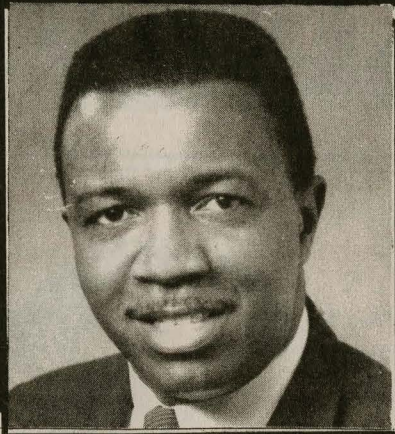




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Blacks Jailed After Demonstration Against Record Store To Ban Negative Gangsta Rap Records

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED

WASHINGTON-- Demonstrators at a National Political Congress of Black Women's protest against a local record store that sells the most negative gangsta rap and misogynist music, were arrested over the holiday in the first of what the group's leaders say will be a series of national demonstrations to ban the sale of negative gangsta rap and misogynist music.

There arrests followed an NPCBW press conference to announce the group's withdrawal of economic support and direct action against the record chain store The Wiz, and Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's decision to hold hearings on negative gangsta rap early this year.

Those arrested included NPCBW national chair Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Dick Gregory, former D.C. Councilmember Nadine Winter, and radio talk show host/NAACP board member Joe Madison.

"We want to make this perfectly clear -- NPCBW is not against the rappers, not the positive rappers, but is against negative gangsta rap and misogynist lyrics that promote and glorify violence through guns, knives, and drugs and degrades and denigrates women," said Tucker.

"The graphic enclosure in Snoop Doggy Dogg's album is nothing more than hard-core porn which is being sold to our children. It is our moral responsibility to halt the sale of this rap pornography. It teaches our children to rape, kill, and do acts of violence against their people. This misogynist rap further dehumanizes and disrespects all African American women by calling us bitches and ho's," said Dr. Tucker.

"Today is the winder solstice, the darkest day of the year," said Gregory. "At 3:26 p.m., fall leaves and wintertime begins. This is not going to be a cute walk. We intend to interfere with the normal flow of commerce -- That's what this is all about. I can't think of a better day to do this."

"I have a 14-year-old son who felt that jail is better than his middle-class home," said Madison. "That idea came to him from listening to negative

gangsta rap music, that teaches that bad is good. That music only carries a message of destruction and hate. It is programming the minds of young Black women and young Black men to keep us down and out. Worse yet, more than anything else it degrades someone I honor more than my life -- the Black woman!"

Former Senator Clarence Mitchell, chair of the Center for the Study of the Harassment of African Americans, also addressed the crowd. His son represented him at the press conference. "I join with you and stand behind you. These efforts to destroy our young people must be resisted," he said. "If White folks had killed as many Black folks in D.C. as we have, we would have been rioting."

Internationally respected psychiatrist Dr. Frances Welsing, a guest in the audience, gave a brief perspective on the matter.

"When I graduated from college, my parents asked me what I wanted for a graduation present. I told them that I wanted a trip to Germany," the eminent psychiatrist said. "I wanted to find out how they could participate in the destruction of their (Jewish) neighbors."

