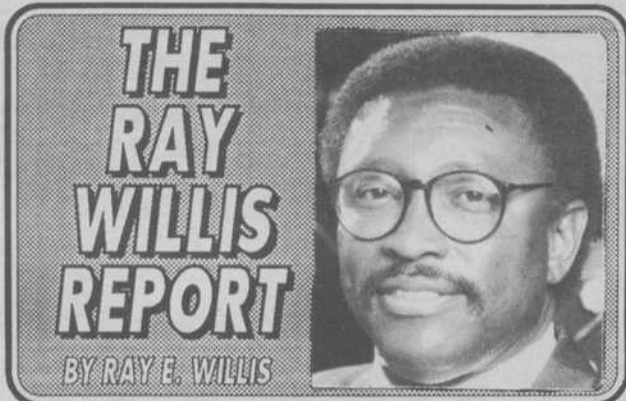


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**MARCHES, PARADES, ETC. (WHAT ABOUT THE FOLLOW-UP ORGANIZING?)**

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# THE N-WORD

Although you'll find it in the dictionary, its a word considered in very poor taste to use under any circumstance. The N-Word is probably the single most racially derogatory word in the English language. The N-Word is the ultimate put-down to people of African-American descent. By now you know what the infamous N-Word is. The N-Word is "nigger."

The N-Word is so offensive to some Black people that they won't appreciate my even using it in this column. Definitions for the N-Word appear in the dictionary, alongside companion words and phrases such as: "nigger toe" (a Brazilian nut), "nigger heaven" (the highest balcony or row of seats in a theater), and "nigger in the woodpile" (something contrary to appearances in a situation — sanitized version; Whites who conceal Black ancestry — unsanitized version).

Just a mention of the N-Word, spoken, or in print, causes controversy over its usage. Some Blacks who are offended by the word say it describes not just African-Americans, but anyone, regardless of race, who is ignorant or who acts in a less than humanistic way towards his fellow man. In other words, the way Black folks see it, White people can be niggers too.

Frequently confusing to Whites is how Blacks lovingly use the N-Word as a term of endearment to other Black folk. Expressions such as "He's my nigger" and "nigger please!" used in a well meaning way are perplexing to Whites. In this context, the N-Word can be a plus, depending on how its used and who's saying it to whom and under what circumstance.

Words comparable to the N-Word exist to put down other so-called minority groups. But none comes close to eclipsing the N-Word as the single-most reviling derogatory reference to a minority group.

Studies show that children are being introduced to the N-Word at an earlier age today than ever before. So the odds are our children will be called the N-Word maybe even before they learn to walk or speak.

In my opinion, we need to



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At this point, the march against violence by Unity In The Community and the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade have both happened. However, we must be mindful that these activities are not an end unto themselves, and there must be a follow-up. Indeed, marches and parades, etc., are either beginnings of organization drives or the culmination of a organizational drive, in which case they are a prelude to the next phase. Too often we assume that after we have done our march, everything is over and we can go home and forget about it until the next march comes along. Nothing can be further from the truth. Indeed, if we look at the legacy of Martin

Luther King, Jr., it is clear, contrary to popular propaganda, that King's legacy is not just non-violence, it is not just peace, but it is peaceful organizing on an ongoing basis, to continue the struggle for liberation. If there's any doubt of that fact, then one should again listen to King's "I Have A Dream" speech, because what it talks about is continuing the struggle and continuing the organizing efforts for the liberation of African people.

Today's media hype will have one believing that Martin Luther King, Jr., just preached non-violence, as if it were being preached in a vacuum. What indeed he did talk about was the need for organization, the need to bring massive numbers of people into the struggle for liberation, and the tactic, not the

religion, but the tactic of non-violence. Indeed, in the zenith of King's career, he was beginning to do, as all leaders eventually begin to do; to reach out and accept others who did not particularly share his tactical strategy, such as Elhajj Malik El Shabazz (Malcolm X), John Lewis of SNCC, James Farmer of C.O.R.E., and even Roy Wilkins of the NAACP. It is that involvement, plus his movement to involve Europeans in the struggle to end the Vietnamese War, that signaled the death of King.

If one is really an astute student of history, we see history being repeated. When Ben Chavis, as head of the NAACP, began reaching out to Louis Farrakhan of the N.O.I., and literally all of the other African organizations, he was removed from the NAACP. When it became clear that merely Chavis' removal from the NAACP was not going to stop this move to unify the African community, then came the next phase which was the plot(s) to assassinate Louis Farrakhan. Whenever there is growing unity there will be response. The response may be political or it may be physical, and until we have the ability to make any attempt at either character or physical assassination of an African leader so painful and so expensive for this country that it will not consider that a viable option, these things will continue.

