

GUEST COMMENTARY

THE HOUSE THAT SAM BUILT

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FOR K.C.E.P.

At the outset of these few words please allow me to dedicate them to the landlords of this country, the indigenous inhabitants of this land. They were here first and as our culture teaches us, when we come into the home of another, whether by hook or by crook, we must pay respect to the occupants.

The Europeans however have a different practice. They enter smiling, laughing, shaking hands, pretending to respect and observe your customs, while all along, to put it plainly, they are "sizing you up!" "Casing the joint" if you will, assessing you to see how they will take over.

That practice has been in effect for a long time, for as long as they have been in existence... It was in effect in 1492, when as a result of the stories Christopher Columbus heard from the African sailors who had already proven that the world was round and were telling tales of where they had been and what they had seen, it was in effect in 1776 when, well... I guess I don't have to go into that one, that lie has been told enough times, and it is still in effect today.

The simple fact is that Nevada has never been able to prove title which basically means that the United States government never made a deal with the indigenous people of this region. So technically this land doesn't belong to the United States of America, it belongs to the Western Shoshoni by virtue of the fact that the two entities never had a transaction!

Of course that wouldn't matter since the United States has made 371 treaties with the indigenous population and broken every single one.

Now you would think that would be enough to prevent the bureau of land Management from trying to dog the Dan Sisters who have pointed out continually that they are on their own land.

Lets see if we can find another time when the United States of America has been in this position, you know tying people up in so much legal documentation that no one could read it. Still that doesn't matter because if they can't get in court with a nice legal explanation they will come after you with overt force as in the case of Fred Hampton (whom we should at least have the heart enough to

name our new Library facility after).

For those of you who don't know his story slide on down to the Native Son Book Store or Read The Book, bookstore and pick up a copy of "Seize the Time, the story of Huey P. Newton and the Black Panther party" or Jaranamo Pratt or Dharuba Ben-Wahad or Bobby Seal, Paul Roberson, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Marcus

Garvey, find out what the Co-Intel program is, a program designed to prevent the "thought of Black achievement, success, pride but most of all... leadership!

What is happening to the Dan Sisters is nothing new. They need help! They need warriors with pens and brains. They are one hundred percent in the right.

As for those cowboy hat wearing, tobacco chewing, pointed boot wearing Indians

who think that the white man can use his brain better than the red man can; for those who have forgotten the language, the customs and morals...

For those who have forgotten the very dreams of their ancestors you may take your place along side our very own chicken eating, Gucci wearing, can't make up their own minds without master's help, scraped up their knees while begging,

brothers and sisters underneath that big sign that says "sold out."

For the few of us who happen to love what we look like, and respect ourselves enough to practice what we preach, let it be known that we will never surrender to the illusion of the American Dream as long as we know that the constitution of the United States of America is not worth the paper that it's printed on.

NAACP AND YOU

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for change in the operational functions of the branch.

The complaints ranged all the way from the fact that their names were not in the computer, to if they were there, they were spelled incorrectly, to a lack of office space and equipment, as well as having a salaried person there to make sure that the work is actually done.

Presently all this work, such as membership renewal, office meeting notices, etc; is done through the efforts of volunteers. The volunteers however, need to have someone who is professionally trained to help them do what they are required to do.

Just to name a few items that

are needed to enhance the quality of these services are: computers, typewriters, a copying machine, filing cabinets, reams of paper, a fax machine, bulk rate stamp machine, and many other items.

Another basic component the NAACP needs that has been historically offered by the NAACP that this branch does not have is access to legal assistance. A lawyer on retainer is a must. If we sincerely want a high level of

NAACP related services rendered, then we must be willing to pay for them.

So either put up or shut up! If you are willing to put up then I invite you to join other friends of the NAACP to establish a special fund to underwrite these costs.

Let the word go forth. Come ye one, come ye all, to the aid of your NAACP and your community.

To that end you are invited to

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to undertake. It is in that light that civilian control of the police, through boards at all levels - municipal through federal - would serve as a deterrent to police crimes and rope in the ultra-rightists in the police departments. Civilian control boards have to be empowered with full investigative powers over the police, including subpoena powers.