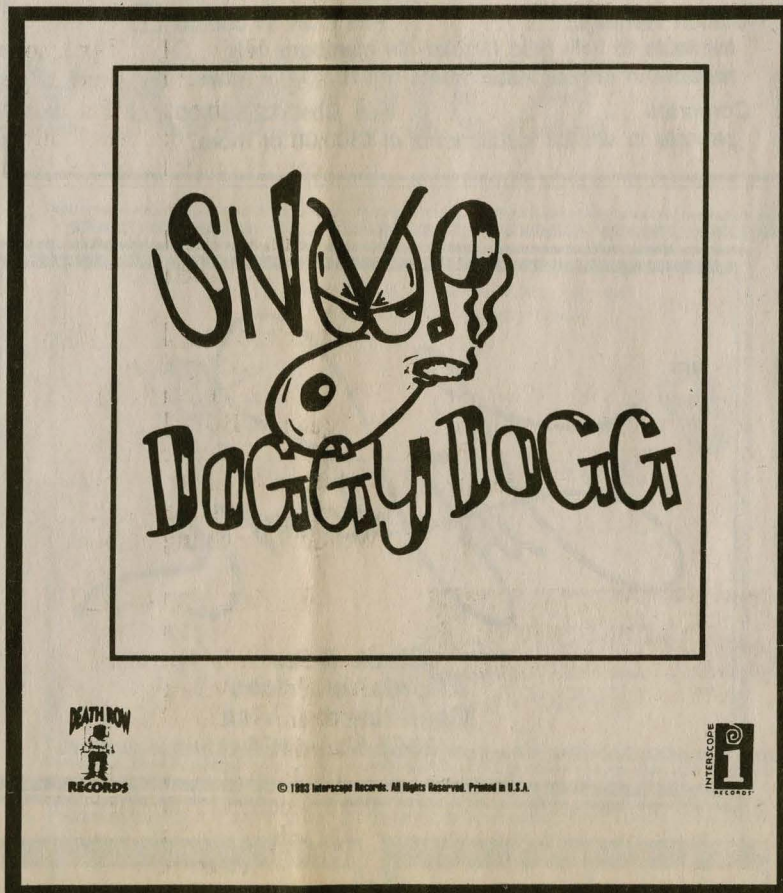
"(The Holocaust) happened because of racism and Anti-semitism. The Nazis used the media to portray Jewish people in a negative light. What was done to the Jewish people then is being done to us now, and those negative images including the images you see here today (the enlarged enclosure in Snoop Doggy Dogg's album) are going by satellite all over the globe and will be used to justify the disrespect and destruction of Black people."

A coalition of NPCBW members and community leaders then marched from the Grand Hyatt Hotel to The Wiz located at 1115 F Street, N.W., in downtown Washington where several were arrested.

Dr. Tucker, Gregory, Madison, former D.C. City Councilmember Nadine Winter, and Pastor Bishop Thorpe of Solid Rock Church in Washington, D.C. were arrested. Dr. Tucker, Winter, and Bishop Thorpe were later released. Gregory and Madison spent the night in jail.

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Whitney Houston's The Hit of the 1993 Billboard Awards: It was Whitney Houston's night at the 1993 Billboard Music Awards. The songstress walked away with 11 awards, which wasn't surprising. Houston topped the Billboard charts with her hit song, "I Will Always Love You", which holds the record as the single staying the most weeks in the number one slot.

