

# EDITORIALS

## Racial Violence Spreads

The recent violence that occurred at Virginia Beach, Va. this past weekend is just an example of a new wave of racial violence sweeping the country.

As a group of young college coeds gathered at their annual "Greekfest" weekend, local authorities were ready and willing to forcefully clear the partygoers off the streets surrounding the Virginia Beach area.

After local police officers and state troopers could not handle the crowd of innocent young people or "Greeks," the mayor of Virginia Beach ordered the National Guard to use any extreme to clear the streets.

In an effort to stop the looting and vandalism that was taking place, National Guardsmen used an overpowering show of force. After watching the television videotape, many were shocked to see policemen beating perpetrators with nightsticks.

How the police handled the situation in Virginia Beach was no different from how police handled race rioting in the '60s. Watching the news media coverage of the incident was like taking a step back in time, about 20 or so years

back. We are sure that had the crowd of young "Greeks" been white the police would have never displayed such force in getting them to leave the area.

Now the question remains: Will there ever be another "Greekfest?" Well, from the looks of things right now, we don't think there is a beach on the east coast that will permit the "Greeks" to congregate again. This is a shame, because the Greeks were just victims of very bad publicity. Everyone seems to be blaming the Greeks for the looting and violence that occurred this past weekend.

The fraternities and sororities were just there to have a good time. They did not go all the way to Virginia Beach to destroy the city. Most of the damage that was done was more than likely done by non-Greeks and non-college students.

In the past years since "Greekfest" has been going on, no violence has occurred. Whatever triggered the rash of looting is a question that has yet to be answered.

## New Bill On Bio-Weapons

Despite growing concerns over the possible use of biological warfare agents by terrorists, there has been no law prohibiting private citizens in the United States from owning such weapons.

In 1972, the American government signed an international treaty banning all "biological agents or toxins" not for "prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes." This was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1975. But the treaty's provisions had never been incorporated into American law.

To change this, the Bush administration has now endorsed new legislation that specifically prohibits any individual in the United States from possessing a biological "weapon of mass destruction" or assisting a foreign power in obtaining one. This legislation has been making its way through Congress in the last few months.

President Bush has long been concerned with the threat of chemical and biological warfare. During his campaign last year he promised to work to abolish such weapons worldwide. But this will take far more than American legislation.

According to intelligence sources, 10 countries—they refuse to name which ones—currently possess or are in the process of developing biological weapons. At the same time, there continue to be questions raised about the U.S. government's "defensive" research in the area.

"Even Defense Department officials cannot define the distinction between offensive and defensive BW research," says Charles Piller, an expert in military uses of genetic engineering discoveries. "Exploiting this ambiguity, the Defense Department has embarked on a provocative program, using new genetic technologies in ways that threaten to destabilize the treaty process and stimulate a new biological arms race."

Under the Freedom of Information Act, Piller obtained documents which showed the Army had lied to 1977 Senate hear-

ings about the public safety of past biological warfare research.

"Added to this, the history of U.S. chemical and biological weapons experiments—characterized by routine use of unwitting human guinea pigs—is hardly reassuring," Piller wrote in The Nation. "Chilling examples from the 1950s and 1960s include... clandestine biological tests in the 1950s in such places as the New York subways and the San Francisco Bay area—using supposedly benign organisms that mimic the behavior of BW agents. The Army acknowledged in 1977 that one of the widely used 'stimulants' can kill the ill or elderly."

More recently, President Reagan's pursuit of chemical and biological weapon disarmament was accompanied by a U.S. buildup of such programs, creating a contradictory policy of deterrence and disarmament. The Reagan administration pointed to a mysterious outbreak of anthrax in Sverdlovsk (one of the most heavily researched diseases in past BW programs) and to "Yellow Rain" in Southeast Asia as evidence of the Soviet Union's disregard for the biological weapons treaty. The Soviet ambassador countered the charges saying U.S. claims were "inventions from beginning to end."

