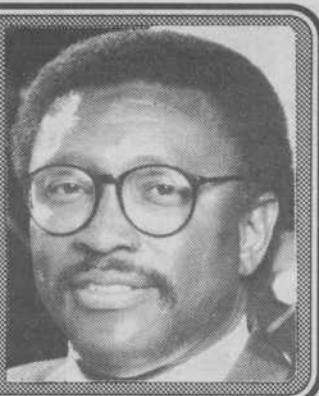


THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS



RACE MATTERS

If I had my druthers, I wouldn't be writing a column on this particular subject. But everywhere I turn, whether I like it or not, I'm subtly and overtly reminded that race matters.

Our obsession with race is evidenced in many ways. The news is constantly full of racial innuendo. Census figures are broken down according to race. Affirmative Action offices of corporate America provide employee statistics broken down by racial category. Birth certificates make note of an individual's racial ancestry. And on, and on and on.

If race didn't matter, why would it play such a significant role in our everyday lives? Why would racial conflict be such a major focus on local, national and global news and information?

When I turn on the local radio news, I'm consistently told the race of the suspect of a crime

when that person is Black, but only some of the time when the perpetrator of the crime happens to be white.

Why does media differentiate race in such a selective manner? It's as if they were keeping a racial score card seemingly to gloat "This crime was committed by One of Them, wouldn't you know it!"

Given the pattern for singling out criminals on the basis of race, designating a criminal suspect as Black becomes an automatic part of the description provided.

How many Black men fit the description, for example, of being 5' 7" tall, 20 to 25 years old 160 pounds with closely cropped hair? Such a description certainly wouldn't help to capture a suspect. It could, however, lead to the arrest or detainment of many Black men fitting such an open description.

(See Ray Willis, Page 4)

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"TAKING OUT THE GARBAGE HAITIAN STYLE"

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.,
Chairperson NAARPR

We have all read with some trepidation the unfolding events happening in Haiti. As the Caribbean's poorest and one of the poorest nations in the world, Haiti, as of late, has begun to occupy a bit of attention in the European dominated press. Unfortunately, this is a recent discovery of this island, which of course has been around for quite some time. In the past however, Haiti has not enjoyed the spotlight that it enjoys today, albeit, a negative spotlight, there is some attention being paid to Haiti now. Now we are told that in Haiti there is a very powerful ruling military which is a right wing military, and which is attempting through murder, force of arms, and every other illegitimate means, any attempt to replace it and to avoid turning over power to the duly elected President of that Republic. What is somewhat hypocritical about this is the fact that the same people who are performing these dastardly deeds are indeed doing no more than what they perceive as what their master is telling them to do. You see, there secret police, the Haitian police force, and the Haitian military, are all trained, conditioned, and set-up by the United States. Haiti

has for some time been the chief Western Hemisphere testing ground for all types of military chemical, and some believe biological weapons, and may have indeed been the developmental back yards for the HIV virus itself. For those who would question whether or not the United States would stoop this low, remember the Tuskegee 626. This country has a track record of this type of activity.

Returning to the current situation, what to do with the military hooligans who currently terrorize Haiti. Well, frankly, it is the problem of the United States. The United States has, as mentioned, trained these thugs, so it is really the United State's duty to now take out the garbage. While I have never championed interference in another countries international affairs, especially by a nation which has such questionable credentials as the United States, clearly in this case, military intervention to take out the thugs that the United States put into power, may be appropriate. Not a long term

occupation, but the United States is certainly the one who ought to be responsible for removing the thugs they set up in power in the first place more than thirty years ago with Pappa Doc Devaliere. If not, then the United States should withdraw and allow other nations, as the part of the U.N. task force, to see to it that the island is returned to Democracy, and that will include training an entirely different group of people as police officers and as military functionaires. Therefore, a large military is not necessary. If indeed there is to be a country who should be assigned a primary responsibility for develop-



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ing the Haitian social systems, medical systems, etc., of all the counties in the Caribbean, there is only two who have the integrity to do that. One being Cuba, (See NAARPR, Page 5)

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TO GET ALONG

By R.K. Brown

As we watch the local politicians jockey for election positions, we can be amazed at the amount of promise West Las Vegas receives. Just as they wanted us to get along after the King verdict, the "world" according to many politicians, belongs to black residents.

I would have to agree with Assemblyman Wendell Williams in every aspect concerning his description of politics, and it's money flow. Government officials from the "top down", promise the world to black Las Vegas, but in the end we never see the results. Two banks, a grocery store, some business suites, and a public center.

Every suburban community in Las Vegas already has ALL of these necessities. What do blacks pay taxes for? Police misconduct? Just drive around the city and count all the grocery stores and public services — you would run out of time and interest.

What good is a store owned by outside interests? How does a community bank help the

people, if it doesn't invest in he citizens? A grocery store might enjoy a few deserving blacks here and there. A new mini mall may help community cosmetics and appearance. But just as Mr. Williams and many other community leaders have pointed out,

it doesn't bring about self reliance and community independence.

Many times you might see a special on TV about how minorities are trouble, because the government "has" to give them (See Westside Story, Page 4)

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