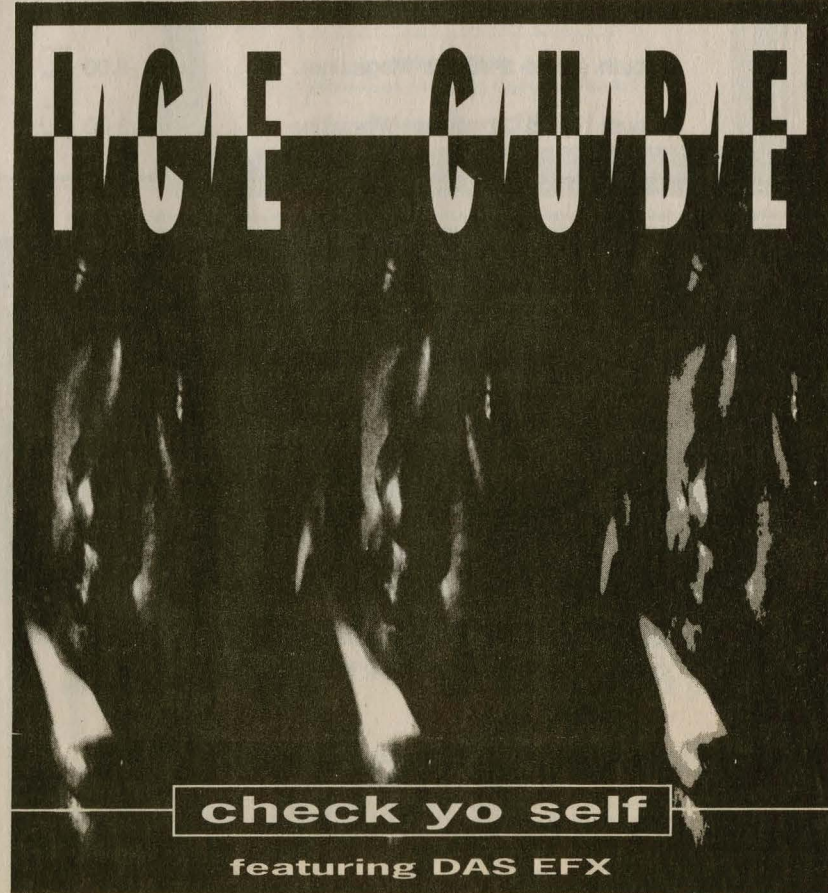
Some of the bigger surprises were backstage. Artist/producer Teddy Riley revealed that his record company has closed shop. To that he added, "I'm not exclusive to MCA anymore."

Also backstage was Snoop Doggy Dog with his mentor Dr. Dre. Snoop, who's been charged with murder wanted to thank the media for publicizing his recent case so heavily. He believes all hype added to the success of his debut album. The former gangster and convicted drug dealer seems to think of himself as a role model. And he believes it's okay that young people look up to him. In short, he says giving them the knowledge that they can turn their lives around (through his rap career, that is).

Needless to say, controversial acts were big at Billboard this year. Jodeci, who've been accused of sexual assault, steered clear of the issue. "Living Single" co-star Kim Fields also wasn't too keen on giving a straight answer. When asked if she and castmate John Henton--the guy who plays Overton--were an item, she danced around the issue stating that "the entire cast were very good friends."

Rounding out the awards, rapper/producer Dr. Dre took home three awards. Vanessa Williams and Brian McKnight took home a joint award for their single "Love Is". Other winners included Illegal, Robin S. and RuPaul.

From the PP&T (People, Places & Things) File: Rapper Ice Cube took some good into the hood on his recent visit to Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles. Ice Cube answered students questions about himself and his career. But his main focus was to instill a sense of self-love and community pride into the students. One issue he tackled was that of gangs, stating that "being destructive killers ain't where it's at." Instead, Cube emphasized the importance of a college education--and bringing that knowledge back into the inner cities. Cube also



encouraged students not to follow the leads of gangster rappers who glorify violent, drugged-up lifestyles. Despite the testimonial, Cube didn't leave before offering his support for rappers Tupac Shakur, Snoop Doggy Dog and Flavor Flav, all of whom have recently been charged with crimes. Cube's high school visit kicked off a promotional tour for this current album, "Lethal Injection".

While Ice Cube is giving teens something to think about, singer Deneice Williams is giving the little ones something to sleep on. The entertainer recently published "Lullabies To Dreamland", a companion book to her 1991 children's album. As the mother of four sons, aged 2 to 22, it's not surprising that the project was inspired by her children. "I wanted to do something for the children. Something they could take comfort in." Since her six-year hiatus from secular music, Williams has enjoyed a lucrative gospel career. She continues to travel and perform both gospel and R&B, for private audiences as well as concert crowds. But fans who've enjoyed her R&B hits such as "Silly", "Black Butterfly" and "Let's Hear It For The Boy" can relish in the fact that she's coming back to the R&B circuit as early as this year. Williams is presently at work on another children's book. She's also trying to market a doll.