Last year, more than 500 American biologists signed a pledge not to engage in research that would further the development of biological weapons. It was part of a campaign against the expansion of Department of Defense funding of academic biology, organized by the Committee for Responsible Genetics. Twenty-four American universities were said to have been involved in research funded by military budgets.

The future of our country and the world may well be determined not by its policy on nuclear weapons, but by how it deals with the possibly just as deadly research into using disease as a weapon. As with nuclear weapons, it is recognized by many that there would be no winners in such a war.

## Braintrust To Examine What Works In Education

BY REP. AUGUSTUS HAWKINS  
Guest Editorial

The week of Sept. 13-17 kicks off the 19th annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend. On Capitol Hill, Friday, Sept. 15, members of the Congressional Black Caucus will sponsor individual braintrusts on a number of critical issues facing black Americans. As in past years, I will sponsor a braintrust focusing attention on elementary and secondary education. The

theme of the braintrust is titled "Ensuring the Future of the African-American Child: Educational Equity, Excellence and Opportunity." The braintrust will be held in room 2175 of the Rayburn House Office Building from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The education of our children is indeed one of the most significant issues facing the nation. The tragedy lies in the fact that far too many people have used education

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## NNPA FEATURE

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BY DR. CHARLES W. FAULKNER  
HOW HYPNOSIS WORKS ITS WONDERS  
When I began to counsel people who had personal problems, somewhat disconcerting things would happen. They would feel wonderful and highly motivated to improve themselves while they were in my office and while I was counseling them. However, when they returned to my office, they would often say, "I really wanted to improve myself but something happened. No matter how much I wanted and tried to do well, it seemed like a little voice inside of me kept telling me to continue to do the negative things I had always done."

The "little voice" to which they referred was their subconscious. And it was controlling them. The subconscious is the place where all habits are. It is for this reason that a psychiatrist or psychologist can counsel a person for many hours, and the client will sincerely desire to do well. As long as that person is thinking about doing well, he/she will do exactly what the psychologist suggests.

However, when that person is under stress and momentarily forgets about his promise to change his behavior, he carries out negative behavior (overeating, having temper tantrums, smoking too much, feeling inadequate, trembling with fear, losing memory and similar behaviors). This is the subconscious controlling behavior.

Counseling by talking with a person is of limited value. It cannot permanently solve a problem because habits (the subconscious) take over when the patient leaves the counselor's office. Hypnosis is a way of implanting ideas (suggestions) into the subconscious. These new ideas become positive habits that replace the old, negative habits. Thus, once the hypnosis ends, the habits remain deep down in the individual's psyche. Many times, the new ideas, in the subconscious, are there without the knowledge of the client. Nevertheless, when the client is under stress, the new behaviors control him. These new behaviors are known as post-hypnotic suggestions.

Here is an example of hypnosis in action. I hypnotized a young lady in order to help her lose her desire for fattening foods. While she was hypnotized, I told her that she would no longer want or enjoy fattening foods. After the hypnosis was over, she had no desire for fattening foods and the excess weight came off quickly.

By simply putting a person into a trance and telling that person he/she will either lose certain desires or gain others can quickly and dramatically modify behavior. The individual returns to the office for additional counseling and hypnotherapy which, eventually, makes the behavioral changes permanent.

## Vantage Point

BY RON DANIELS  
REVERSE ROBIN HOOD: THE SAVINGS AND LOAN BAILOUT

African-Americans, minorities and poor people are always reminded about the value of hard work, thrift and management. Many conservative analysts, including some black ones, blame the poor for their condition of poverty, contending that the poor mismanage their resources, and rely too heavily on public handouts. Heaven forbid that a project or program aimed at helping the poor should have a deficit or cost overrun. Conservatives would be quick to pounce on such an event as an example of the carelessness and ineptitude of blacks, minorities and the poor. Requests by poor people for additional capital to salvage or bail out much-needed economic or social programs are regularly dismissed as irresponsible and unnecessary.