Clearly, at some point in time, if the movement here in Las



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 Vegas continues to grow, the same attempt will be made here. There are already indications that some of this is beginning, but we cannot allow that to stop the organizing efforts, the unifying efforts, and the efforts to enlarge the struggle to involve the maximum number of people; for that indeed is the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that should be the reason for the parade. It certainly is the reason for Unity In The Community's march against violence. It is not an end unto itself, but merely a beginning, a small stage in the struggle for liberation and the struggle to unify our people.

The NAARPR certainly understands this movement and that is why the NAARPR has put forth so much of it's time and energy into the organizing effort for Unity In The Community. It is not that we have forgotten the NAARPR, but that we see the bigger picture in terms of the organization of our entire community. Those who understand that will continue the struggle and those who do not will fall by the wayside. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

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 I wish to take this opportunity  
 (See Ray Willis Report, Pg 24)

## NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY CIVIL RIGHTS REVISTED

By R.K. Brown

As I stated in an article a couple of weeks ago, there would soon be no historic acts of legislation from the civil rights era; which wouldn't come under attack during this new Conservative uprising. Little did I know that they would wage an all out war against minority programs so soon!

In today's America, Affirmative Action is no longer feasible because blacks get all the jobs, leaving white men in the cold. Well...the last time I checked, blacks had achieved their highest unemployment rate since World War II. So I can't understand where whites came up with that one.

In corporate America, white males make up 92% of the top executives compared to a miserable 2% for ALL MINORITIES; black, red, brown, yellow, and green combined! So,

obviously this is a political issue whose sole purpose is to divide the country among the color line. It looks to me like the civil rights era is being revisited.

The minority issues that are such hot topics today like immigration, welfare, and affirmative action, aren't the issues that made America go broke. As a matter of fact, these issues take up no more than 5% of the total budget. But as we have found historically, when there is economic or social strife, America will always blame its problems on minority contamination.

It seems that each year on Dr. King's holiday, conservatives pick a new issue to divide the country along color lines. When will it ever end?

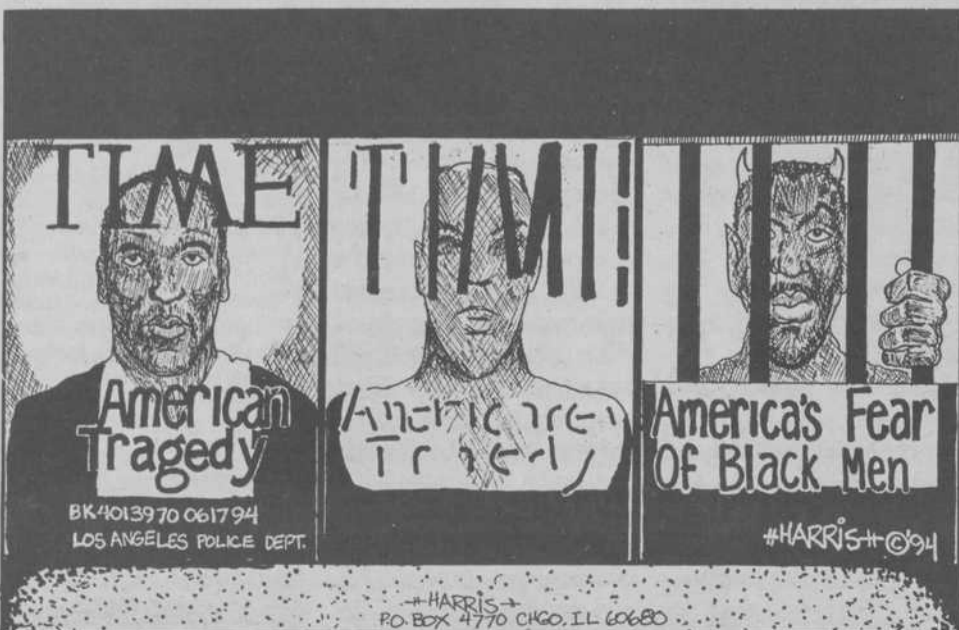
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 As we celebrate the holiday of one of America's greatest freedom fighters, I would also

like to give honor to a local heroine for her commitment to this community, and her unending devotion to truth and justice.

Without the efforts of Mrs. Betty Brown and other courageous people like her, black communities all across this country would be left in the dark. This is one of the true reasons we have a King holiday. America will never stop to recognize the tireless contributions of our every day freedom fighters, so at least once each year, all of their achievements can be recognized on this special day.

To the Brown family and friends, your mother was a true matriarch and champion. She will be missed, but her spirit lives in this paper, and in the community she labored so passionately to inform!

With love....RK  
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