

NAARPR REPORT

(Continued from Page 4) instead of \$100 monthly, \$195 other \$95 is pure profit. Get the picture. Now multiply that by approximately 100,000 Medicaid patients and make the payment monthly. You begin to get the picture of how much money is involved. You also begin to understand

THE NAACP AND YOU



The Grand Opening of our new facilities will be held Saturday, August 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 600 West Owens Avenue. The purpose of the event is to inform the community of our new location.

Our commitment toward positive social change and to help prepare us all for the difficult days ahead. All members and those who would like to be members are encouraged to participate in the festivities. There will be free food and entertainment. Voter registration will be available as the NAACP encourages your political involvement. Many citizens in our area are in need of legal assistance. The branch will feature a presentation by the Legal Redress Committee.

If you, your group or organization (i.e. dancers, drill teams, bands, poets, etc.) would like to participate, please call the local branch immediately at 657-0599. Although this will be a festive event, all eyes are on the prize (freedom and equality). For more information, please call your local branch of the NAACP.

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why these formal anti-black, anti-Latino, anti-poor white, anti-Medicaid administrators at HPN are so interested in getting their hands on the Medicaid contracts. It is purely MONEY. If you wonder how they would be able to limit the services, a very easy way is to limit access. HPN in particular is very good at doing this by refusing to pay for their regular HPN patients who are involved in accidents because they say that the patients didn't get preauthorized.

Additionally, since HPN is

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not do ballistics tests which could have eliminated Abu-Jamal's gun and hid other evidence concerning the bullet's trajectory and the caliber of the gun used. Irregularities such as the fact that while a police officer who had been with Abu-Jamal after the incident made a deposition saying Abu-Jamal had made no statements, an alleged confession was reported by other officers only several months after the shooting occurred. There are

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sole task is to inflict LAW AND ORDER.

We must remember that it wasn't until 1970 that police even began to respect the basic rights of minority communities. After the major riots across the country in 1969, official government reports concluded that America's police forces were rampantly racist and corrupt when it came to the black community.

Remember, if the national policy before 1970 was racist toward minorities, then who would be the official arm to carry out this demented position. The police, of course! They have historically been the leaders of southern lynch mobs. Police have mastered the choke hold from L.A. to N.Y.

They have kept order in the black community after our leaders were murdered in the streets. With guns, dogs, and

rapidly making as much a move as possible out to Summerlin, there aren't going to be a lot of Medicaid patients who are going to have the wherewithal to get, let's say from the Westside or from the Naked City area out to Summerlin.

There is a requirement in Medicaid law that when you apply for the necessary federal waivers to allow you to go to a managed care program Medicaid patients have to be "mainstreamed" that is they have to be mixed with your regular

other legal irregularities as well.

Yet, the death penalty machine rolls on, unswayed by the fact that Abu-Jamal had a long history of political activity in Philadelphia, which meant that he had been targeted by law enforcement officials in that city and had been under constant surveillance and harassment by that city's police department for many years. Indeed, the judge who presided over Abu-Jamal's trial, Judge Albert Sabo, is called the hanging judge because he

water hoses; they have kept the law in black America. Now a black outside of prison is a black we don't need!

What all blacks need is that barred room with a view. In the 1990s, whites in America are moving to blame blacks for all of the country's problems. Blacks control nothing in a political, social, or economic way, yet we need to be reformed in every way possible in the '90s.

Republicans and Democrats, including the President, have used the RACE CARD to win support of white America. Things won't change, they will only get worse. This being the case, we must always understand that whites will never accept the suffering of black America, because for them, the law is to protect; while for minorities it is to maintain order and to jail us all if America can!

peace...

SOME-WHERE, OUT-THERE.

patients.

I can't really see that happening with HPN. One of the ways of avoiding that would be to say that since your poor Medicaid patients can't get out to Summerlin, you, in your benevolent wisdom, have decided to build a clinic on the Westside or somewhere else where you can control, capture and keep Medicaid patients so that they don't mix with your rich Summerlin patients.

