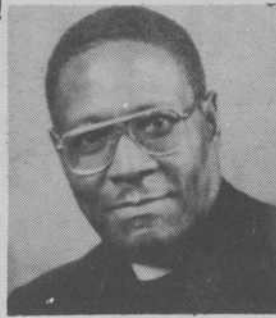


THE NAACP AND YOU!



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



OUR FACT SHEET OF DEMANDS

Re: Robert Lunt Elementary School, 2701 Harris Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

In the Stanley Johnson case, Mrs. Elizabeth Ventura must go because her acts were both inhuman and racial.

Stanley's alleged threat to kill his schoolmate took place off the of the campus of Robert Lunt Elementary School at least one day before his arrest.

The principal had prior knowledge that Stanley needed help due to his alleged misbehavior, yet she did not seek out assistance from several high-paid professionals on staff, such as counselors, psychologists, assistant superintendents and the district superintendent.

She did not call Stanley's mother or grandmother to her office in an attempt to reconcile the differences between the parents of the children involved. Instead she completely ignored this fact and encouraged the complaining parent to call the police.

Mrs. Ventura failed or refused to consult or comply with district regulations which mandate that a police officer must sign a student release form before a student is taken from a campus.

She used poor judgement when she didn't attempt to call the campus police, who were already there, for assistance. Nor did she have Stanley come to her office to keep from embarrassing him.

She has lost credibility in the community because she had no reason to believe that Stanley's class was in imminent danger and because he had no weapons on him, as was proven after he was searched.

She and/or the district allowed Stanley's picture and school disciplinary records to be shown on television, in clear violation of his rights as a juvenile, and without the approval of his parents.

She surrendered Stanley to three armed police officers while he sat in his classroom in the presence of his classmates. As a juvenile, they arrested him without telling him why he was being arrested or reading him any of his constitutional rights.

Upon inquiry from Stanley's mother, Mrs. Fentress Adams, Mrs. Ventura that she did not have to call her before she had permitted Stanley to be arrested.

This incident was inhuman because this principal has been trained to handle cases such as Stanley's in a more humane way. The way this case was handled is racist because it has never happened to a white child the way it happened to Stanley, nor would white parents allow this to happen to their children.

Mrs. Ventura permitted the police to use psychological violence against Stanley which all too often leads to physical violence against blacks more than anyone else.

The Clark County School District records will show that when there is conflict between blacks and whites in school, a higher percentage of white students are sent to counseling and a higher percentage of blacks are sent to juvenile.

We, the members of this community, want you to know that if you, as a Board of Trustees, elected by the people to uphold the law, continue to allow this to happen, we are in for trouble.

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We refuse to accept a double standard of training, discipline, and caring for our children. We don't want them sent to opportunity school, we want them taught in the same room with everyone else. Try loving these children, it works every time.

We refuse to allow the principals of this district to continue in dereliction of their duties, and to hide behind "the police made me do it." We don't want the police to discipline our children. By all the laws of God and man, those responsibilities belong to the parents.

SPECIAL FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION — WITH A TWIST —

By Tony Brown

I'd like to make a case for affirmative action, but not as it is traditionally understood. I'd like to make a case for affirmative action within the black community.

Think of the National Basketball Association draft lottery. What team in the league gets the best new player? The worst team, because the ideal in sports is to have teams that are competitive with one another. A game with a 500 to 6 score would be boring, but a 124-123, triple over-time game is fantastic. It's more exciting for the fans, attracts a larger audience and thus is more profitable for the owners and players.

Now look at black America. The worst team in the league is the so-called black underclass. The best team in the league consists of people like me, the black middle class, who are well-educated and affluent (roughly 30 percent of blacks controls 80 percent of the wealth in the black community.) Now, when America implements affirmative action policies, what team in the

league is strengthened? The best team. The team that doesn't need it.

Tony Brown does not need help. I never did. I have never received welfare, scholarships or benefits from any social program. I was going to make it from the day I was born, and so were a lot of other blacks. It is not a matter of all of us needing somebody to help us make it.

It is true that all of us who are black have been historically discriminated against and are discriminated against today. We do need laws to level the playing field and to protect our right to compete fairly for jobs and education. But that is all the black middle class needs — because we are already succeeding. If affirmative action is needed, it is needed by the black underclass — and the black middle class is successful enough to provide it.

Black organizations hold 350 conventions each summer. We spend \$16 billion in hotels owned by whites while discussing white racism and black poverty. Our hotel bill equals the entire foreign aid budget of the United

States, a full one percent of GNP. Finally, we want you to know that Stanley has been provided the services of a licensed psychologist and has been told that he must learn to live with everyone without threatening them in any manner.

However, we want this Board to know that this principal must be held up to a higher level of professional responsibility as principal of a school, than Stanley as a juvenile and student in that school. Therefore she must be removed from the principalship of any school.



TONY BROWN

We don't need to ask anybody's permission to do this. All we need is for black people like me — the black middle class — to decide to cancel a few meetings and put the money in a bank.

I don't expect whites to do anything for blacks. It is up to us to do it for ourselves. God has blessed us. He has given us wealth and a phenomenal history. The only reason we could ever have to be supplicant before another group is our own lack of self-respect and belief in ourselves. It's time for blacks to realize that we can do for ourselves, from within the black community, what white America never can.

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