It's about time that the Proxmire Anti-Genocide Law be enforced and that more local and state laws be used to prosecute those who commit acts of racial, anti-Semitic and other forms of hate violence.

Ironically at this time instead of enforcing laws like the Proxmire Anti-Genocide Law, agencies that should be going out of business like the CIA, have asked to be allowed to spy on U.S. citizens. To this we must tell Clinton to answer with a resounding no! Instead the new administration should free victims of the FBI's frame-up policies in the 1960s and 1970s, starting with Native American Indian leader Leonard Peltier and including geronimo ji Jaga (Elmer Pratt) and W.M.E. we Langa (David Rice).

We can not forget that the death penalty is primarily used against African Americans and

join the committed ranks of 100 people who are willing to make the sacrifice by donating 100.00 per month.

Donors can be individuals, companies, corporations, sororities, fraternities, social clubs and organization; social, fraternal, political or economical. I will begin with my \$100.00 in January. Will you?

Write me at P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV 89127, or call 646-1662.

poor people generally. Too many innocent people have already been executed. The death penalty is the continuation of the lynch mob - vigilante mentality which flows from the ultra-right. Working to end the death penalty will be a much needed contribution towards revamping the nation's criminal justice system, with the premium placed on justice.

While the German people have to work hard to keep their country from repeating the events which led to World War II, we have the obligation in this country to see to it that the ultra-right is relegated to history.

BLOCK PARTY

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 earlier in the year.

Gordon Washington, unit director of A.D. Guy, said "This party will show these kids that someone outside the center cares about them. We hope it will strengthen spirit and help them take pride in their community." The Christmas party is the first of many more, Armstrong said. The party was funded by donations from local merchants and businesses. For more information about events and activities at the A.D. Guy Boys and Girls Club call 646-8457.

The Kwanzaa Committee
 &
 The Black Cultural Awareness Society of Southern Nevada
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

KWANZAA, 1992

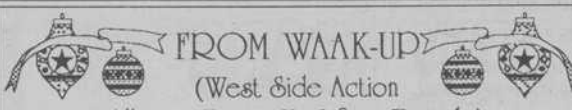
A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY and CULTURE

December 26, 1992.....Doolittle Community Center*
 doors open 9 a.m.....program begins 1 p.m.
 admission: free.....open to the public
 Community celebration that will feature African-American cultural activities, music, dance, drama, vendors, story telling and much more.
 Sponsored by: Kwanzaa Committee Contact: Eric Hall, 894-9484
 (* If your schedule allows for only one announcement, please feature this Kwanzaa celebration)

December 27, 1992.....Indian Springs Prison
 Community residents will present a Kwanzaa program to the inmates. Participation is limited.
 For more information contact Eric Hall, 894-9484
 Sponsored by: Kwanzaa Committee

December 30, 1992.....Moulin Rouge Hotel & Casino
 doors open 6 p.m.....program begins 7 p.m.
 admission: dish of food/dessert to be shared
 open to the public
 Community dinner that will feature a salute to the ancestors, traditional African culture and contemporary African-American ceremonies.
 Sponsored By: Black Cultural Awareness Society
 Contact: Dr. Al Gourrier 361-4952

December 26 - 31, 1992.....Lied Children's Museum
 Kwanzaa table will be on display. Daily - Candle lighting ceremony, 11 a.m.
 Sponsored by: Black Cultural Awareness Society &
 Lied Discovery Children's Museum - 382-5437
 Full day of activities featuring drama, music, dance, story telling and explanation of Kwanzaa - December 27, 1992., hostess: Cheryl Dowdell


FROM WAAK-UP
 (West Side Action
 Alliance Corp - Up Lifting People)
TO ALL THE COMMUNITY:
 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT
 DURING THE SCHOOL BOYCOTT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT WE REACH OUR GOALS FOR THE CHILDREN.
 BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON...
 AND AGAIN MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.
 Best Wishes and Regards,
 Marzette Lewis,
 President, WAAK-UP