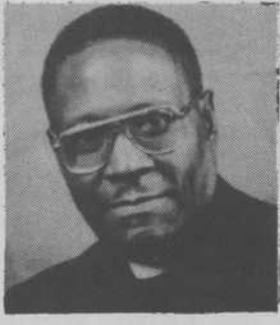


THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



BLACKS FIGHT BLACKS, NOT WHITES

It's a real rarity when blacks go into a white neighborhood and start a fight. The white neighborhood that I am referring to is the Frontier Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

Just maybe the physical violence we saw displayed on the television was begun by verbal violence on both sides of the culinary strike at the Frontier. The strike has been going on for approximately 20 months. Usually it's out of character for black people to instigate or start a fight with whites, not because they are afraid but because they know that the law is going to punish them for doing so.

If in fact the above referred to altercation began after some verbal name calling, one can only imagine what some of those names might have been. On the other hand, blacks can and do begin fights among one another over the smallest of incidents, but usually in their own neighborhoods.

In our quest to learn what the law plans to do about the people who engaged in this fist fight at the Frontier Hotel, Councilman Hawkins and I met with District Attorney Rex Bell. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if the D.A. plans to ask that felony charges be brought against the six blacks who were allegedly engaged in the fist fight at the Frontier. The D.A. said that he had not fully made up his mind about what he was going to do. The D.A. was also asked whether or not this case would be assigned to Chief Deputy Bill Koot, and he said no; where upon I breathed a sigh of relief. We reminded the Attorney General in times past, we recall, that there were fist fights during strikes at the Hilton, and at the Horseshoe between strikers and tourists, as well as others, yet in our memory we could not recall anyone being charged with a felony.

The blacks of this community are now asking the question, "Why Us?" Is racism the real reason?

It is this writer's opinion that this strike should never have been because the union is asking no large increases in salaries, and the Alardi family, the owners of the Frontier, appear to have so much money to spend. Governor Bob Miller of Nevada, the National Labor Relations Board, the Nevada Resort Association, the Nevada Development Authority, and others have created, due to their inaction and vacillation of the "Good Ol' Boys," the climate for verbal and physical exchanges between strikers and tourists.

Unsubstantiated rumors are going through the community that the chief prosecutor in the district attorney's office, Mr. Bill Koots, wants the grand jury to bring in felony indictments against some of the blacks involved.

Some unanswered questions are: 1. Why did the Frontier Hotel apparently decide to give to the police and the media the video film of only the blacks in the fist fights and not the others?

2. Was the white couple that was engaged in the confrontation at the Frontier Hotel staying there?

HARRIS



GUEST COMMENTARY I THOUGHT YOU KNEW!

By Kamau Khalfani,
Primeminister of Information

I must humbly apologize to my brothers and sisters, I thought you knew how to solve all the ills of our community. I thought you knew that the way to solve the education problem was to build our own schools, our own private schools, and run them ourselves even if there was no pay involved. I thought you knew that we were responsible for our own future and that white folks are not the ultimate enemy. You give them too much power. The truth be known. They are not all seeing, all knowing or, invaluable, but you have made them that!

I thought you knew in order for there to be a drug industry there had to be customers to support it. We don't need to stop because some advertisement said so, we need to stop because we are rotting out our beautiful Black nation, and our #1 source is drying up...our black mind power.

I thought you knew that one of the greatest things that we could do is to stop all of this social behavior like the running down of my 14 year old daughter and 22 month old son by a woman drunk with social interaction. I thought you knew how much you mattered to the rest of the world. Like my children who didn't earn a single word in the newspaper or on the radio or, on the one eyed monster.

I thought you knew that you had to be a little white child before the media would spend a whole week on you or the city would put up a traffic light for you. I thought you knew that the only way to "fix" the problems in our community was to truly make it our community by applying our God given talents to build and protect our place in the universe.

I thought you knew there was no future in continuing to celebrate an entire calendar of someone else's achievements. Just check the record. Washing-

ton, and Lincoln's Birthdays, the Fourth of July, New Year's. These things have nothing to do with our achievements! Do we celebrate Marcus Carvey, Paul Robeson, Nat Turner, Malcolm X. How could we if we know nothing about these people. Why, we don't even celebrate our black Gods; that's right, Gods. How could you have a God without a Goddess? "Our heaven is between the legs of a black woman" because that is from where our race comes! I thought that you knew that if you alter women, then you alter man, for she is the first teacher. So how could you let the white boy remove her from the status of a goddess. That is why you beat her in the street and call her all kind of bitches and she answers, because neither of you know her true value.

It is in the midst of chaos and turmoil that we must keep our civilization about us. I thought you knew that we are one, that we are black, that we are beautiful. I thought you knew that this is the black man's time and the womb of the universe is giving birth to an opportunity that must not be passed by. The call has gone out for the man and woman who have no birthdate to take their rightful place and to restore

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which was wickedly successful at discrediting, disrupting and destroying efforts of many black organizations toward identifying and galvanizing under a "Black Messiah," who would lead our people into achieving true freedom, justice and equality; thus throwing off the yoke of government condoned suppression and oppression.

Those present at the lecture learned that there is much we can do to bring justice and jobs to our communities. The first step would be to unite behind the leadership of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and work with the nation of Islam to achieve real nation and character building with the successful program of the most Honorable

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

N.I.G.G.E.R. Look this word up in any dictionary and I'm sure that you'll find that the definition is disparaging and derogatory towards black people, but more specifically, towards the black man.

The word, now altered (NIGGA), is used as a term of endearment among young brothas and sistas. I ask, why is that? When anybody outside of your cliché, your clan, your crew uses said term you take offense.

Consider this: Normally the more one is exposed to something, the more one comes to accept or believe it. This may be a conscious or subconscious effort. For example, most of us believe and therefore accept the condition that the white man is all powerful and can destroy us at any time. You may argue the point but I challenge you to look within and examine the situation.

I dare say that every black man, woman and child has heard the word NIGGA used hundreds, if not, thousands of times and yet the impact of it's derogatory meaning has not been lessened one bit. Today he's "my nigga." Same word, just with diametrically opposed connotations. How can this term that was created to destroy your self image also be a term of endearment?

I present to my readers my conclusion that Africans in America have internalized the NIGGA (NIGGER) and all it's negative connotations and that's why we are quick to use it when "that black ass nigga" makes us mad or upset. We have yet to diminish the impact of said word on our psyche.

My suggestion is that we stop using the word all together and that we take the power away from the man who chooses to use it by not reacting in a fashion he would dictate. There's a saying that goes something like this: It is not what you call me or what I am called but what I respond to that counts. I don't know about you but I'm not a NIGGA, Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

balance.

I thought you knew!

Tell me what you do know.

Drop me a line at 1401 D St. or give me a call at (702) 225-8363 Hotep.

Elijah Muhammad.

The Minister left no room for doubt that our condition would improve overnight through black love and unity. Minister Khallid emphasized how the Honorable Louis Farrakhan is leading efforts to build the true kingdom of God spoken of in the Bible and Holy Quran.

Despite economic decline, despair and depression through-

out America, the audience listened and heard wisdom and wit which concluded with an energetic question and answer period. The believers and audience left the two (2) hour lecture convinced that the light of Islam in Las Vegas is shining brighter than many world renown resorts that Las Vegas prides itself on!

As-Salaam Alaikum,
Michael X

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CORRECTION

In the African American History column on May 13, 1993, the correct title should have been "The Step Pyramid."

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