

THE NAACP AND YOU



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Stepping Up - Moving Forward

There is much to talk about these days. We have affirmative action and welfare under attack on the federal level, education and lawsuit reform bills on the state level, and municipal city council elections on the local level.

Allow me to speak on the upcoming elections. There are elections in Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Mesquite, Nevada. It is vitally important that you vote. Too many people have been crippled, mangled, mutilated and suffered death to secure our right to cast a ballot. Without hesitation, you ought to go to the polls on June 6 and exercise that right. Your vote or non-vote do count. Your vote

counts for or against you. In may put the person in office that's needed, or if not cast, it may allow an unwanted candidate in.

When you go to the polls, cast your vote for those who have helped our communities the most. Our communities need strong, continuous leadership. Are you up for the challenge? Those in the past who haven't realized the need to vote; lay aside your differences and come let us do the right thing. Las Vegas needs you and she needs you now!

We are living in the fastest growing city in the nation, If we don't get in on what's happening now, we will forfeit the opportunity to pave the way for our children to follow.

Haven't you heard "A people who forget her past is doomed to repeat it?" Let us not dishonor our ancestors and warriors that have fought and given their lives for us. These are crucial times in which we live. Each citizen is needed. This is not the time for anyone to ride on the strengths of others, but rather a time for everyone to pull his/her own weight.

They are unfortunate, those who wish something would happen - others who watch things happen. I wonder which categories you are representing. Nothing is ever easy. Haven't you noticed that it is those who are busy doing something that are always asked to do more? It is likely due to someone being aware that it is easier to keep an individual working, than it is to get them into the working mood.

Will you be the catalyst to help move and keep Las Vegas in the right direction? We certainly need you and your expertise. In speaking of expertise, the NAACP is in need of volunteers to serve in the local branch. There are (16) sixteen standing committees that need volunteers: 1) Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, 2) Communications, 3) Community

Coordination, 4) Education, 5) Finance, 6) Freedom Fund, 7) Housing, 8) Labor & Industry, 9) Legal Redress, 10) Membership, 11) Political Action, 12) Press and Publicity, 13) Religious Affairs, 14) Youth Work, 15) Life Membership, 16) Holiday Seals Committee. Please telephone the office at (702) 646-1662 about the function of these committees and how you may

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McNamara's book has opened old wounds-wounds which were never properly healed and suddenly feel raw again. He seems somewhat surprised by the controversy surrounding his book, by the negative newspaper editorials and the probing questions. When asked why didn't he say back then that the war was unwinnable, when he might have been able to save thousands of lives, he tries to say that he did say it to his colleagues.

I can't get past my cousin Charles, who went to Viet Nam in the infantry in 1967, at the height of the war. We he returned, he was never the same again.

For months afterward he kept sitting up and despite the injury sustained over there to his liver, he was constantly drinking. He wasn't able to keep a job and his marriage crumbled. Too soon we were sitting in that Baptist Church in Warrenton, Virginia listening to his eulogy.

If only Robert McNamara had the courage to say then what he saying now-strongly and publicly. Maybe my cousin Charles would have been celebrating his 50th birthday this year. Maybe that memorial wall in Washington would have been only a few hundred names.

get involved. We will be very happy to render any assistance necessary.

On this closing note, the NAACP will be hosting a 30 minute forum on the 24th of May. Listen for further developments. The times of airing will be announced soon. Let us hear from you.

STEPPING UP - MOVING FORWARD...PREPARING THE

NEXT GENERATION FOR THE STRUGGLE!

NOTE: The Las Vegas NAACP needs office space (donation or lease). 800-1200 square-feet within the area bounded by Cheyenne on the north, Las Vegas Blvd. on the east, Charleston on the south, and Rancho on the west. Call Jerry Lindsey at (702) 871-9500 or 646-1662.

McNamara says he wrote this book to keep us from making the same mistakes again. He points out that 160 million people have died in wars in this century alone. 160 million people. That's

probably what historians will remember about Robert McNamara-the war-caused deaths during the Viet Nam war. I just remember my cousin Charles.

BLACK EMPOWERMENT

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Mandela could end up in jail. An illegal and unconstitutional investigation of me and my independent presidential campaign conducted by the FBI's counter terrorism division in 1988 and again in 1991 falsely branded me "armed and dangerous," a statement the FBI was later forced to retract. Presumably this bill could make terrorists out of the more than 100,000 Americans who have contributed to my political efforts.

