


**THE
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By
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EDITOR NOTEBOOK

There has been a lot going on lately over on the other side of town. It all centers on whether some gambler should be licensed. Some man who is in charge of all the gambling in Nevada, Pete Echeveria, has said this gambler shouldn't be licensed. He has also said that the constitutional rights people are supposed to get shouldn't apply to this man and gamblers generally.

This is how people felt about Blacks a few years ago. They said that one set of constitutional rights applied if you were white, and another if you were black. Blacks' school could be one way but whites' could be another.

The Las Vegas Voice disagrees with Mr. Echeveria. Gamblers shouldn't be treated like the Blacks were and are. We have one Constitution—it should apply to gamblers, or non-gamblers, white men and black men, by the same standards.

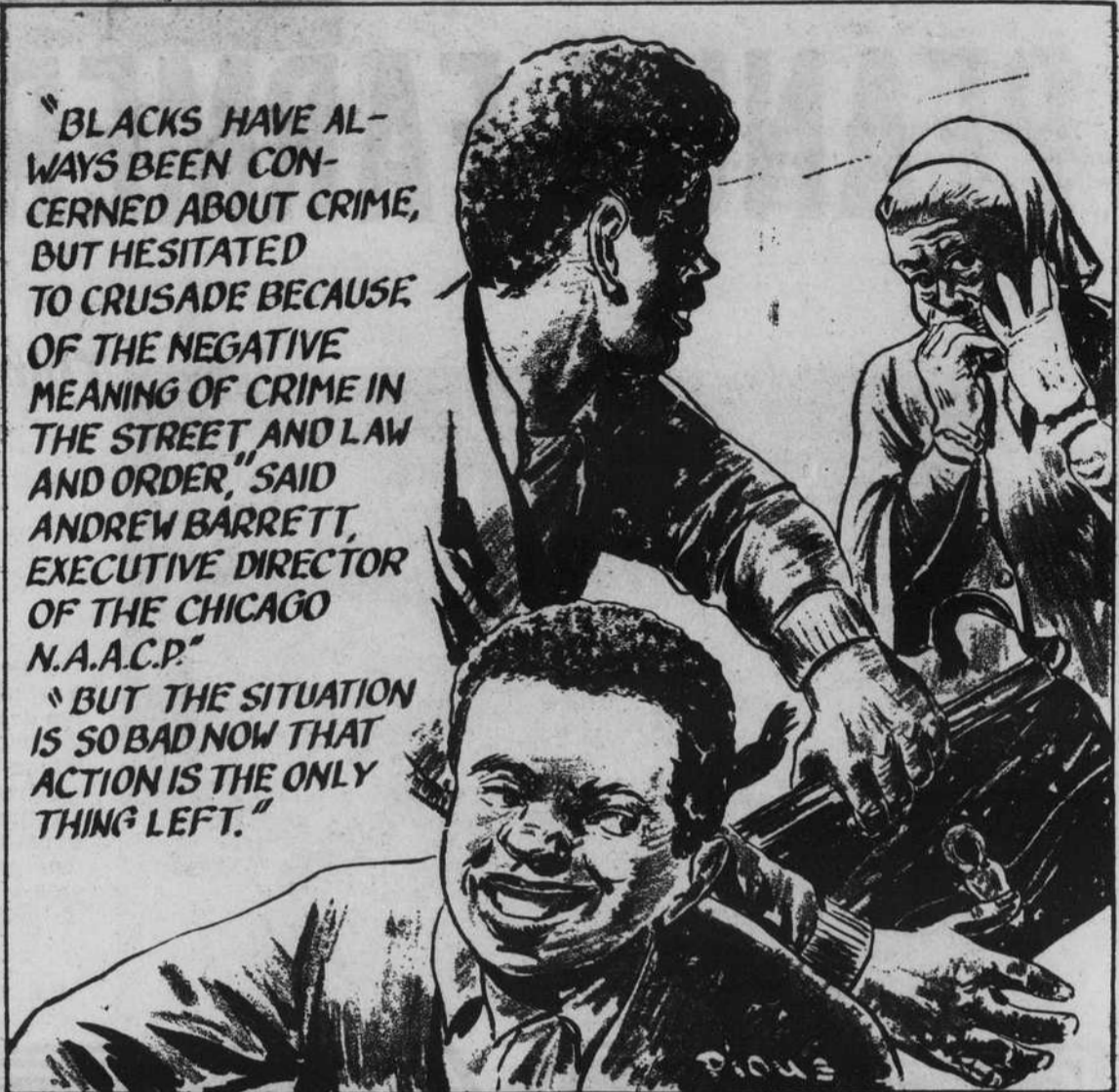
This newspaper also recognizes that the man whom they won't license is the same man who has always supported this community. He has even allowed his companies to advertise in this newspaper. He has allowed the poor to rise in his organization. This is not just idle talk. Louis Conners, a black man, a few years ago washed dishes at the Fremont Hotel. He worked his way up to be in charge of food and beverage at the Fremont Hotel. He was promoted to be Director of Food and Beverage at the prestigious Stardust Hotel, where he is now employed.

