

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"POOR BLACK WOMEN GET THE SHAFT AGAIN"

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By this time everyone must have heard that the House of "Dis Representatives" has rejected again paying for the therapeutic abortions for poor women, and I also note that Congressman James Bilbray and the Neo fascist Barbara Vucanovich have also joined in voting against this

measure. It goes without saying that these two people must be targeted for removal at the next election. However, there is a larger problem here. Most people probably did not even know that this vote was about to occur. Indeed none of the so called leaders of the Women's Movement (as far as I can tell) made any significant moves to insure



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this bill's passage. The question then comes up as to why? In previous columns, you will recall that I have sometimes taken the so called Women's Movement to task as being a movement of the master and the mistress struggling over who will control the slave. Indeed, this vote shows that that has not changed. As long as rich white women can get abortions, as far they are concerned, there is no problem. There is no need for any struggle. Only poor women will be forced into the backyard butchers, as they were in the past. You see it has always been very simple for a person with money to get an abortion anytime they wanted. If you couldn't get it in your state, then you could go to another state. If not in the United States, you go to another country. Therapeutic abortions are extremely safe procedures, when performed by qualified physicians. They are extremely dangerous procedures, and deadly even, when they are performed by unqualified people. The refusal of the Congress to allow Federal money to be used to pay for abortions is a classic and tragic cop-out. These are the same people, who support the death penalty, who support more prisons, and who want to cut welfare. It would seem then that they have no problem with killing, it is just a matter of timing. The fetus is inviolate, but once the child is born, it makes a good target for whatever your Neo fascist agenda happens to be.

It is quite clear the Congressional delegation from Nevada needs some serious restructuring. Ms. Barbara Vucanovich, who is known to be 10 degrees to the right of Attila the Hun, must be removed. Mr. James Bilbray, who, as far as I can tell, has no political ideology and more or less blows where ever the wind seems to take him, must also be removed. What is (See NAARPR Report, Pg 4)

THE
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REPORT

BY RAY E. WILLIS

NORTH TOWN

North Town doesn't have the negative reputation of Oaktown. For the record, North Town is North Las Vegas, Nevada; Oaktown is Oakland, California.

From a positive perspective, some very significant changes are taking place right now in North Town. With the recent election of John Rhodes to the North Las Vegas City Council, three out of five key decision makers on the council are African-American. Rhodes along with veteran City Councilmen Theron Goynes and Bill Robinson now comprise a three-fifths voting majority.

What that means is that for the first time ever, Blacks have the voting strength to control a whole city in Nevada. For now that only computes on paper. Until or unless there is a commitment by these three black councilmen to work together cooperatively, their potential voting strength means absolutely nothing.

There are several factors that may weigh heavily in the politics of these three black leaders and their political destinies. For instance, will they take advantage of the positive public relations related to the growing Eldorado housing area and all the other far north developments? These new housing areas are bringing in substantial tax dollars to ultimately replenish city coffers.

How will the city focus it's police powers to handle the perception of a growing crime problem, mostly confined to the older areas of North Town?

Will the North Town Three feel free to make decisions that are in the best interest of all the city's residents, or will they hesitate to "do the right thing" at times because of a perception that they may favor fellow black citizens?

The secret to their future success, in my opinion, is being able to cast off negative perceptions that they should forget about being black when they act in North Town's best interest. In a city whose population is more than half black the real challenge might be how to win the trust and confidence of white residents and satisfy the desires of their black constituents at the same time.

Knowing all three of these men as I do, I feel confident they can establish and maintain an effective working relationship that will be beneficial to North Las Vegas and all it's citizens.

As we observe the goings-on of the newly constituted North Las Vegas City Council, I wonder what, if anything, they have in store for Martin Luther King Boulevard, which becomes Camino al Norte when you cross Craig Road? I'll have the councilmen's personal reactions to these questions and more in a future column.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

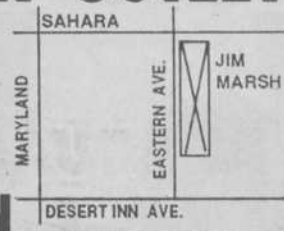
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