

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

We hear frequently that knowledge is power and education is the key. Key to what? And so what if you have the key? What are you going to do with it? Put it on a key ring and then forget what it's for?

Do you realize that there are brothas and sistas right here in Las Vegas and throughout the country desperately trying to educate you, give you the key. And do you also realize that most of you could care less about that key because it's not to a new car or to a house in Summerlin.

As Minister of Information I'd like to think that I educate you and bring knowledge to this page every week. But what good is my message if 1. you don't and can't understand it; my fault, or 2. you simply don't care to take heed to the message?; your fault. Engrossed in knowledge is the power we Africans need to liberate ourselves. But we have lost our critical thinking capacity, except when it comes to criticizing ourselves, and we accept most things at face value.

Right now there's a volcano waiting to erupt over this Sir Francis Drake vessel that Steve Wynn has purchased to put in his new attraction, Treasure Island. What am I talking about you ask? The very name Sir Francis Drake should cause some eyebrows to raise. How many of you know that Drake, the man for whom this ship is named, was one of the biggest traders of African people known to man? That's right! He was instrumental in the so-called slave trade.

I needn't get more detailed than that. That's really all you need to know. For more on the man I suggest you pick up a book. This fact, however, is going to be irrelevant to you because come October when Treasure Island opens the Sir Francis Drake is going to look so pretty. That you'll forget the man whom this ship is dedicated was your true unadulterated enemy how being glorified by corporate America.

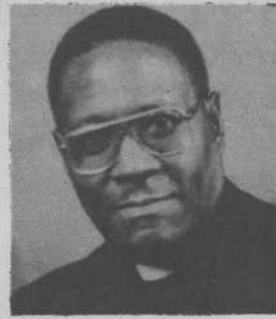
But hey! What's another slap in the face? This isn't the first time that Europeans have out right insulted you, manifested total disregard for you or showed no respect for your humanity. So why should I expect you to get angry over this. Well, perhaps it's time you got angry about something and took the keys you've been given to unlock the slave/ slave owner mentality.

The white man's insensitivity towards you is great but insensitivity towards self is greater. When you know who you are, then you'll understand why a ship dedicated to a trader of African captives is an insult not only of African people but to the memory of millions of African people who died during the middle passage. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

THE NAACP AND YOU



Rev. Jesse D. Scott
President
Las Vegas, NAACP



LAS VEGAS NAACP TOWN

All roads lead to Las Vegas. So it seems to the delegates of Region I who met in Los Angeles on April 1-4 1993.

The NAACP in the United States is divided geographically into seven regions. Region I is composed of nine western states namely, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, California, Nevada, Idaho and Utah. Within these seven regions are state conferences of branches. Las Vegas is a part of the tri-state conference of Idaho, Utah and Nevada. I have held the presidency of the tri-state conference since 1991.

You are invited to attend this conference in Ogden, Utah Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 24-26, 1993. If you are interested in attending, contact Mr. H.C. Massey, the 1st vice president, by calling 801-399-9281 (w) or 801-479-6377 (h).

The second set of NAACP convention delegates whose eyes are set on Las Vegas are those who hope to attend the 1997 NAACP National Convention. Las Vegas has its bid in for

inviting the 1997 convention to convene here.

Our chances of landing this financially lucrative event, in terms of spending money, will depend greatly on the branch remaining on the cutting edge in the fight against racism and sexism in Nevada.

The other primary condition that will enhance Las Vegas' ability to serve as hosts to the NAACP National Convention in 1997 is for us to make our goal of signing up 5,000 NAACP memberships in 1993.

You can help by coming into the NAACP office and sign up to become a NAACP membership solicitor. The NAACP office is located at 1048 West Owens Ave. in the Nucleus Plaza Center. Or you can call 646-1662. May I suggest a few sources from which you can sign up members such as: your family, church, club, lodge, fraternity, sorority, doctor, lawyer, friend, cousins, grandparents, inlaws, carpenter, plumber, electrician, neighbors; the list is endless.

The main reason why more NAACP memberships are not

written is because we don't have enough people asking. The Bible says ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be open unto you.

The NAACP influence was felt when it negotiated over 1 billion dollar agreement with Denny's Restaurant chain which includes 53 Afro-American franchises within a seven year period and to name a black on it's board of directors. We here in Las Vegas must make similar demands so that we can generate employment positions for

Afro-American people.

You are invited to attend the NAACP monthly meeting Sunday, August 8, 1993 - 3:00 p.m. at Grace Immanuel Baptist Church located at 805 Bartlett where Rev. S.P. Parks is the Pastor.

The principal speakers will be State Senator Joe Neal and Assemblymen Wendell P. Williams and Morse Arberry will make a report on the last session of the state legislature - and excerpts of Nelson Mandela's speech at the NAACP Convention.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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began robbing, cheating, plundering, and even raping their black women. Taking all of their materialistic things of value (which at that time were only kept for their beauty), Sir Francis Drake showed no pity and killed many African people and enslaved the rest aboard his customized ship. Chained, beaten and dismayed, the African woman was treated with tremendous disrespect. This is why we oppose the Sir Francis Drake as an attraction.

With this knowledge before you, we request that you re-evaluate your decision on allowing this affront to African people to be displayed on the Las Vegas Strip.

We request a meeting to discuss and resolve this situation at your earliest convenience. Your timely response will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ron Current, Chairman
Black Panther Party

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Dear Editor,

I applaud the President for the appointment of Jocelyn Elders, M.D. to the post of the United States Surgeon General and urge the ComElder's expertise as a health provider, a director of

a state health department and a champion of health issues makes her eminently qualified for the post.

Dr. Elders has always been willing to tackle tough issues with vigor which has been demonstrated during her tenure as Director of the Arkansas State Health Department. She helped raise the immunization rates of pre school children in the state of Arkansas and has been instrumental in attracting more health professionals to practice in underserved rural areas. In addition, her programs have led to a downward turn in the teenage pregnancy and infant mortality rates.

The United States health system would be fortunate to have Dr. Elders as the top health advisor and the manager of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Dr. Elder's determination and persuasive powers are two essential leadership skills needed to help prevent the rampant spread of disease. She will be an exceptional model to all Americans, especially African Americans, and will inspire a new generation of young health providers.

I challenge all Americans to support Dr. Elder's appointment.
William E. Dougan, M.D.

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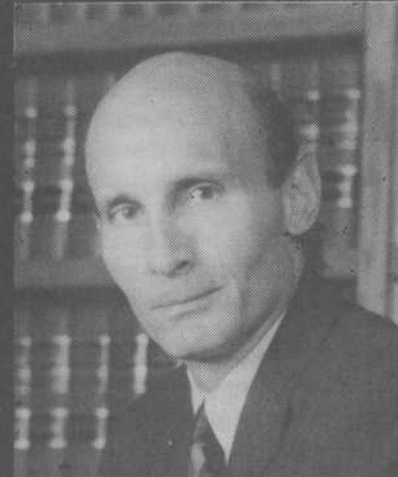
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AUGUST 7, 1993

12:00 Noon

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717 NORTH RANCHO DRIVE

\$15:00

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