

# SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL-VOICE

## HISTORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS FROM THE EARLY 1700'S TO 1968

By Jewed Oliver

One of the clearest definitions of an authoritative character declares: "Civil Rights are those which appertain to citizenship and which may be enforced or redressed by a civil action. Also a term applied to certain rights secured to all citizens of the United States by the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments of the Constitution and by Congressional action thereunder, and by State Legislation." During the late (1700's to the middle 1800's), Men of African American descent were placed to the middle 1800's), Men of African American descent were placed into slavery and were embodied in slave plantations, by the white man.

Many people of the African American culture escaped slavery and preached against it. Some people think that the Civil

Rights Movement was lead by achieved by Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. Before these two great men there were other great men that started the Civil Rights Movement. These African Americans preached for freedom and against slavery. It is important to understand and follow this story of unknown history.

1794-Leader of the American Black Church, Richard Allen, organized the Bethal Church, one of the first black churches in the United States. Allen continued to preach while working to unite black congregations. In 1816, 16 black churches from several cities formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church, they chose the Reverend Allen as bishop.

1820-Two African Americans, Samuel Cornish and John Russworm set up an anti-slav-

ery newspaper, Freedom's Journal. They tried to turn public opinion against slavery by printing stories about the brutal treatment of slaves.

1829-African American, David Walker, one of the most prominent out-spoken black abolitionists, published Appeal to the Coloured Citizen's of the world. In it he blasted the idea of slavery and called on slaves to throw off their chains by any means necessary.

1831-The most intense crusade of the 1800's was the movement to abolish slavery.

The most prominent white abolitionist was a man known as William Lloyd Garrison, who founded an antislavery newspaper, the Liberator.

1938-The best known black abolitionist was Fredrick Douglass. Douglass born a slave in Maryland. As a child he defied the slave codes and made his way to Boston. Lecturing against slavery, in 1847 he began publishing an anti-slavery newspaper, the North Star.

1841-The life of Blanche K. Bruce is a story of courage and (See History, Page 24)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Nevada's congressional trio of Senators Reid, Bryan, and Congressman Bilbray have become the three monkeys who see no evil, speak no evil, and hear no evil. Their sound of silence echoes through the mean streets of Las Vegas while victim after victim falls prey to an unprofessional police force.

Subsequent to the Dec. 11 1992, David Riddle homicide by Metro Officer George Pease, my attorney Robert Kossack and myself met with Senator Reid. We expressed our concerns over the rising violent civil rights atrocities committed in Clark County by police officers who have become immune from prosecution. We listened in amazement as he stated that taking a stand against the police was politically incorrect because it was not popular with voters. For your information Senator sometimes a popular position is not the correct one but it is a safe way to say I don't have the guts to do the right thing. Making a hard correct decision is what separated the men from the boys, just take a look at history.

You and your colleagues have set a very bad example for our youth, where is your integrity and courage. Civil rights violations by the police must be closely scrutinized, it is time that our leaders show they care. This is a painful letter for me to write but sometimes you have to do the right thing.

Sincerely,  
Larry Kepler

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Dear Editor,

This is a letter in response to Larry Kepler's Letter to the Editor in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice on Feb. 4, 1993.

I have written at least (5) five response which I have discarded because I felt they were too emotional and I wanted to be objective and fair.

First, riots come suddenly - a white riot with cops and militia is unfeasible because whites and cops, on the whole, do not randomly (and cowardly) select

black men's cars to bullet-riddle, nor do they shoot at homes accidentally since they seldom shoot at each other and seldom shoot except in the line of duty. It is not the cops who are guilty of drive by shootings, nor car jackings or all the senseless robberies, rapes & burglaries (of which I, myself, was a victim) that the big bad black man perpetrates on innocent cops, whites, at times even other good Blacks. In the "mini-riot" you alluded to, the "senseless loss of life and property" was not Metro's fault, it was the blacks who chose to riot as an outlet for their pent-up emotions of irrational anger, as they probably will foolishly attempt again.

What does rioting prove?

Does it make the illiterate black smarter? Does it make the criminal black lawful.

What does it prove? NOT A DAMN THING!

The police "homicides" were ruled justifiable and they were: It is the black criminal element that commits homicides that are non-sensical, it is the gangs that open fire on innocent victims who answer their doors trustingly.

It is NOT Metro who is disrespectful to Blacks but some blacks who are disrespectful to cops and whites as evidenced in their actions and choice of "rap" music.

I know first hand. I lived (a white person) in a predominantly black development where alcoholism, drug addicts, rapists, prostitutes, and burglaries A BOUND. I escaped the "war zone."

To Riot is to Destroy.

Turn your life around. It is awfully bleak in your angry world. Hope is on the other side.

Sincerely,  
Dolores DeSimone

(White Senior Citizen-Harassed by black gangs, plus more at Marble Manor Development.)

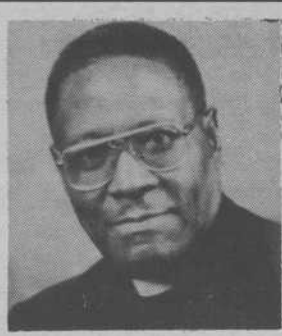
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#### THE NAACP AND YOU!



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### NAACP MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

Monday, March 15, 1993 has been set as the deadline to get your NAACP Membership if you plan to Vote in the branch election on Sunday, March 21, 1993 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The election will be held in Heritage Lounge located at 1012 West Owens Avenue in the Nucleus Plaza Center.

If you did not receive a letter from the NAACP within the last seven days, then you are not listed on the membership roll.

Many of our members choose to send their membership fee directly to the NAACP headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland therefore their names would not appear on the branch computer print out.

In any case you should come to the branch office if you have not received a notice of the upcoming branch election. The branch office is located at 1048 West Owens Avenue and office hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Your membership in the NAACP is your insurance against racism in Southern Nevada. If you have not had a face to face meeting with "Ole Man Jim Crow," better known as racism, then just keep on living in Nevada.

I sincerely advise you not to wait until racism greets you personally or a member of the NAACP before you decide to join the NAACP. Get your insurance today. Its better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.

Everyday the branch is inundated and overcrowded with people who have discrimination problems.

Our goal is to increase the branch membership to 10,000 members before the end of 1993.

You can help make this goal a reality.

### A Kid's Opinion

by Anika Jones



February was a very busy month for me. Most of my time was spent on Black History functions, so I apologize to my readers for my absence.

Going to different programs gave me some new ideas for next year. I'm going to put together a talk show. I'd like to produce a T.V. and radio show with an all kid staff. I'm hoping Juana Hart, Bobbie Troutman, Lee Winston and other blacks in the community will help.

I'd like to start a Kid's Black History Club. We can meet on Saturdays and do different projects. We could have a "Career Day" so that lawyers, teachers, doctors, policeman, etc., could let a kid spend the day with them. I'd like to put together a parent/kid conference. The conference should last two days, so they can talk about important subjects. If all of these ideas work, we will do this all year around. If there are any kids that would like to work with me on any of this you can write to me at the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, 1201 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104.

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