

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"CURBING GANG ACTIVITY"

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The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression would like to add its 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 its criminal elements are well known. It has typical gang colors, typical gang mentality of us vs. them. This gang is indeed very powerful, using the money stolen over many years to finance its political and armed power. It is able to

intimidate politicians, as well as 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 its 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

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

Metropolitan Police Department. 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 crime rate.

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!

THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

The Ultimate Game

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 life.

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 the 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 about what someone else 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 defen-

sive 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 defense.

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 quality of life?

The energy put forth to stage a march to demonstrate against some repressive social condition, 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 our own up a notch on the social chain, which elevates us all in the eyes of this country's capitalistic society.

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.

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

100 DAYS

By R.K. Brown

When black America elected the movement of the change some 100 days ago, we were all optimistic 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 accordingly.

Some major black thinkers have suggested that the new presidents selection of black cabinet members, and upper level administration appointments, have been only "symbolic". They suggest that all of these blacks are just tokens! It was also pointed out, that the liberal president continues to frequent black establishments like colleges and churches to give the impression that he supports black issues.

I personally don't see how anyone in the black population, could have a problem with any of these efforts. I can understand the position; what is the president doing specifically to ease the burdens of black America? What specific legislation has his administration proposed to curb our communities suffering?

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 symbolic leadership. All of these efforts mentioned above, haven't been prevalent in our presidential leadership since the 1960's.

When Reagan or Bush were in office, did we see large black cabinet appointments? Name a

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

DIDN'T the last twelve years! It 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 Congress!

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...

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