I am sure that once all of this goes down, if it is allowed to

happen, there will be those who yell and scream, but at that point, it will be too late. For the time for yelling and screaming is now. The time to let the governor know that this is not appropriate and this will not be tolerated is now because once the deal is done, it will be too late. We have the opportunity now to stop this before it goes down. We have the information; the information is now being given to us. The time to act, therefore, is now.

La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

has sentenced more people to death than any other judge in the United States, all but two of who are people of color.

Yet, the death penalty machine rolls on, uninfluenced by the factor of race in this case. Half of those on death row in the U.S. are people of color-African American men alone make up 40 percent of death row prisoners although they represent less than 6 percent of the population. In Pennsylvania, 61 percent of death row is African American. Almost all are poor and most receive inferior legal assistance since only about 80 of Philadelphia's 8,000 lawyers both qualify and are willing to represent defendants in capital cases as it takes months or years to get paid. In addition, poor defendants do not have access

to the funds needed to do their own investigations to dispute the prosecution cases.

It's no wonder that after hearing dozens of death penalty cases during his years on the Supreme Court that former Justice Harry Blackburn wrote, "Even under the most sophisticated death penalty statutes, race continues to play a major role in determining who shall live and who shall die." It's no wonder that another Supreme Court Justice, William O. Douglas, once said, "One searches our chronicles in vain for the execution of any member of the affluent strata of our society."

All direct appeals have now been exhausted and Abu-Jamal's appeals are before the *(See Civil Rights, Page 20)*

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

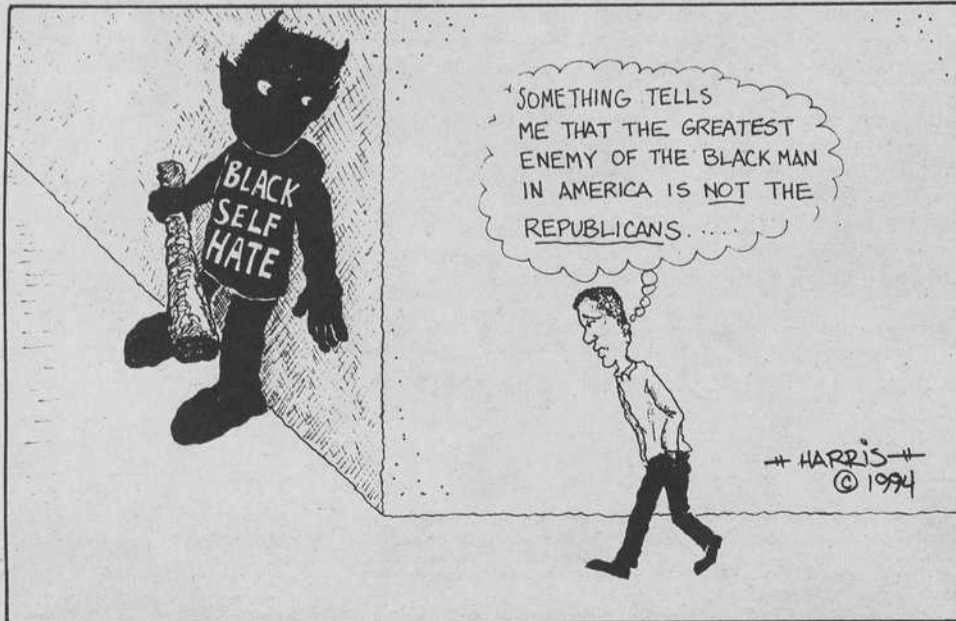
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with efforts to achieve full employment. I say "carefully" precisely because many "neo-liberals" and DNC-style, conservative Democrats want to sacrifice race-based reforms in favor of class-based programs which address economic disadvantage. Affirmative action is not an anti-poverty program, and it was never designed to create full employment.

But the interests of people who have traditionally experienced discrimination, and the concerns of those who are fearful of losing their jobs, are connected. Unless the total number of jobs is significantly increased for everybody, millions of white male workers will be inclined to perceive affirmative action as against their narrow, material interests. Left-of-center political initiatives like affirmative action are always more popular when the economic pie is expanding.

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BY GENE REDDEN



AND NOW !! LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!!!