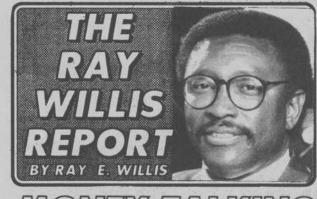
## January 21, 1993 The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION **Destruction**

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D. (While this week's article is extremely important, I must take this opportunity to issue an apology to Ray Willis, a fellow columnist of mine in this newspaper. Several weeks ago, both Ray and I wrote articles at the same time on the United States involvement in Somalia. My interpretation at the time of Ray's



5 (0)G At 9-years-old he earned \$15 a week delivering papers for The Afro-American newspaper in Baltimore. As a successful businessman in his adult life, he became America's wealthist African-American with a \$985 million dollar takeover of Beatrice Foods in 1987

This week we sadly noted the passing of this living legend, Reginald Lewis, dead at age 50 of a brain tumor caused by cancer. The front pages of many major newspapers may have failed to note Reginald Lewises death, but he made a tremendous impact. For one, he was worth over \$400 million dollars.

Lewises death in the eve of February's annual Black History Month celebration provides an opportunity to reflect on the unique abilities of this lone Black man to transcend the negative forces of racism to achieve stellar success in the business field.

Until the day he died, Lewis remained fiercely proud to be Black. Yet he never wanted to be characterized strictly as a Black businessman. "I'm very proud of the the accr plishments of African Americans, and I'm delighted that people teel this adds to that list," he once told The New York Times. "But to dwell on race-to see that as something that becomes part of my persona-is a mistake. And I do everything I can to discourage it.'

How could a brother like Lewis say something like that? When you consider the rarified atmosphere Lewis traveled in as the owner of a billion dollar business, maybe then you can begin to understand. At the level at which he was operating, Lewis was not accepted on the basis of his color when it came to dealing with other businessmen at his level, who happened to be mostly White. In that regard, he was known only as a supreme capitalist. The people he did business with weren't interested in his skin color. They were interested in the dollar signs that could be generated by doing business with him.

The same phenomenon on a lower level exists with some Black athletes. After they sign their multi-million dollar contracts, some of them choose a White mate to marry. Frequently, the marriage is sanctioned by the parents of the woman. Why? Because they know the moment they marry, the wife becomes the owner of half of his estate. It's simply business.

Look closely at wealthy Blacks. Carefully examine them. See what they do with their money. And understand what motivates them. Is it their money talking, or are they sincere in what they say?

We see it even in the community. Poor Blacks feel slighted by middle income Blacks, who have a different agenda. A prevailing view is that Blacks can't afford to have a class structure-that we

need to remain united no matter what our place in society. But capitalism can change a person's perspective. Permanently.

Overnight.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

article was that it was supportive of the United States involvement. Ray has since informed me that that is not the case and that indeed it was a tongue and cheek and sarcastic article critical of the U.S. involvement in Somalia. With that in mind, I therefore apologize to Ray Willis for misinterpreting the purpose of his article.)

have indicated that there has been a tactical change in the way racism will be perpetrated on Africans. In the past, that racism which of course has been meted out very clearly to Africans and while primarily has been African-American males, it has also involved African-American females. Now, there is a new tactic.

The beast now apparently has decided that he will not only attack the adults, but he will go after the children. The recent events of the arrest and handcuffing at virtual gunpoint of as 10 year-old child in a classroom is the latest example of a mentality gone mad. Now, they are willing to kill the children. One must raise the issue of how much more do we intend to tolerate

from the beast before making it clear to the beast that this behavior will not only be expensive, it will also be a threat to the health of the beast and the continued existence of the beast. We cannot allow our children to be threatened. If we do, we have in essence decided that we will go willingly to the pickup points of extermination.

Understand that what happened to the 10 year-old in a classroom in merely the first portion of a trend in this city. It cuts across all economic levels. It makes no difference who the child is, for the beast will make war on the children as long as the adults allow it to happen.

Recently, the son of a prominent physician in this town was handcuffed by security personnel outside Dillard's Department

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Store at the Boulevard Mall paraded, handcuffed through the store, and then a body search was conducted on the child without the knowledge or consent of his parents, finding nothing and clearly having reacted in this fashion only because the child was an African-American male. There was not even an apology. There was an attempted justification on the part of the moronic security personnel by saying that he had had six and seven yearold children pull knifes on him. 1 don't know about most people, but a six year -old who pulls a knife on an adult does not present a tremendous threat as far as I'm concerned.

If you can't disarm a six yearold child with a knife, you have no business being a security person in the first place.



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JAMES S. TATE JR., MD Secondly, if we are to use

that rationale and take it to its logical conclusion, anytime a police person approaches a child no matter how young, they will always do it with a shotgun drawn ready to kill the child if the child blinks even once. What manner of madness is this? The answer is merely the beast acting as the beast as long as we allow it to do so. Once the beast finds our that there is a price to pay, a heavy price to pay for this type of activity, the activity will cease. For the sake of the children, we must raise that price.

La Lucha Continual The Struggle Continues!

By R.K. Brown At times, I seem to have a

kind of sense, for things which are about to happen. To some extent it can make one feel "good", to accurately convey some of the political happenings of this country.

What has worried me however, is that I may have become too good at my own game! It is one thing to suggest that the Iran Contra scandal would blow up, or that the president would pardon all of its major players.

It is cool to suggest that there would be a liberal awakening in this country like no time since the 1960's...but it is "too bad" that the negative predictions are coming to pass even before we can swear a new age president into the white house.

We all wish, that these almost inevitable events didn't have to come to pass, but they now seem like undeniable realities

So many times we as mortals, have very little control of the events which shape our lives.

When I suggested that the conservative regime would start conflicts all over the world to distract the new administration's domestic concerns, I couldn't have guessed in my wildest dreams that it would all come to pass in the matter of weeks!

Bush, as his last act of office, attacked and killed people of color: which may become the staple of his administration. Through effective conservative propaganda he has successfully labeled Saddam; " a ruthless villain."

The white American public, overwhelmingly supports the position of going in and assassinating another "human being?"

Just as twisted conservative propaganda could turn affirmative action into quotas, and civil unrest after the King verdict, into racial anarchy; it can make anyone it wants into the "enemy" of the American state.

I'm not saying that Saddam is a good guy, because he most likely is a dictator.

But...any nation state is supposed to have independent rule in it's own land. Wouldn't we all agree?

If American wants to rape and kill Indians, and put them on reservations, does Russia have the right to interfere?

If America wants to enslave blacks and force Asians to build U.S. railroads, does China have the authority to intervene?

Of course not! As long as "any" country enacts policy inside of its own border, it is "supposed" to be free.

As the world of color begins to label the U.S. as hypocritical, who can blame them. The middle east asks why we don't intervene in Bosnia?

The African continent asks why we don't drop bombs on the racist regime in south Africa? After all, sanctions have been in place there for 10 years, not just 10 months like in Iraq.

Why don't we help the oppressed people of Haiti, since we support their ousted leader? What about the freedom fighters in China?

It's too bad these answers

are very simple. Our policy isn't concerned with human rights, or democratic principles: if it were we would have already addressed these major concerns. Its only purpose is to frustrate and discourage the up-coming administration.

If it starts a full fledged world war in the process, that may be a side bonus!

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