud of us still being on the plantation.

Do yourself a favor and let

the Afrikan in you (if you still have it) come out. If not I guarantee you that you will fall by the wayside into the Abyss with your Master.

No one respects a fool and a punk, those things we are not, so stop acting that way.

Loving you always,
Malik Muwakkil Umoja
P.S. Happy Kwanzaa

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Dear Editor,
Following the latest police related news one would have to wonder if we are living in a Third World Country. Two teenager girls chased to death in a senseless hot pursuit by Metro, millions of dollars in wrongful death suits of three people killed in our

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