

THE NAACP AND YOU



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BETTY BROWN; OUR FRIEND

On Thursday, January 12, 1995, the Las Vegas Branch NAACP, City of Las Vegas, County of Clark and the entire State of Nevada suffered Brown, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Newspaper. The NAACP extends words of condolence to the Brown family.

Shortly after I arrived in Las Vegas during the early 1980s, I had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Brown and her late husband Col. Ed Brown, the then owners of the Las Vegas Sentinel Newspaper. Mr. Brown was also associated with KVOV Radio in Henderson, Nevada, where I once served as guest host on a talk show known as "Open Line."

It has been my great pleasure to have known several newspaper people in Nevada, among them: the late Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun; Mike O'Callaghan and Ruthie of the same newspaper, and Betty and Ed Brown of the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice.

The quality of Mrs. Brown's writing were equal in content and quality with her peers.

Mrs. Brown was very friendly to her customers, specifically, and the public generally. In short, she was a business person who never failed to do business decently and in order.

During the illness of Mr. Brown, she performed several roles at one time which included, but was not limited to, caring for her children and the newspaper.

Those who visited the Sentinel-Voice office at 1201 So. Eastern Ave., would always be greeted with a friendly smile by Mrs. Brown.

When I became President of the Las Vegas branch NAACP in 1986, the Brown family permitted me to write a weekly column entitled "The NAACP & You."

The NAACP address, telephone number, meeting times, places, membership drives, programs, workshops, rallies, marches, demonstrations, lunches, banquets, State, Regional and National NAACP Conferences were carried free of charge in the Sentinel-Voice.

Mr. Brown jokingly said once to Mrs. Brown that his paper had done so much for the NAACP

that it should be re-named "The NAACP Sentinel-Voice."

The Brown's and the Sentinel-Voice newspaper were recipients of the NAACP "Distinguished Service Award" at its Freedom Fund Banquet in 1988. We are now thankful for the fact that the Sentinel-Voice is in the very capable hands of their son, Mr. Lee Brown, and his staff.

Mrs. Brown has left a living legacy of printing newsworthy materials that were void of gossip, filthiness and indecency in the Sentinel-Voice.

October 25-27, 1990 marked the date when the West Coast Black Publishers Association met in Las Vegas, and the Sentinel-Voice served as host. As president of the Las Vegas branch NAACP, I received, at that meeting, the Community Service Award from Mrs. Brown who was hostess.

Considering the impatience and unkindness of so many people we come in contact with today, we hope and pray that the Lord God will send our way, here in Las Vegas, more individuals who will demonstrate the Christian spirit to every one as Mrs. Brown did.

For all of us, she is gone but not forgotten because she left her foot prints of love on the sands of time.

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

THE THIRD WAVE OF REACTION

(Part 1 of a 2 part series)
By Dr. Manning Marable

The November, 1994 Congressional elections gave Congressional control to the Republicans in both the House and Senate for the first time in

forty years. The Republican victories placed President Clinton even further on the defensive, as the administration scrambled to regain the initiative around public policy issues. Regretably, the Clinton

administration has moved toward accommodation with the Right around many issues, from prayer in the public schools to welfare reform.

However, let us be frank: the key factor in the smashing success of the Far Right is the core reality of racism within American politics and society. Race, and to a lesser extent gender, were primary factors which fueled the victories of Republican Congressional candidates in 1994.

According to Voter News



DR. MANNING MARABLE Service exist polls, in the elections of 1992, the overall (See Along Color Line, Pg 23)

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

Why are there so many people interested in promoting a Hispanic, Asian, Native American or Black agenda? Isn't this the United States? And shouldn't the interests of "the people" be ascertained and then realized, or at least sincerely pursued?

The answers should be clear. And they are, on the surface. The United States openly professes to be, by, for, and about the people, but in reality, "the people" being referred to are Euro-Americans. Therefore, there is a need for non Euro-Americans to promote their own interests and endeavor in those pursuits.

The tricknology employed by those in power has been very successful in fooling the so-called majority into believing that "it's all good" and that there is really no need for all these separate agendas, when, as the Euro-American public professes, "We're all Americans."

But the facts remain! The Hispanic, Asian, African and even the Native American in his own land has never been accepted in this land called America. We have been demoted to the ranks of animals whose roles to the contribution of man's existence are seldom acknowledged.

Why do people of color endeavor to promote their own agendas? It is in their best interest to do so. If we allow another man to speak for us, he will always do us an injustice no matter how good his intentions. He can never experience the pride and pain, the trials and tribulations, the joys and heartaches, that the man he endeavors to speak for, does. Therefore, his message will always lack the spirituality and cultural sensitivity that is innate in the man telling his own story.

I speak in metaphor this week, as I often do, to illustrate a point. It is said that no man is an island. The peoples of America are interconnected and we've all contributed significantly to this country. As the idea of multi-culturalism starts to grow, it becomes more and more important for people to speak up for themselves or your contributions will be swept under the rug, or worse yet, stolen and presented to the world as somebody else's contribution. Are we tired of His-Story yet? Why do we promote our own agendas? You tell me!

Until next time, this has been the Minister of Information!

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