It is curious that red, white and blue flag-waving super-patriots are the first to rush to the public sector for some help, or should I say welfare assistance, when their enterprises are in jeopardy. For instance, the federal government sponsored a multibillion-dollar bailout for Chrysler Corp. with few questions asked. One of America's richest multinational corporations had to be saved from financial difficulties which were caused by its own miscalculations and its own mismanagement. But of course we already said Chrysler is a rich corporation backed by some very wealthy people.

The savings and loan bailout is the latest instance of the federal government being forced to save "respectable" and "responsible" financial institutions who just happen to have fallen on hard times in our booming economy. The huge savings and loan industry is plagued by a deficit which by some estimates is in excess of \$200 billion. The losses from hundreds of federally backed, government insured savings and loan banks are running in the range of \$40 million a day.

The fact of the matter is that large numbers of these savings and loans were hardly respectable or responsible. They were/are reckless. Indeed, many of these savings and loans are grossly irrespons-

ble because they choose to invest their monies in high-risk get-rich-quick schemes abroad rather than invest dollars in America in general, and in distressed black, minority and poor inner-city areas in particular. There is nothing within the government's policies and regulations which prevents this reckless behavior.

Hence savings and loans have a green light to pour billions into speculative ventures in foreign lands while depriving America of badly needed capital. Redlining in desperate, capital-starved inner-city communities is commonplace. In fact, it's even worse than that. Actually, savings and loans, other banks and corporations are encouraged to invest abroad because taxes on profits raked in from foreign investments are less than taxes on profits made in the USA. In other words, corporations get a tax break for investing abroad. It is an incentive not to invest in America.

Well, as fate would have it, vast numbers of the risky savings and loans investments overseas have not panned out. Indeed, these investments have gone so badly that the defaults on a huge multibillion-dollar pool of loans pose a threat to the entire savings and loan industry and even signaled the possible crash of the U.S. economy. Obviously something had to be done. Good old respectable and responsible rich institutions, and rich individuals could not be allowed to go under. After all, the result of their careless and reckless behavior could spell disaster for all of us.

The cruel hoax is that the savings and loans miscalculated, misinvested and ran into misfortune. Poor and working people had nothing to do with their shenanigans. Poor and working people were the victims of the savings and loans' redlining and noninvestment in America. But guess who is going to have to pay the bill to bail out the ailing savings and loan industry. You got it right, the government, the public, YOU and your tax dollars will rescue the savings and loan industry. This is like giving them kind of backhanded rewards for their reckless, irresponsible, anti-American and anti-human behavior.

Something is terribly wrong in a nation that can routinely bail out ailing corporations and rich enterprises, but cannot find the resolve and resources to bail out the multitude of poor and disadvantaged people in this land. It would appear that reverse Robin Hood is the order of the day in America. It is an order that we must fight to change.

**IF YOU HAVE AN  
OPINION ABOUT WHAT'S  
GOING ON IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY—SHARE IT!**

## BIBLE THOUGHT

Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been 12 months, according to the manner of the women (for so were the days of their purification accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women).

Ester 2:13-15

## Tony Brown's Column

THE REVOLUTION OF 1990 WILL BE SEEN IN THE MOVIES

In a recent movie trade magazine, a black producer for a major Hollywood studio boasted of leaving the unused food from the movie set behind for the local black community.

I thought, "How nice—because that's all of the \$100 million that movie earned from blacks (other than those who worked on the movie) that they are even going to get."

Although rebellious in me, the black producer in question has broken no new ground. You can get all sorts of things, about a job or free food from a white Hollywood company, distributed by a black who says he's "independent," but the truth is we had full employment during slavery and we should be buying our own food, and remember: The whites who gave us the leftovers make 50 percent of their total income from us.

Therefore, when my movie, "The White Girl," opens on Feb. 9, 1990 (during Black History Month), it will be distributed by black colleges, entrepreneurs, social, civic and fraternal groups, churches, etc. Instead of feeding them, we are going to teach them how to fish—so they can feed themselves—by showing them how to market and promote a movie.

