

### CIVIL RIGHTS

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behavior head on and set the following ground rules for the group: no lying, confidentiality among group members and communication with parents. The group has been so successful there is now a waiting list of 100 other girls.

In Ohio the Ohio Council of Churches and 17 local churches are co-sponsoring a program focusing on enhancing the social skills and fostering the spiritual formation of African American teenage males. Through it's Young Men with a Future program, it reaches young men by working with these local churches in Dayton and Columbus.

Young Men with a Future is a summer-long program which provides weekly fellowship meals prepared by each church, a short recreation period and a two hour learning session on issues such as violence prevention, career planning and self-esteem development. Each meeting begins with prayer. Says Raymond Blanks, Director of Church and Community Issues for the Council of Churches, "Although our society impresses negative messages on our youth, the church affirms them as somebody."

Young Men with a Future, after only two summers, already has many success stories. One is Terrance Gilchrist, now a student at the University of Maryland. Terrance, who was hired as a counselor during this second summer, is the son in a single-parent family. He came seeking help in finding out what it means to be a man and now is helping other young men find out as well.

There are many success stories across the nation in the battle against violence. Metropolitan Life Insurance

Company has produced a four-part television show called Victory over Violence which tells similar stories. They also have produced a brochure listing all the organizations in their program along with a brief description. You can get more information by calling 1-800-Met-Life.

We can no longer wait for someone else to do it. We can no longer pretend that just because our own children are in school that we can ignore those who are not. We can no longer

allow the drug dealers and the violence-makers to take over our communities.

All of us can do something. If we as a people are to survive into the 21st century, we must all get busy somehow and somewhere. Share with me what your church, your fraternal organization, your school, your block association, your family is doing in the battle against violence so that I might share your stories with others. Write to me at 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

### NAARPR REPORT

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NAARPR has taken this position in the past and continues to maintain it. As the police have shown, themselves, they are clearly unable to police themselves, unable to regulate themselves, and need oversight by a completely civilian authority. Nice guys at the top notwithstanding, the need is there and the time is now. This is why the Las Vegas Branch of the NAARPR has activated its Police Crimes Task Force, which meets on alternate Thursdays at the West Las Vegas Library.

The next meeting will be on September 21st at 6:30 p.m. We will begin the process of the collection of signatures to force the issue of the civilian control board to the political front burner and to make the politicians begin to take public positions in support of civilian control of the police.

If you have a problem with the police and want to see that the policing that is done within the community in a honest and unbiased fashion or if you have had problems with the police in the past, this is the time to begin to move. This is the place to show up — September 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

### WESTSIDE STORY

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decrease in high school drop-out rates. Are you kiddin' me? A brotha' is a motha'. You just can't stop 'em.

Here's to the black children of the Vegas Valley in '95 ... and their black mothers and fathers. They can create dream books to say how dumb blacks are; they can have bell curves or horn straights; but the truth is where the statistics lie. And the statistics show there are in '95, more black lawyers, doctors, educators, public officials, scholars and professionals, than there have ever been. America knew that a smart brotha' was a dangerous one. Boy was that true.

From 1695 to 1995 they have been terrified of

that black mind. Imagine ...you throw all the black youths under jails for any offense, crush head start, gut the education department, starve our inner city babies with no more free lunches, yet ...in '95, there are more BLACK MILLIONAIRES age 20 to 30, than any other group. That just hurts racists.

According to Bell, we don't match up? But they want us to make America's music, entertainment and culture. And here recently, while they have racist picnics and cops running around crazily, they want today, in 1995, for our retired black generals to run for President in these United States. They love to hate, yet hate to love those darn blacks! peace...

POINTS TO PONDER BY PROFESSOR #HARRIS#



### ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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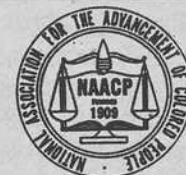
"many blacks, I among them, resent the repeated suggestions that to avoid being considered anti-Semitic they have to give a speech or write a column disavowing every anti-Jewish tirade by every black demagogue... A black-Jewish coalition for justice," Rowan concluded, "is being poisoned, tragically undermined, by the gross overreactions of a few Jews who want to decree who can speak on a black college campus, or who can attend a meeting of black leaders, or how much affirmative action black

job seekers can enjoy."

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies,

Columbia University, New York. "Along the Color Line" appears in over 280 newspapers and is broadcast by over 80 radio stations internationally.

## THE NAACP AND YOU



Now that the grand opening ceremonies of the Las Vegas Branch NAACP's new facilities are over, membership is growing and we are becoming on-line, it is time for some serious business, or should I say "ACTION." Here I present some actions:

Tonight (Tuesday, September 12th) the Clark County School Board votes on exactly where the new middle school will be built. Of course, the logical location is on the corner of Lake Mead and MLK Blvd. in our very neighborhood. But as you know, and Frederick Douglas articulated so well, "Power concedes nothing without demand." The Las Vegas Branch NAACP will be there working in the best interest of our children.

September 21st the NAACP Western Region 3 the Las Vegas Branch is presenting the 1st Annual Affirmative Action & Diversity Career Convention. It will be held at the Las Vegas Convention center, 3150 Paradise Road from 12:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m. with seminar to begin at 11:30 a.m.. Here's your

chance the interview with the top local and national employers. Admission is free. For more info, call 1-800-562-7469.

The Las Vegas Branch is mounting a strong support campaign for the financing of the restoration of the Historic Moulin Rouge.

On October 16, 1995m a Million Man March will take place in Washington, D.C. It is time for African men in America to rededicate ourselves to God and family. The Las Vegas Branch NAACP strongly advocates participation in the Million Man March for reasons which are abundantly clear.

On November 3rd, the annual Freedom Fund Banquet will be held at Bally's Hotel. The key word here is FREEDOM! It is a must, but it is not free. In fact, the cost is substantial.

Nationally, the NAACP is calling for everyone to donate whatever they can, but at least one dollar, to offset the deficit accrued in recent years. Please send your donation to the national office or the local (P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, NV 89127).

I say again, the Las Vegas Branch NAACP is Stepping Up & Moving Forward...Preparing A New generation For The Struggle.

Everywhere you go and everyone you know in Las Vegas identifies problems. However, they are going no where, unless you and I stand firmly and deal with it fairly, yet with strength and determination.

Become an active member of the Las Vegas Branch NAACP. You are welcome home!

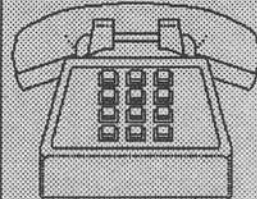
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BY GENE REDDEN



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