

# BLACK EMPOWERMENT

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national party leadership), white America struck back. White Democrats (known as Dixiecrats) deserted in droves to vote for Alabama Governor George Wallace who ran an overtly anti-Black campaign as an independent presidential candidate and polled 10 million voters. That desertion sufficiently undercut the Democratic presidential bid of liberal Hubert Humphrey, and Republican Richard Nixon was elected President of the United States.

The liberal Democrats were stung. Racism was alive and well and kicking back against any notion that the country might heal the great divide. Ever more concerned with their own self-perpetuation than with doing what must be done to carry forth the political and economic wars against white supremacy, the Democrats not only buried Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but his dream as a driving force for progressive social change in America as well.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter is to thank the Las Vegas community in general, and the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice in particular for its coverage and support of the Million Man March activities during the month of October. You are truly a vigilant voice for

our community. On a more personal note, I would like to say those who strived and sacrificed to attend the March went with the same zeal and enthusiasm as our Bethlehem counterparts in the community who journey to Bethlehem, Mecca or Jerusalem! We took our cultural and spiritual day of atonement very seriously and we have returned victorious over our opposition, ready to renew our commitment to rebuild families, community and self. In behalf of Muhammad Mosque #75 and our people, we salute and thank you all.

Peace and Paradise,  
Brother Michael X

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The subtext of the message of Minister Louis Farrakhan and the million Black men who came to hear him and stand beside him was that Dr. King's legacy does not count in the United States of America of the 1990's. It is tragic. It is painful. But it is true. And those who championed the cause of Dr. King-the liberals who promised Black America that its time would come, turned out to have neither the moral resolve nor the political will carry it through. Is Black America bitter, angry and isolated as a result? Indeed we are. And Minister Farrakhan is the righteous messenger of that anger.

I am not a Muslim nor a religious person. I am, however, as a

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bridges in our community and on this day Minister Farrakhan's speech showed his ability to see a larger vision and to keep his finger on the pulse of African American men. His pledge should be spoken by every

African American man each day forevermore. There were black men and black women who did not agree with the march or its leadership. But none would deny the significance of October 16 in our history or the overwhelming response by a million black men.

## THE RAY WILLIS REPORT

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to AIDS, makes the Haitian AIDS epidemic myth believable. To cast a negative light on a people who are already disenfranchised and outcasts of society, only serves to make your story more believable.

We've seen this scenario in operation before. It is easier to discredit one group and make a misleading story believable when those you attempt to discredit "happen to be" black.

A perfect example is what's

happening with primarily Black Haitian and mostly-White Cuban refugees. The Haitians are being sent back to Haiti. But the Cuban refugees are being quietly admitted to the U.S.

No matter how you look at it, AIDS under any circumstances is a tragic disease. The challenge is ours to stop using AIDS as a charade for excluding certain groups from this country solely on the basis of skin color and race. To know is to grow. Until next week.

## WESTSIDE STORY

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young mothers, and our professionals. Yes, racists will always condemn us, but blacks will always have a place to stay. It might not be the master's house, but it is safe and it is home. This is the essence of the black American spirit...and even DOROTHY knew there is no place like it!...Black America that is... peace...

## TO BE EQUAL

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plate and pull its conference from California.

I'm equally proud that our national trustees, our affiliates all across the country, and especially our California affiliates have stood strong with us.

Using our economic muscle means giving where we can, as well as withholding when we must.

*This column is one of a series taken from the Keynote Address to the National Urban League Conference in Miami, Florida.*

## SOME-WHERE, OUT-THERE



WHO SAYS WE STILL NEED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION? WE MADE OUR QUOTA !!!

deeply spiritual person, moved by the Minister as a messenger of history. And while the white media, political experts and detractors-Black and white-may continue to denigrate his message as one of hate, they are wrong.

His message is not one of hate, but of brutally honest acceptance. More than any other major Black leader in the country today, he has accepted that the white liberal establishment-supposedly the Black community's greatest coalitional ally-is bankrupt. It sacrificed us at the altar of political expediency. And there is no way forward for them or with them.

A million beautiful black men.

It was an emotional day. It was a spiritual day. It was a day of new beginnings. My prayer is that each one of us, no matter our race, no matter our gender, no matter our religion, will work each day to make the pledge of

our million brothers to seek spiritual, moral, mental, social, political and economic health for themselves and our community a reality. My Lord, what a morning...

## NAARPR

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Islam did not put together the march by itself. Indeed, Minister Farrakhan noted at the time of the announcement that it would take every black organization working together to make the march a success. The same is true now, as far as organizing our local community. It will take every black, Asian, Latino, and white organization with a like-mind, working together to really change this city into what it should be.

It is difficult for us to organize the white community, but there are whites within that community, who are willing to do so. They should now come forward, as black men have and accept their responsibility, these individuals must now accept the responsibility for organizing the white community. If we are able to do that, we can retire people like Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, Phil Gramm back to their local Klan Chapters where they started. The time to move is now. Now is when the real struggle begins. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

P.S. — It is unfortunate that some members of my own organization, the national Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR), saw fit to make negative comments about the march. Regardless of the comments of our esteemed and revered former co-chair, Ms. Angela Davis, the NAARPR, as an organization, did not support the march, very clearly, not only here in Las Vegas, but across the country.

The Kentucky branch chartered a bus. The Detroit branch chartered several buses. To set the record straight the NAARPR is one of the organizations that did support this march. I can say that with authority as the new Executive Director of the organization.

BY GENE REDDEN