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tion.

Although Clinton's current national job approval rating is only 55 percent, the lowest 100-day rating of any elected president since Dwight Eisenhower, he still receives comments of praise from blacks:

"He sure has been much more accessible to us than George Bush," states Leonard Green, editor of Washington's *Capital Spotlight*.

"At least he puts his money where his mouth is," says Brent Williams, editor of the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Insight News*, in regards to Clinton's outreach to blacks.

For instance, heads of black organizations, such as Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, have met with the president to voice their concerns about the inequity and lack of justice still in the nation.

Examples of Clinton's outreach are shown in the number of meetings he has held with African-American groups such as leaders of the Black Press of America, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, NAACP, Urban League, SCLC and others. Clinton's record of meetings with blacks almost exceeds those of President Bush and Reagan combined, in just 100 days. Lowery and other black leaders have influenced the administration to move toward having the Justice Department investigate the 43 hangings, 21 of which were young black men, which have occurred

in Mississippi jails.

President Clinton sought to gain 500,000 summer jobs for the hordes of jobless urban youth in his Economic Stimulus Package. Republican senators shot that package down. Black business people and organizational heads report that they also had much more access inside federal agencies for contracts and supplier opportunities.

The area that Clinton gets the most praise among blacks is the number of African-American appointments that he's made.

"He failed to bite the bullet of Haiti and gays in the military, but I have to give high marks for the number of blacks in his cabinet," states Mike Williams, editor of the *St. Louis Sentinel*. Until Clinton's administration, only one black in the cabinet has been the tradition since the days of President Kennedy. President Clinton has appointed five African-Americans to cabinet-level positions.

Although the White House has been slow in staffing other appointment positions, their reports indicate that fully 20 percent of these appointments were African-American. Ron Brown at Commerce; Mike Espy at Agriculture; Hazel O'Leary at Energy and Jesse Brown at the Veterans Administration are the blacks who head up their agencies. Jocelyn Elders as the Surgeon General is the nation's top medical official. In addition, Clinton's first 100 days have also put numerous blacks into second-tier positions; such as Clifton Wharton as Deputy Secretary

and George Moose as Assistant Secretary at State. Avis LaVelle at Health and Human Services; Ron Noble at Energy, Augusta Kappner at Education, Warnell Townsend at Agriculture and Leslie Turner at the Interior Department are Assistant Secretaries.

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BLACK STUDENTS ATTACKED

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crimes in the area that went virtually unnoticed and his wife Arlene said that they are willing to go to war to see that their son as well as other innocent students do not become victims of the same types incidents.

The first incident occurred in February of this year and there was little or nothing that came of it, however, on April 23, Erik and another white male friend were attacked at a bus stop by six white youths who

were traveling in a loaded car shouting racial slurs and chanting "Heil Hitler!" "Heil Hitler!"

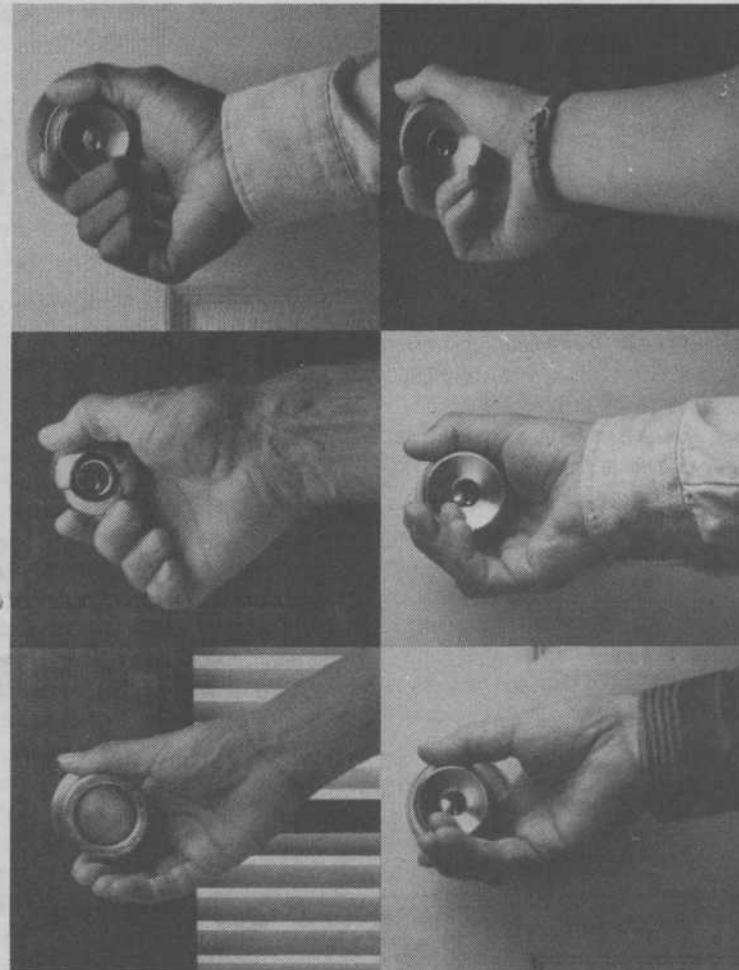
"About three weeks ago I was on my way to the bus stop and a gray car passed by with about eight white students in it, six males and two females and they were shouting, "War and Power!! and "Nigger" and "Heil Hitler!" They later got out of the car, six of them, and they said they were going to kill me. They were all students from Eldorado High School. They were using brass knuckles!"

Erik's father and mother have only been in Las Vegas for fifteen months and all of Erik's friends so far have been white.

Erik has no gang affiliation and his father said that he had to practically beg the media to report the story.

Erik and his parents believe that due to the nature of the incident it is a hate crime, which is a federal offense, because other students such as orientals have also been at-

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BLACK MOUNTAIN

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the project.

"KECP's first Radiothon, held in the Spring of 1991, raised exactly \$53,401.34. That money has all been used for the purpose for which it was donated — the antenna on Black Mountain. The money purchased the antenna, cable, the hangers, brackets, fuses, wire and equipment needed to mount the antenna on a tower at Black Mountain."

"In addition to this equipment, there have been labor, engineering and legal costs for this project that currently exceeds \$25,000," he said.

Mendez reiterated to the Sentinel-Voice that E.O.B. will continue to keep the community informed concerning any new developments.



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