

# The Publisher Speaks



Al Gundersen is a member of this state's Supreme Court. He has been a member of the Supreme Court of Nevada for many years. On the Supreme Court, he has served with distinction. He has even been a Chief Justice on this court. During his time on the court, the administration of justice has improved, because of his hard work, innovative procedures, and perseverance.

The papers on the other side of town have, in news stories and editorials, decried the method in which the persons were selected as nominees to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The papers have honestly stated that the selection process has been wasteful, phoney and unfair.

Lobbyists, dishonest polls, and political favoritism rules the community when, in fact, quality in past judicial performance and basic legal expertise in the law should have been the rule of the lay.

The selection process said Al Gundersen was not qualified to serve on the Ninth Circuit. It did say that a state legislator and a former University Regent were qualified. Gundersen's hard work and legal brilliance and southern residence had hurt the feelings of the northern legal community.

The Black Community should revolt in disgust. This revolt should be in the form of a massive letter-writing campaign to Senator Howard W. Cannon. The Black Community owes this to Gundersen.

He has always been for the underdog. The Black underdog. It was Al Gundersen who almost singlehandedly handled the campaign of Moon Mullen in his first election to the Municipal Court. Without Gundersen, there would be no Moon Mullen.

It was Gundersen who stood at the side of attorney Charles Kellar when the Bar said "Kellar, we don't want you to practice law." While Mr. Gundersen and underdog Black Man Kellar stood side by side all the way to the Supreme Court, Gundersen was the lawyer for Kellar, and he won.

There are more examples of his being a fair man. But the politics of big money have overrun the politics of fairness. Write to Cannon. We want Gundersen.

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## Just the FACTS

Blacks who own properties and businesses in this community should join forces and push for more protection from the Metro Police Department.

Instead of bickering and envying those who have property, we should get behind them to help them keep it.

If we supported Black businesses, we wouldn't have to be controlled by other establishments.

Our Black leaders are at fault here more than anyone else. They own properties in the Black community, but they won't patronize any of the businesses here. Then they scream for the support of Black, when they need help against other establishments.

Black leaders should also get together and help to clean up the properties in this community. It would not take much to start a let's-clean-up-our community campaign.

One of the biggest blights on our community is the Moulin Rouge Hotel. This so-called hotel treats Blacks like dogs, and the sad thing is that Blacks allow themselves to be treated this way.

Here is a white business establishment located in the heart of the Black community, that does not have one Black in a responsible position. The front desk is a sea of whiteness.

It is time for our supposedly powerful organizations like the NAACP, PPPT, and others to start having fewer banquets and start to help our community.

These organizations should not let a situation like this exist in this community. This hotel would lose its license if the Health Department ever inspected it.

This place charges the same prices for rooms as the real hotels downtown and on the Strip, with one fourth the services. It has no maid services, no towels in the rooms, and half the time its air conditioning does not work.

This hotel treats its largest tenant like he had just moved in. It persecutes him, seemingly just to try to find out how much he will take.

Let's clean-up this community, starting with this half-way hotel.

### BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

#### MINING OUR BUSINESS

The American Mining Congress has been meeting since 1897 to maintain a minerals policy for America. Arab and other oil producing nations have forced America to review its entire energy needs. President Ford has responded with a Rockefeller sponsored \$100 billion spending project.

Blacks in some states can benefit in increased mining activities, while others can profit if located in mining and power equipment manufacturing areas. In 1973 alone the combined output of mining, metal, mineral reclamation and energy industries was valued at over \$175 billion. Blacks should not allow these "wasting asset" industries to waste them in the coming world mineral demand explosion.

#### BLOCK DISCRIMINATION

The development of a mineral policy or more specifically an energy policy must include social demands for racial progress, as well as, secular demands for profits. Government contracts at the state and community level must be leveraged with federal proposals to block racially discriminatory developments.

The U.S. Bureau of Mines estimates coal to be 18 percent of the country's sources of energy consumption. They also estimate the equivalent of 600 billion barrels of oil shale rock development in several Western and Mid-Western States. The President expects to spend, with Congressional approval, over the next ten years about \$100 billion.

This includes large expenditures for both the mining an utilities industries. The electricity generation companies who use 26 percent of the nation's energy sources should be called on the carpet for their practices from the janitors room to the board room.

Our energy situation is changing rapidly. The prime fuels such as petroleum and natural gas are no longer in abundance. The proposal by President Ford presents an opportunity for providing project independence all right enough -- equal employment independence for Blacks.

Local Councilmen and the Black Congressional Caucus, which just recently held a big party in Washington, D.C., would do well to start sending this employment message to all who would be beneficiaries of the President's, boondoggle.