Prince is giving kudos to Full Force for songs they've written and produced for her newest Paisley Park artist, Tyler Collins. He will also be producing the LP for release early next year. In the meantime we hope the Purple One found his holiday squeeze. He took out ads in several papers earlier this month looking for a lovely lady to spend the holidays with. He asked for videos and photographs. And he reserved the right to do whatever he pleases with the submissions.

During a party celebrating the TV talkers 500th show, Montel Williams made a tearful plea for media to leave his wife Grace alone. Grace doesn't seem to mind the press harping on her past as an exotic dancer. She just says the stories that are untrue are the ones that hurt.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

BY LISA COLLINS

A Princely Feud: Look like no lawsuit has yet been filed, but actress Janet Hubert-Whitten is still threatening that if former castmate With Smith doesn't stop bad mouthing her around town, she will indeed file one. Seeds of discord between the former co-workers took root long before Janet was released from her contract with "The Fresh Prince" earlier with year. The two have publicly disagreed on decisions relative to the show. Nor did she approve of some of their behavior on the set, citing "fart jokes and profanity" as particularly offensive. Atlas, the long-running feud hit fever pitch when Hubert-Whitten got pregnant and had to make some adjustments. Smith had publicly

stated that he felt she'd forgotten just who's show it was. For the moment, the actress most recently completed work in "New Eden" a sci-fi TV movie. Meanwhile, Will Smith's just received a Golden Globe nomination his work on the "Fresh Prince of Bel Air". Others receiving Golden Globe nods include Rosie Perez (Supporting actress -- "Fearless") and Angela Bassett (Actress, musical/comedy -- "What's Love Got To Do With Something To Say: Camille Cosby (wife of superstar and entrepreneur Bill Cosby) recently announced her acquisition of both film and stage rights to the bestseller "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters'

First 100 Years". Cosby plans to bring the story of Sarah Delany (now 104 years old) and A. Elizabeth Delany (who's 102), to the stage or big screen. (At the time of this writing, the book was number six on the New York Times bestseller list). The story and illustrations accomplishments as Black professionals. Elizabeth Delany was the second Black woman licensed in New York to practice dentistry, while Sarah was the first Black to teach domestic science on the high school level in New York City.

Onto The Silver Screen: A star-studded gathering turned out for the premiere of "Philadelphia" recently in Los Angeles. Film stars Tom Hanks

and Denzel Washington (and their wives) were all smiles as those like Eddie and Nicole Murphy, Tom Danson and Bruce Springsteen praised the movie and their parts in it... **Kid 'N Play** return to the silver screen January 14 with "House Party 3". In this installment, Kid decides to get married. (In real life it is "Play" -- Christopher Martin -- who is planning to jump the broom with "All My Children" regular Sherri Headley). "This story" says Play, "takes their friendship to a level that requires them to do some soul searching." Co-starring cameos are members of the female rap unit, TLP.

On Responsibility: As Tupac Shakur entered a New

York courtroom for the start of his sodomy trial, he told reporters, "I really want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate your destroying everything I've worked for in the past 22 years in just one week." Shakur went to to say that he's exhausted his resources (financially, that is) on the many legal battles that have befallen him since a string of arrests for charges of him slapping a woman for asking him for his autograph to shooting at and wounding two off-duty Atlanta police officers. He can thank only himself for the behavior that led up to the arrests. The media only served to shed light on his legal woes. Of course, that was all after the fact.

Everybody's making a big deal about the recent plunge in ratings Oprah Winfrey suffered after the November sweeps. They're blaming the show's recent change in focus. But in spite of the fact that it took the biggest plunge, Oprah remains the nation's most-watched talk show. Les Brown, another big ratings casualty was recently cancelled... **By the way:** Among the music legends to be honored with stamps in 1994 are Nat King Cole, Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and Ethel Waters... And congratulations to Natalie Cole who will sing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl, January 30.... **Next week: A look at what '94 will bring some top stars.**