

The Publisher Speaks

Thurgood Marshall is a member of the United States Supreme Court. He gained his reputation as a constitutional lawyer by being legal counsel for the N.A.A.C.P. He advocated the cause of the minority. This is for what the n.a.a.c.p. stands.

The Las Vegas Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. could learn a lot from the example set by Justice Marshall's version of the N.A.A.C.P. The Las Vegas Chapter not only did not offer any legal help to the embattled Judge Robert Mullen, but its president refused to buy a single ticket to support his defense fund. Wouldn't Justice Marshall be proud of Dr. James McMillan. McMillan is one of the richest blacks in Clark County, and not a single ticket did he buy or even sell. But, of course, neither did Dr. Charles West, nor the big talking Woodrow Wilson.

The Las Vegas VOICE sacrificed time and money to raise money for a prominent black brother in trouble. It was time for the petty factionalism to stop.

Even though some of our leaders failed Judge Mullen, the Las Vegas VOICE, advocate for the rights of the poor, will not stop. This newspaper stand for freedom and will continue to do so.

The dinner was a success. Mayor Bradley fell through. The Las Vegas VOICE had to guarantee a large prepayment to the Stardust and finally, prior to the dinner, come up with a large cash payment so it wouldn't be canceled at the last minute. It was hard, but it was worth it.

We publicly commend the Stardust. They stuck by us and allowed the black community to push for their own. None of the other hotels showed any desire to help. We are glad we gave our business to the Stardust.

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"WHAT DO YOU DO IN A CASE LIKE THIS, ARREST THE WHOLE BLOCK - I MEAN, ASK A POLICEMAN."

ROSEDALE, QUEENS, N.Y.



NO ARRESTS TO DATE

Just the FACTS

By Dorinda Baker

I want to commend the VOICE for the outstanding job they did in sponsoring the dinner to raise funds for Judge Robert E. "Moon" Mullen.

The dinner was well attended and the speakers did a great job, but the affair would not have been possible without the full cooperation of the employees of the VOICE. Mr. Albert said, "I feel that I would have been handicapped in sponsoring this dinner if it had not been for the untiring efforts of my staff."

A lot of time and work went into the preparation of this. I want to add my congratulation to Lawrence Albert, Publisher of the VOICE, and also to Laura Valdez and Virginia Hernandez, office employees at the VOICE. Alberta Thomas, also of the VOICE staff, did a tremendous job in selling the tickets and collecting the money.

Congratulations to all of you at the VOICE, and our best wishes to Judge Mullen.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal believes the nation's trade deficit, which has been at an unprecedented high this year will be between \$23 billion and \$25 billion, considerably above the biggest trade deficit in U.S. history.

One of the major causes of this climb will be the contained exporting of food grains caused by lack of higher crop production in this country. Without plenty of water, crop yields are lower, causing higher crop prices domestically and reduced amounts to earn export dollars.

The drought has had its effect on the soil and soul of this nation. Since most agricultural crops are planted to match soil and normal climatic conditions, any departure from normal can have a profound production effect. Adverse growing conditions in the world un-

expectedly damaged some crops in three out of seven years in this decade and 1977 already contains an additional threat.

May was the hottest, driest month on record in Chicago and some parts of Indiana registered zero precipitation which, of course, is unheard of in springtime. Unusual pressure systems during the past several years have created abnormal situations in various parts of the U.S. with the West Coast experiencing a long drought and the Midwest suffering from an extended dry period and temperature variations.

The sin has been to send higher food and water bills to senior citizens and low-income households while white suburbia fills its swimming pools. Swimming pool sales indicate that suburbia is insensitive to still higher food prices.

The National Swimming Pool Institute says sales of in-the-ground residential pools are up 17 percent so far this year. Prices of the pools range from about \$5,000 to more than \$50,000 with the average homeowner paying about \$7,500 per swimming pool. This is not your normal soul brother and sister or senior citizen sweating these payments.

The average low income person will be paying higher food prices due to these swimming pool owners. A major concern is the outlook for food prices. The increase in food prices for the month of May was unexpected by most market analysts.

A center cause of catapulting of crop prices is the drought in California. California ranks as the top farm state in the nation, the state's agricultural industry earned an all-time high \$8.9 billion in 1976 for its products. It was the 29th consecutive year that California led all states in farm income.

However, Dr. Gordon Snow of the U.S. Agriculture Department figures the drought caused a loss of agricultural income for the state of almost a billion dollars. Dr. Snow stresses the effects of the drought will be felt for several years even with a normal rainfall next winter. An example of the water waste is Marin County, Calif.

This overly predominant white county located across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, refused three times in the past to pass water bonds to build adequate shortage capacity for surplus water. However, the 170,000 Marin Municipal Water District Continued on Page 3 Column 1