

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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our ability to veto the site.

I would also suggest that alleged offers of benefits to groups and communities should be looked at very carefully. Your readers should be aware that promises and hints of benefits have been made all over Nevada by the hired hands of the nuclear utility industry. Yet, the leader of the nuclear utility campaign in Nevada, a former staffer of Republican Senator Paul Laxalt, indicated that the industry could not deliver any benefits, that it is Congress which would approve funding benefits.

A highly unlikely event, considering our massive debt and the difficulty of approving any funding measures.

I look forward to reading future articles on this very important issue.

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WAKE UP MY PEOPLE

My people, what has happened to you? We've lost our vision. Without knowledge my people perish. As a people we were stolen from our motherland and have been down trodden, but what's our excuse today? Why are we letting the system push us around; pushed out of

jobs, going to jail, hung, beaten up, being talked to like dogs. We must stand up and fight back. Wake up my people.

Over the years things have changed. We have better opportunities now than years ago but as a race of people some how we've lost our collective vision, our hope. Why? Because the white man and his system has always kept our minds on them; how he dresses, what's fashionable, his cars, his money and we like fools have followed him in all his ways. We lost our vision.

What happened to that old black way of living? We lost our culture following that white beast. Now they say we've got them right where we want them: with no hope, on drugs, most of the young men in jails and the young ladies on welfare having baby after baby.

Wake up my black sisters, lift up your heads (minds). The system doesn't care how many

babies you have. As far as it's concerned that helps to keep you from bettering yourselves. Give you some food stamps and a house in the projects and that's good enough for you dogs. That's how you're looked upon. Young ladies wake up.

We as black women are the strongest things God put on earth. Why do you think the system has tried to destroy our hope? Because we make the black man strong. We have stood by our men. So by putting drugs in our community the beast assumes we'll stand by our men while they deal in drugs. Maybe she might even sell or do drugs herself.

This is America the land of the unjust if you're black get back. If you have a mind, well kill it with drugs. You can only keep the horse's head in the water so long before he drowns or fights back. Wake up my people.

Stephanie Williams

BLACK MOUNTAIN

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overcome before we finally received our approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). At first we were told that our antenna would interfere with airline transmissions and aircraft and installation was held up due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) concerns. Once we overcame that hurdle the FCC said that they were concerned about high level radiation coming from the antennas that were up there on Black Mountain. I believe right now, that there are twenty-two antennas from the radio and television stations that are broadcasting throughout the Las Vegas Valley," he said.

Finally Mendez concluded that with a staff of attorneys who went and addressed the FCC in Washington and after proving that the radiation levels were acceptable, KCEP FM-88 was found to be in compliance.

Sylvia Staples, Deputy Director of E.O.B. said that the financial status of E.O.B. and its budget dispersal was public record and that any person wanting that information was welcome. Staples was candid in her attempt to alleviate mounting suspicions and concerns about KCEP's operations and specifically stated that everything has been 'above board' in the Radiothon fundraiser. She said that the public should understand that KCEP is totally funded by the public and therefore could not survive without public support.

"I can assure that E.O.B. has

taken numerous steps to maintain the dignity and integrity of the radio station.

Our staff has been seeking to get approval for the antenna to be constructed and after several hurdles, appearances before the FCC in Washington, we have finally received the go ahead."

"It has been quite a task. But now we need to get the public's support in keeping the station on the air.

E.O.B., as you know, is federally funded agency. Our budget is underwritten by the federal government. However, KCEP is totally dependent on the public for support. We hope that this message will restore the confidence of our listeners and that they will continue to support Public Radio. KCEP receives a small grant from the Corporation For Public Broadcasting (CPB), which is about \$300,000 annually.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

The greatest achievement of the European in Africa: the insidious conquest of the minds of African people. Is this not true? Just as Mother Africa has been stripped of it's riches, so too have our minds been stripped of our history, our culture and our greatness. The struggle that Africans throughout the diaspora find themselves embattled in is as much a physical struggle as an emotional struggle to reclaim their proper place on the world stage.

We must understand that his-story of Africans did not start here in America. Africans have a history and culture thousands of years old that has been the envy of others the world over. We must also come to grip with the fact that "no ever came into Africa to do Africans any good." The European may have been successful in destroying some of our architecture, some of our land and even millions of African people, but has been unable to destroy the African spirit.

As mentioned earlier, the minds of African people have been conquered and when you control a man's mind and don't have to worry about his actions because you know what he'll do. The indomitable African spirit demands that we reclaim our minds, our hearts, and our souls, for it is only through this reclamation process that we will gain the respect due to the mothers and fathers of civilization.

I implore all you Africans (I intentionally omit American when referring to Africans because as Malcolm X said, "Just because are born in an oven that doesn't make them biscuits") to aspire for knowledge of self because with this knowledge you are then able to reclaim your history, your culture and your greatness. As Ray Willis always says "To know is to grow. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

"We would like to continue to grow and advance the station, and in order to serve the public more efficiently we need public funds and public support."

"One thing we would like to establish is a Radio News Department to report the news in our growing community. Public support is crucial. So now that we've received our approval for construction, we need to restore our public support," she said.

Louis Conner Jr., better known to listeners as L.C., General Manager of KCEP FM-88, said that he would not be at the station if all the talk about mismanagement were true. Conner said that KCEP is on the road to a bright future. He highlighted the success of the community forum call-in programs, "For Women Only", "Straight Talk", and more recently the "Police and the Com-

munity" and "Crack-Down on Crack" shows.

Conner said that he would like to see KCEP raise funds on a grand scale and have field reporters that will report the news daily. He said he would like to have more forums on educational issues to help combat illiteracy in our youth.

"The public should not let one incident cause them to lose confidence in KCEP. We are a part of this community and we can serve the community better once the antenna is installed because we will have a clear signal, with no interference."

James Tyree, Executive Director of E.O.B. stated in a prepared statement that since the 1991 Radiothon fundraiser, E.O.B. would incur additional costs before final completion of (See Black Mountain, Page 11)

THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
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LAS VEGAS—LARGEST NAACP BRANCH

The Las Vegas branch NAACP has given an official challenge to all the NAACP branches on the West Coast that Las Vegas is going to be the largest branch in terms of memberships by the end of 1993.

What a Herculean task we have chosen for ourselves to take on such cities as Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; San Diego, California; Long Beach, California; Oakland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

You are invited to become an integral part of this membership sign-up crusade. Each person who chooses to work will agree to sign up 10 memberships per month and to donate \$10.00 to underwrite the cost of the crusade.

Our goal is to increase our membership role to 5,000 members before the end of 1993.

At the last count the two largest membership branches on the West Coast were Los Angeles with 2,900 members and Seattle, Washington with 2,600 members.

You might ask why do we

need 5,000 members, which is about 5% of all the Afro American people in Clark County? Because:

1. The power structure and the politicians do not see NAACP members as mere numbers, but instead they are seen as dollars and votes (with power to act).
2. There is strength in numbers.
3. We need each other.
4. The NAACP needs you and you need the NAACP.
5. Racism is alive and well in Las Vegas and Nevada.

If you want to lend your assistance in the accomplishment of this very worthwhile endeavor, then you should sign up to become a membership solicitor today.

Special recognition will be given to each solicitor who writes 100 or more members at the Freedom Find Banquet on Saturday Nov. 6, 1993 at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas.

If you are interested, then you should come to the NAACP office located at 1048 W. Owens or call 646-1662.

Thank You

for making us NUMBER ONE in the community for the fourth year in a row!

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