The Voice supports the Constitution of this country, and, because of this, we support the application of Frank Rosenthal, Chief of Operations for the Fremont, Hacienda, and Stardust Hotels, to get a gambling license.

Bishop Gilbert T. Latham founder & Bishop of St. Clara Spiritual Temple in Las Vegas, Nevada expired Monday morning 3:30 A.M. in his Oakland, California Home of a massive heart attack. Funeral service will be Thursday evening 8:00 P.M. at Isurlite Spiritual Temple at 2602 Adeline St., Oakland California. Body will be flown to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for funeral services Saturday-Sunday. His body will be flown back to Oakland to be buried beside his wife.

"BLACKS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME, BUT HESITATED TO CRUSADE BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE MEANING OF CRIME IN THE STREET AND LAW AND ORDER," SAID ANDREW BARRETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHICAGO N.A.A.C.P.

"BUT THE SITUATION IS SO BAD NOW THAT ACTION IS THE ONLY THING LEFT."



Just the FACTS

For once in the history of the black community, a white man has gone to bat to get equal advertising for the Las Vegas Voice Newspaper. Now the time has come for him to get a liquor and gaming license in this state. He has to be tried and judged to no end and now the state and gaming control board is trying to stop the only hope that the community has in having a oriented black newspaper because Frank Rosenthal is Trying to make it a success in the black community. We blacks should really and truly support Frank Rosenthal in getting his liquor and gaming license because after all he has shown me, the community and the newspaper that he would like to help the black community.

RUBY DUNCAN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW PROJECT

Rudy Duncan, chairwoman and director of Operation Life, Inc. has been appointed to the board of directors to the National Economic Development Law Project out of the Earl Warren Legal Institute at the University of California in Berkeley.

The National Economic Development Law Project serves as legal back up and gives technical support to community economic development corporations (CDC's) and legal services programs in the field of economic development. They publish a bi-monthly law project report which reviews and updates current legislation, administrative and legislative solutions to problems affecting CDC'S nationally and for assisting in the interpretation of laws and regulations which apply in the field.

Ms. Duncan will join professor of law at Berkeley Richard Buxbaum, Stanley Shuman of Allen and Company, New York, John Kearse, President of the Community Economic Development Corporation of Nassau County and David Kirkpatrick of the California Rural Legal assistance Program, in serving on the board.

Mr. Arthur Blaustein, co-author of The Star-Spangled Hustle — the story of a Nixon promise (Doubleday), World War III — Man Against Poverty (continued on page 3)

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By Charles E. Dolis

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Billions of dollars will be-pass blacks for at least the first half of this year. The new administration's proposals are not likely to be felt until the fall. Such is the structure of the American economy. After a pause and pitiful attempt to recover in late 1976, the nation's economy needs some stimulus to pep it up. The most encouraging factor in the present state of the economy is that the United States has left the recession of 1974 and 1975 alone with the conditions that helped bring it about in the background.

Although inflation will continue to rise, it will be at a less alarming rate than recently. Unemployment is likely to decline for whites. The national economy is basically strong if you are not either poor, young, and/or black. With corporate profits expected to increase 14 percent on top of 1976's 25 percent, housing construction may climb with falling interest rate and new car sales likely to rise as the rich get richer, 1977 will see a resumption of the nation's economic recovery.

There is hope that the black masses might benefit from big government spending on job creating and training programs. Unfortunately these programs take months if not years to produce results in the depression hit black camps of our nation.

Unemployment should average seven percent for the full year 1977. This is 50 percent too high for blacks to see any positive change in their economic position. Disposable personal income will rise for those people who are working. Business investment, the major ingredient missing during 1976, is expected to grow moderately during 1977. Corporate profits will continue to increase by \$12 billion after taxes in 1977.

This bulge in big business pockets is likely to put the stock market higher in 1977. The combination of a respite in the inflation rate and the liquidity effect of easier money has lowered interest rates; big business conditions are likely to steadily improve month by month.

It is difficult to envision stock prices not rising vigorously and broadly in such an environment. Specifically the combination of reduced interest rates (continued on page 3)

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