

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY"

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Very shortly you will be hearing quite a bit about an attempt to forge unity within the African community of Las Vegas. This attempt at unity will not only involve the African community, but other communities as well, such as the Hispanic, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islands, Asian community and those Europeans, who wish to participate. While the effort will target

primarily the African community, it is not exclusive. You will also, if you are careful students of current event, begin to see that there will be those who will begin to try to dismantle the unity before it even begins. A perfect example of this was the Unity Rally held in Detroit in which the NAACP, the Nation of Islam, and several other organizations participated. Almost before it began, it was being attacked by the Detroit newspapers, specifically

the Detroit Free Press. Now clearly the Free Press and the Detroit News are not known for their overly left leaning tendencies, so anything that they attack should automatically be thought of as being justifiable or they wouldn't attack it.

In Las Vegas we have a similar situation of course with the Repressive Journal. However, there will be others within our own community, who I will call the Judus goats. For those

of you who are not from the mid west and are not familiar with the stock yards, the way that you lure animals to the slaughtering house floor is to set up a Judus goat. Most food animals are herd animals, that is they function as a herd, when one moves they all move. The Judus goat then acts as a leader of the herd and leads the lambs to slaughter, as it were. Once the lambs are on the slaughter house floor the Judus goat escapes through the small trap door and lives to continue his activities another day, while the lambs are stuck on the slaughter house floor becoming lamb chops and roasts.

In this current situation beware of those who may look like you, but are not a part of you, for they will be the Judus goats. They will attack this attempt at unity for all kinds of reasons, for all kinds of motives, but their purpose will be the same — to destroy this child of unity, while it is still in its infancy. They will not be successful. This is something that the community of Las Vegas wants and needs. It will be instructive to observe who speaks out against the joining together of these organizations. For those who work most diligently against it, are clearly the Judus goats of our community and should be branded as such, isolated and exiled.

For the rest of us, we must make sure that the creation of this new found spirit of cooperation is nurtured and continues to grow. To do any less would be

to subject ourselves to the continued march toward extermination.

La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!



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learn how to work as a team and to take intellectual risks as they learn. They learn there is more than one way of looking at a problem and that everyone has a contribution to make.

Despite its twelve years of existence and its successful teaching of algebra to 10,000 inner city youth, The Algebra Project is one of America's best kept secrets. It is just one more piece of evidence that media too often only chooses to portray the violent, troubled side of African American youth.

Algebra Project students, many of whom had little hope of success in school before, have

found new motivation and self-esteem. They have been engaged in the serious study of algebra in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades and thousands have entered college preparatory mathematics in high school, with many moving into honors algebra or geometry courses.

These young people will be the scientists, the teachers, the technicians in the world of the 21st century. Thanks, Bob Moses. Thanks for continuing to be a drum major for justice and for lighting the torch for our youth.

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NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY NO, NOT AN EAGLE

By R.K. Brown

Recently, I was talking to an Asian fellow in a fast food line, who told me he was from South Africa. An Asian from South Africa? Anyway, he told me that he found blacks in Africa to be similar to those in America, they had no drive to succeed.

Well, you all know I will check anyone like that in a minute, but I decided to hear the man out. He had concluded that while he was in South Africa, he was able to grow up in the white community with peace and harmony. He further stated that when he came to the U.S., he was able to get a job, not letting racism get in his way.

Needless to say he thought he had developed a strong platform to stand on. When I was finished however, I think not only did he want to leave his hamburger, but he wanted to leave that conversation as well! All I said was, when it comes to South Africa, he had an uneducated viewpoint.

I asked when did his family arrive in Africa, and he said about 1950. I pointed out that black people had been in Africa since the beginning of time, and only after a racist takeover did whites inhabit the continent. "What if whites thought that there was large amounts of oil in Asia? What if they moved into Japan, Korea, and the rest of the Orient, with bombs and death, killing anyone who got in their way. Eventually taking all of the land that Asian people have lived on for thousands of years?"

Of course he hadn't looked at it that way before. I went on to reveal that blacks are the ultimate signs of democracy the US can display. No, not the Eagle or Uncle Sam, or any other. Those symbols were created while white's minds were still contaminated with imperial racism. Blacks, without question,

have fought and died by the millions to secure the rights for all Americans. Women's rights, gay rights, handicapped rights, you name it, blacks started it all. As late as 1900, minorities, including all of the groups above, had no rights. NONE. But as blacks fought racists for their rights, other groups were also able to benefit.

Until blacks established everyone's right to vote, and had access to jobs, we all lived in an America for white's only. Today, Asian, Latin, native American,

and other minorities benefit from this more relaxed environment. Many people may say blacks don't do this, they are lazy, and they don't do that; but without the real symbols of American democracy, we would all be living in a pre civil rights era.

Because of the indestructible black man, and his will to fight for his rights and everyone else's, other groups can have the freedom to say, I have access in America, no thanks to those unruly blacks!

peace...

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

For anyone who has had the good fortune to visit the motherland, you know of the overwhelming warmth and hospitality that was extended to you by the brothers and sisters you encountered. These good people didn't know you but they made you feel welcomed and treated you like family.

This weekend past, I had the pleasure of being the guest of some good people from the motherland. Two of my partners and I went to L.A. this past weekend just to hang out. One of my partners, who is of Nigerian ancestry, housed us at his parents home. From the time we walked through the door we were greeted and treated like long lost family.

What is of interest here is the extent to how some total strangers responded to some other total strangers. "You're at home here. Make yourselves comfortable. Can I get you anything?" These statements are just a small sample of the warmth extended to us.

I am reminded of a situation in Denver recently where I met a man from Gambia. In conversation I told him I was interested in learning more about African drums and one day I would make a trip to Mother Africa. This gentleman who had just met me told me if I ever make it to Gambia, I have a place to stay.

When you realize that the African in America is the fruit of the African on the motherland, one has to wonder what has happened to us. Every African not of American roots that I've ever met, has managed somehow to cling to the roots of his humanity. He has been able to let the beauty that is Africa to shine through the dimness of his confines.

It is said that the fruit never falls from the tree. And this is usually the case unless the tree is on the decline and the fruit rolls away from the tree. Nonetheless, we as the fruit of Africa and Africans in America would do well to get back to the roots of humanity and civility that we unconsciously possess. If we take the example of our many brothers on the continent, then perhaps we'd be one step closer to unity in our community. Until next time, this has been the Minister of Information!

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