The bill suspends posse comitatus - that time-honored democratic principle which forbids the military to get into the business of civilian law enforcement. It loosens the rules for the wiretaps, and reverses the presumption of innocence - accused persons are considered ineligible for bail.

The Oklahoma City bombing is being used in the crudest and most despicable kind of political gamesmanship by our President and other politicians of both parties. The men, women and children who died in the blast deserve more than cynical electioneering. Hopefully, their legacy will be a more fervent and independent coming together of all the American people to take our government and our country back.

RAY WILLIS REPORT

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economically, by Blacks.

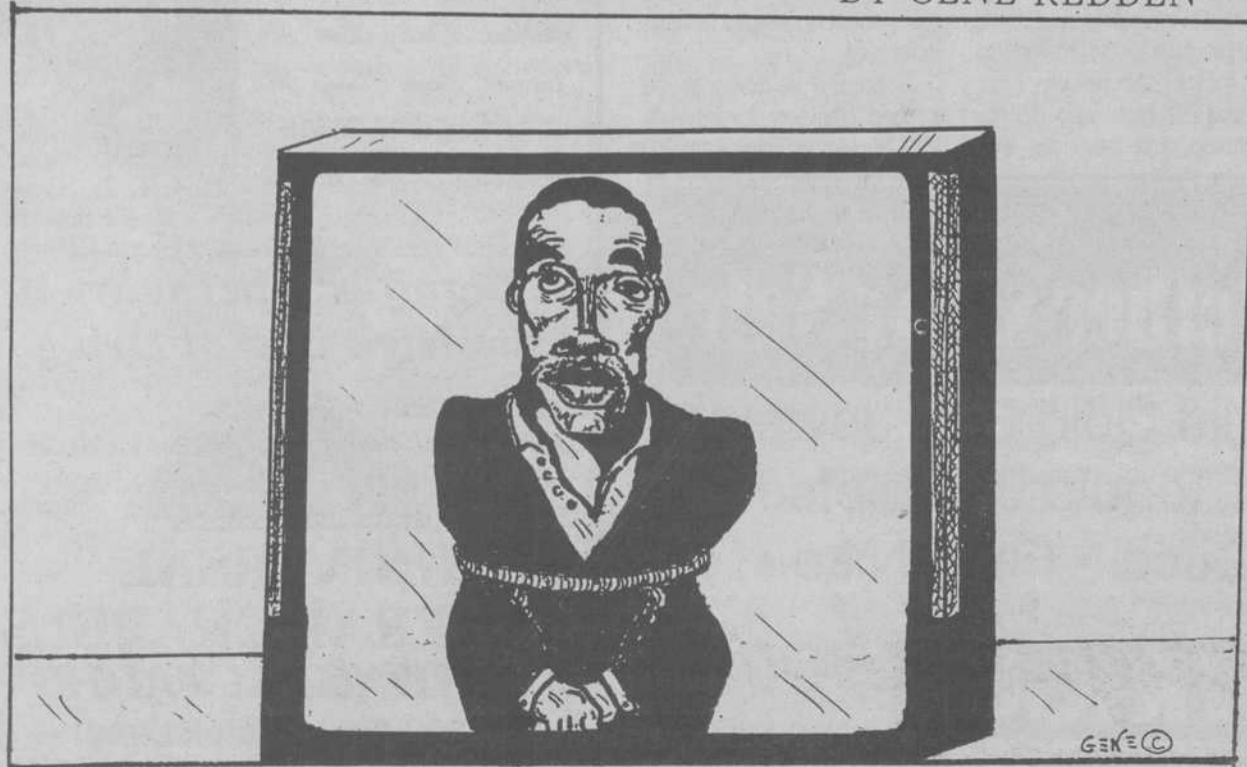
The philosophy of the album comes directly from the teachings of Dr. Frances Cress-Welsing, the noted Black psychiatrist who authored an important scientific paper called "The Cress Theory of Color Confrontation." Dr. Welsing's theory states that the act by Whites of taking up arms and committing aggressive acts of violence against non-Whites, echoes their fear of genetic annihilation and

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Points to Ponder by Professor Harris. Why Black Leaders Must Promote Self Help!! \* Reason #1. How to use 911. The wrong way vs the right way. Includes cartoon of a man on a phone.

SOME-WHERE, OUT-THERE

BY GENE REDDEN



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