These Buy Freedom Partners will share the box office income from each theater "Girl" is shown in; how much they make depends on how hard they work (for details, call 212-875-0876). What we're doing will give new meaning to the concept of being an independent in the movie industry.

An independent black filmmaker is not an independent person who is directing or producing movies for a salary from white Hollywood studios. That's totally dependent. And other than that black person benefitting, nothing will change for black people as a whole.

An independent black filmmaker is someone who develops his or her own property with money he or she has and then produces and markets a movie outside (and frequently in spite of) the studio system—to benefit the entire black community.

When we do that enough times with enough movies, then—and only then—will enough jobs, and the right jobs, be created, along with truthful images. All we have to do is make movies for each other. The boxoffice demand is there.

For example, last May, we took "Girl" to Bermuda and opened it at the Liberty Theatre in a test run to see how it would perform in a commercial house. It broke the home boxoffice record of such major Hollywood blockbusters as "Golden Child," "Beverly Hills Cop II," "Fatal Attraction," "Crocodile Dundee II," "Rambo III," "The Color Purple" and "Raw."

"Girl" sold twice as many tickets as "The Mighty Quinn" and sold more tickets in one day than "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka" did in a week. That's why we feel so enthusiastic about our boxoffice potential when it opens in theaters nationwide in February.

Although public reaction to any film is impossible to predict and we cannot make any predictions of "Girl's" grossing potential, it is encouraging that in its initial run it beat films that went on to make \$153 million ("Fatal Attraction") and \$79 million ("Golden Child").

In this business, numbers alone do the talking: 50 percent of the filmgoing audience is black (\$2.2 billion of the total \$4.4 billion) and 80 percent of the \$4.4 billion comes from the top 20 most-populated cities. And more than 80 percent of the black population lives in those top 20 urban centers. The black population is the backbone of the movie industry.

What we're doing with our movie, by sharing the boxoffice income, however, will redirect the flow of this money back to people and groups in our community. This same network of Buy Freedom Partners can and will run more grassroots campaigns for future movies under their control.

We've successfully avoided selling the movie—and selling out—to Hollywood. Instead we've bet on the ability of our people to upset Hollywood at the box office.

Make Black History Month 1990 a time when we use pride in our cultural heritage as a basis of economic success in the movie industry that controls our minds.

Join the only revolution that matters. Become a Buy Freedom Partner. Make sure the revolution is seen in the movies because it won't be televised.

"Tony Brown's Journal" TV series can be seen on public television Saturday on Channel 4 at 1:30 p.m. Please consult listings.

## OTHER VIEWPOINTS

BY CHESTER DEBNAM, JR.  
BLACK BROOKLYN YOUTH KILLED BY WHITE: A CHURCH RESPONSE

There seems to be some biblical insights as to the Christian response to the slaying of the black youth, Hawkins, in Brooklyn, N.Y., by a white youth, allegedly with nine other accomplices. In II Samuel, chapter 21, God brought three years of famine on the land during King David's reign. After David prayed, God told him that the famine came as a result of Saul's (David's predecessor as king) zeal to kill the Gibeonites from the coast of Israel.

The Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the children of Israel had sworn not to harm them. David inquired of the Gibeonites, saying, "What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the Lord?" The Gibeonites said unto him, "We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel—let seven of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them before the Lord."

Notice, beloved, the Gibeonites did not fall into the sinful act of racial hatred. They isolated their situation to Saul. When the bullet found Brother Martin Luther King, should not we have said, "neither for us shalt thou kill" (any white man in the United States), rather than taking to the streets in violence? Also, the slaying of Hawkins in New York could best be served by saying, "Neither shalt thou kill any" (white man in the United States). The mother of the black youth is going through a traumatic loss. In like manner the lives of the white youth and their parents have now been shaken like a drunken man. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Satan caused the violence, and pulled the trigger and attempts to hide his hand. The white man is not our enemy;

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