NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

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The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression would like to add it's voice to the sometime's strident chorus of those who wish to control gang activities. It has been our observation since being in Las Vegas for the past five years that indeed all communities of Las Vegas suffer the ravages of the criminal activity of certain gangs. There is a particular gang in this town that is extremely dangerous and extremely vicious hav-

ing committed out and out murder on more than one occasion. They commit extortion, blackmail, all types of corruption, and they really should be fully controlled and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

This is an easily recognizable gang and it's criminal elements are well known. It has typical gang colors, typical gang mentality of us vs. them. This gang is indeed very powerfu, using the money stolen over many years to finance it's political and armed power. It is able to

ordinary citizens.

Now you may ask who is the gang that can get away with these base criminal acts and how often they do so? Well, as mentioned, this gang has it's own colors and they are easily recognizable. The colors are what we used to call a diarrheal brown, some times complemented with a yellow turtleneck, and a silver badge which is normally worn on the left chest. In addition, they are always armed to the teeth.

You see, the gang is the Metropolitan Police Department

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the movement of the change

some 100 days ago, we were all

optomistic about what the new

future might have in store. It is

time then to look back at the

events which have occurred, and

grade the new administration

Some major black thinkers

have suggested that the new

presidents selection of black

cabinet members, and upper

level administration appoint-

ments, have been only "sym-

bolic". They suggest that all of

these blacks are just tokens! It

was also pointed out, that the lib-

eral president continues to frequent black establishments like

colleges and churches to give

the impression that he supports

could have a problem with any of

these efforts. I can understand

the position; what is the presi-

dent doing specifically to ease

the burdens of black America?

What specific legislation has his administration proposed to curb

Once again, I hate to sound

like I disagree with some of the

black political thinkers, but we

should be realistic. The office of

the presidency is one of sym-

bolic leadership. All of these

efforts mentioned above, haven't

been prevalent in our presiden-

tial leadership since the 1960's.

in office, did we see large black

cabinet appointments? Name a

When Reagan or Bush were

our communities suffering?

I personally don't see how anyone in the black population,

accordingly

black issues.

When black America elected

of Las Vegas. On the second week of June the voters of Clark County will be asked again to dig deep into their pockets to subsidize this gang. Indeed, Clark County taxpayers are being told that the gang needs 300 new gang members in order to make the streets safe. The question is; safe from who?

Certainly 300 more of them will not make the streets any safer from them, and since it is our view that they are the major cause of the problem, we see no logical reason to approve this referendum to add 300 new gang members to the ranks of the

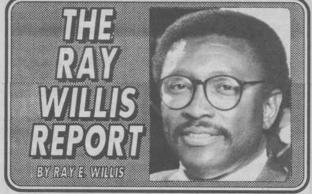
Indeed, it is our view that this money could best be spent to increase jobs and job training in the City of Las Vegas, for indeed there has been no study that has shown that increasing the number of police officers, decreases the crime rate. Every reputable study done has shown that increasing the number of jobs and increasing the amount of job training, is what decreases the

So, for the gang members of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, we say, "I am sorry gentleman and ladies,



JAMES S. TATE JR., MD but your gang activities have got to stop." The first step in stopping it is to defeat the referendum to increase your numbers. We would suggest that if you really want to fight crime, you become more efficient at crime fighting, as opposed to intimidation, racism, and terrorism of the citizens of Las Vegas.

La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!



It seems as though everything we do is reduced to comparison of playing a game. It underscores the importance of sports in our society. But it also relates directly to the game of

In our business, for instance, when you "take the ball and run with it" that means you are probably aggressively selling or marketing goods and services. Thus you are playing the game offensively.

The offense/defense approach of sports is frequently duplicated in the workplace. If you're successful at it, you'll make yourself a lot of money. If you fail, you could suffer financially

Applying these sportsmanship principles to he game of life and to our condition on Planet Earth as African Americans, it's evident that we are defensive experts. That means we spend most of our time defending a position or warding off the aggressor, who is on the offense.

A distinguishing trait of a defensive player is that he or she is always looking to counter the person who is on the offense. If you spend most of your time worrying sbout what soeone alse is going to do to you or reacting to something they have already done, there's little time left to establish and pursue your own plan. Thus, to be on defensive most, if not all, of the time is a denial of our own potential and your destiny. How can we become all that we can be as a people if we're constantly on the

If we're always dealing with the basic human needs like hunger, food and shelter, how will we ever be able to secure a lasting improvement in our qual-

The energy pu forth to stage a march to demonstrate agaginst some repressive social codition, for instance, could be better spent helping someone get a job. The march is a defensive move. Helping someone find employment is a defensive move. Providing a brother or a sister with a means to produce income raises one of oue own up a notch on the social chain, which elevates us all in the eyes of this country's capitalistic soci-

I'm not against marches perse. But I think it's very important for the mental state of Black people to consider the ramifications of offense/defense.

In determining where you are in relationship to The Ultimate Game, the Game of Life, answer the following questions. Where am I now? Where am I going? Do I have a plan? Or, do I wait to react to circumstances beyond my control?

To know is to grow.

that I can remember!

We are talking about 12 years of non-leadership on minority issues. Bush claimed a black man (Willie Horton) was the reason for the high crime rate in America. Reagan targeted affirmative action. And finally, Bush invited chief Gates to the White House after the unrest, so you know where his mind was!

I have presented all this

because I see the writing on the DIDN'T the last twelve years! It wall. In the first 100 days of the liberal administration, the president's popularity approval has dropped to an all time low. People don't seem to associate the fact that all of the liberal policies proposed by Mr. Clinton; (his jobs bill for urban youth, his stimulus package for the sagging economy, or his move to make the rich pay more taxes), have all been viciously attacked by conservatives.

Logically, the reason America has to address these problems is because conservatives is sad to me, that they can stop all these efforts to ease Reagan and Bush's conservative containment, and no one can make the connection

Conservatives have successfully stopped any minority based or middle class focused legislation from passing in Con-

They know if they can keep any positive legislation from being passed, they might trick America into voting conservative in 1996... and that would be the ultimate disaster! peace...

time when Mr. Bush was seen holding hands with a black church congregation? Those conservatives didn't even set foot in ANY minority neighborhood

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