

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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of false promises and bold action. Again and again, young people led the way: the idealistic college students who joined the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee, to take part in the "sit-in" demonstrations across the South; the black inner-city youths who created the militant Black Panther Party; the white middle class young people who defied political imagination of our own time, if we intend to dismantle the attitudes and institutions which continue to divide humanity by race, gender, class and sexual orientation. Young people must be given the opportunity to establish their own organizations of protest and community-activism, guided by their own ideas, values and goals.

We must inspire and motivate a new generation of youth leadership and activism for our own time. As in the sixties, young people must not hesitate to "be realistic" by demanding "the impossible." Only because "the impossible" may become reality.

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became the principle stockholder and Chairman of the ABC television network affiliate in Buffalo, New York and from 1989 until 1994 he served as the Chairman of Garden State Cablevision, Inc., one of the largest cable systems in the country.

His public service career has continued throughout his business one. In 1977 he was named as President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and he currently serves as a member of the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation and is chairman of the U.S. Small Business Administration Advisory Council on Small Business.

In the midst of all his business accomplishments, Bruce Llewellyn has always maintained a commitment to his community. The founder and former chairman of 100 Black Men, he has played an important role modeling and mentoring for many young black men.

Bruce Llewellyn is living proof that African Americans can excel in business and, when given the chance, can become successful entrepreneurs. Now, if we can only bottle his experience, his gifts, his savvy and his ability to overcome discrimination and stereotypes, economic development in the African American community could become a reality. Then we'd have real black power.

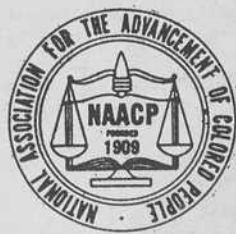
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THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT Justice A 'Long Time Coming' In Birmingham

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

On September 15, 1963 four little Black girls were killed when the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed by white racists.

I was 13 years old at the time, and I will never forget it. The bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church showed the lengths to which white racists would go to stop Black empowerment. The fact that it took nearly 20 years to get even a single indictment in the case indicates the extent to which the authorities were tied to the forces of violence and reaction.

In the three decades since that terrible Sunday morning, only one person, Robert Chambliss, has ever been indicted for the crime despite the fact that the FBI named at least four other suspects in its investigative reports. Chambliss was brought to justice thanks to Pete Smith, a young relative of

Chambliss who had the courage to testify against him. As a result of his testimony, Smith had to leave Alabama and live incognito for many years.

Smith has recently written a book, *Long Time Coming*, which provides an intimate and often disturbing look at the events which led up to and followed the bombing.

I had the great pleasure of interviewing Mr. Smith recently on my nationally syndicated, weekly cable television show. Smith is calling on Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington, and the city's chief of police Jimmy Johnson, along with Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno (all of whom have received a copy of *Long Time Coming*) to reopen the investigation of the Sixteenth Street tragedy and to look into the hundreds of other murders committed during the Civil Rights era.

Mr. Smith is joined in his call for justice by the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a leader of the Birmingham civil rights movement, who in his introduction to *Long Time Coming* writes: "To me, finally, this book urgently calls by its pages of unanswered questions for a coalition of freedom and justice lovers to unrelentingly demand by petition and legal efforts, the opening, under the Freedom of Information Act, of all files in possession of the FBI, Justice Department, and local law enforcement agencies; and for the full revelation of all the sordid acts and decisions made by the FBI and local authorities, especially as they relate to involvement — or lack thereof — in the Deep South during the Civil Rights Era. I will gladly volunteer my name as leader of such a coalition..."



DR. LENORA FULANI

I will as well, and I am calling on all leaders of conscience — Black and white, local and national — to use their influence to press for the reopening of the investigation of the bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

There is much talk these days about "law and order." But what can the politicians possibly mean by their "law and order" rhetoric if they continue to turn a blind eye toward a killing of four little girls 32 years ago.

WESTSIDE STORY

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mothers crawl on their hands and knees for pennies. We all know that today, they say black single parent households are evil, but racists sent kin' folk from New York to Cali, to break our families down to the core!

Again, the strange game. Just as today, whites say that fractured black families are bad, but they don't say that the same black mothers in 1870 who took little orphan children — from milk chocolate to cocoa butter yellow — are the same mothers who watch these same youngsters become black Nobel Prize winners, presidential candidates (Colin Powell), Oscar winning actors and MVP achieving athletes! Are you kidding me?

Racists know as well as I do that, "those darn blacks just don't

go away." Here they are controlling all of the known world. Japan bows to America. Communists (white cousins), ask for help. They blow away the middle east and crush insurrection everywhere in the world, but those "crazy American niggers," as one LA cops puts it, "just get you every time!"

This is why I don't worry. There will always be enough clean-hearted whites to just support blacks long enough, until racists cut these whites down. Then, as always, we break more records and make whites hate us even more than they did when we were in chains. It is strange that God given strength and spirit are hated and feared, but then again, maybe not...because black is eternal. peace...

RAY WILLIS REPORT

finger at any ethnic community except African American, for favoring their own.

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Our founding fathers came to this country to escape oppressive conditions abroad. Yet, today, many Blacks still face persecution simply for applying those principles to their daily lives.

It's a sad commentary on our times that we are still fighting for the "God-given, unalienable rights...life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," that are guaranteed in the Constitution.

So my message to you Black people is, don't allow anyone to question or challenge your support of another Black.

It's no one's business but your own. To do so is to succumb to a form of mental slavery growing more common in usage with each passing day.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

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shoot first and ask questions later).

In one case in New York, the police officers knew that the individual was a fellow police officer, but decided that, hey, he is black and is fair game, so wasted him anyway. They were again let off by an all-white jury.

In Las Vegas there continues to be a growing sentiment that there needs to be another level oversight of the police department. Clearly, the so-called civil service board is nothing but a whitewash. A politically corrupt, morally bankrupt group which has no desire, nor ability, to discipline police officers. While Jerry Keller may have his heart in the right place, clearly, we are still having problems with the Las Vegas police department, as well as with North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City, to a lesser extent.

The Las Vegas Branch of the National Alliance has now formed a local task force on police crimes, and is vigorously pursuing the issue of civilian control of the police. We will soon hit the streets again collecting signatures to compel the political entities, including the County Commissioners and those who sit in Carson City to acquiesce to the creation of a civilian control board for Metro. For all of those who are interested (and now is the time to become interested — not after you've had your head split open by a police officer or had a relative brutalized by a police officer), now is the time to become involved. To do so call 871-5011.

La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

