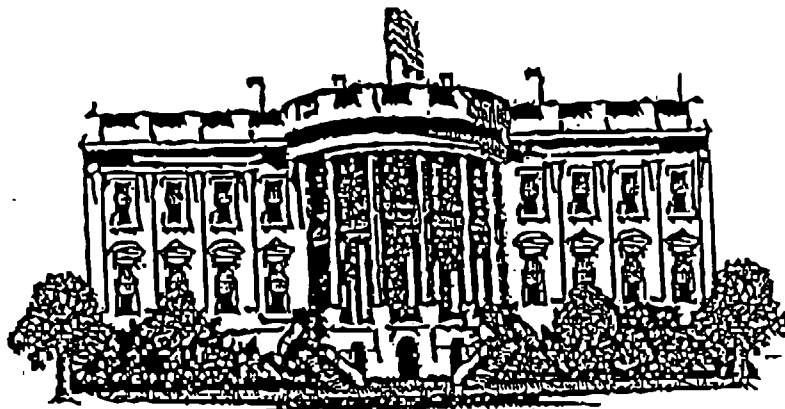


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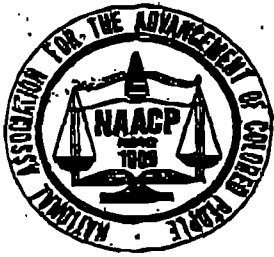
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October 18, 1999

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Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to ask you not to attend the annual Renaissance Weekend scheduled for Hilton Head Island unless it is moved to a location out of South Carolina. I have asked Ambassador Lader to cancel or move it.

As you know, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has asked South Carolina not to fly the Confederate standard over the Capitol and to display it in a historical, rather than sovereign context.

It is an offensive badge of slavery and oppression for most South Carolinians and many visitors to the state. The NAACP is asking groups and associations to cancel or move activities planned for South Carolina after January 1, 2000.

Already, the National Governor's Association, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Association of State Democratic Chairs, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Clark-Atlanta University Alumni Association, Black Data Processing Associates, the AME Zion Church Ministers and Lay Association, Penn Center's Annual Heritage Days Celebration, the Omega True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church of God and the National Association of Black Cardiologists have cancelled or moved national meetings formerly scheduled for South Carolina.

Furthermore, the National Urban League, the Improved Benevolent Association of Elks, the African American Leadership Group, the South Carolina Morticians Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Benedict College Board of Trustees, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the South Carolina

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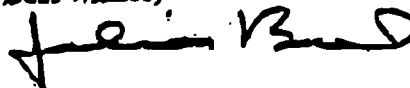
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Council of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, the Georgia Dental Association, the International Association of Black Firefighters, the African-American Episcopal Church, the National Council of Negro Women, the Southeastern Association of Law Librarians, the Smart Set Social Organization, the AME Zion Council of Bishops, the Midlands Pan-Hellenic Greekfest, the SE Chapter of Physicians in Medicine, the South Carolina Conference of NAACP Branches, and Black Methodists for Church Renewal have cancelled or moved regional or local meetings.

Your attendance at Renaissance Weekend activities in the face of widespread, popular opposition to displaying this hateful symbol constitutes an endorsement of loathsome conduct and insensitivity to the awful message it conveys.

Your administration has compiled a strong record of inclusiveness. Surely you do not wish to mar that proud record through association with bigotry and intolerance. I await your reply.

Best wishes,



Julian Bond

Chairman

NAACP National Board of Directors

Emergency Resolution

July 12, 1999

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Whereas, the Confederate States of America came into being by way of secession from and war against the United States of America out of a desire to defend the right of individual states to maintain an economic system based on slave labor, and

Whereas, the Confederate Battle Flag was raised in the States that comprised the defunct Confederate States of America for the supposed celebration of the Centennial of the War Between the States and as an unspoken symbol of resistance to the battle for civil rights and equality in the early 1960's, and

Whereas, the Confederate Battle Flag has been embraced as the primary symbol for the numerous modern-day groups advocating white supremacy, and

Whereas, the placement of the Confederate Battle Flag at the South Carolina State House with the flags of two existing governments, the United States of America and the state of South Carolina, implies sovereignty and allegiance to a non-existent nation, and

Whereas, the Confederate Battle Flag in its present position of display makes a statement of public policy that continues to be an affront to the sensibilities and dignity of a majority of African Americans in the state of South Carolina, and

Whereas, the state of South Carolina possesses a unique linkage of heritage and family which makes South Carolina a prime destination for African-American family reunions, resulting in tourism dollars that benefit the state of South Carolina, an estimated sixty-eight percent (68%) of all African-American family reunions are held in South Carolina, and

Whereas, dollars spent on tourism, conventions and meetings by African Americans, other people of conscience and corporate entities serve to enrich the state of South Carolina, the "Mother State of secession", which continues to fly the banner of secession

Now Be It Therefore Resolved, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its 1999 Annual Convention reaffirms its condemnation of the Confederate Battle Flag being flown over the South Carolina State Capitol and displayed within the South Carolina House and Senate Chambers, and renews its call for the removal and relocation of the Confederate Battle Flag to a place of historical rather than sovereign context

Be it Further Resolved, that all units of the NAACP shall join the South Carolina Conference of Branches in urging all families planning reunions in South Carolina to consider locations outside of the State as reunion sites until such time that the Confederate Battle Flag is removed from positions of sovereignty in the state of South Carolina

Be it Further Resolved, that the National NAACP shall call upon other African-American National organizations, churches, and faith groups, businesses and corporations, and similar national entities of other cultural compositions that embrace freedom and justice to consider locations other than the state of South Carolina as convention or meeting sites, until such time as the Confederate Battle Flag is removed from positions of sovereignty in the state of South Carolina

Be it Finally Resolved, that the National NAACP shall apply these economic sanctions against the state of South Carolina as well as any further measures as appropriate, commencing January 1, 2000, until such time that the Confederate Battle Flag is no longer displayed in positions of sovereignty in the state of South Carolina.