

The Publisher Speaks



It has taken me twenty years in one family to realize that they (relatives) can't stand to be told what to do. They can dictate and tell you what to do.

To whom it may concern, once and for all this is my newspaper. I am going to write it the way I see it and the way I feel it should be written. Some people can accept things from others, but when it comes time for the acceptors to understand the giver, they become null and void. If I can write the news and not have any comments made about what I write, then it would be no need to have a black newspaper in West Las Vegas.

I have got to say that Paul Price has been the only columnist who can tell it like it is and not be criticized.

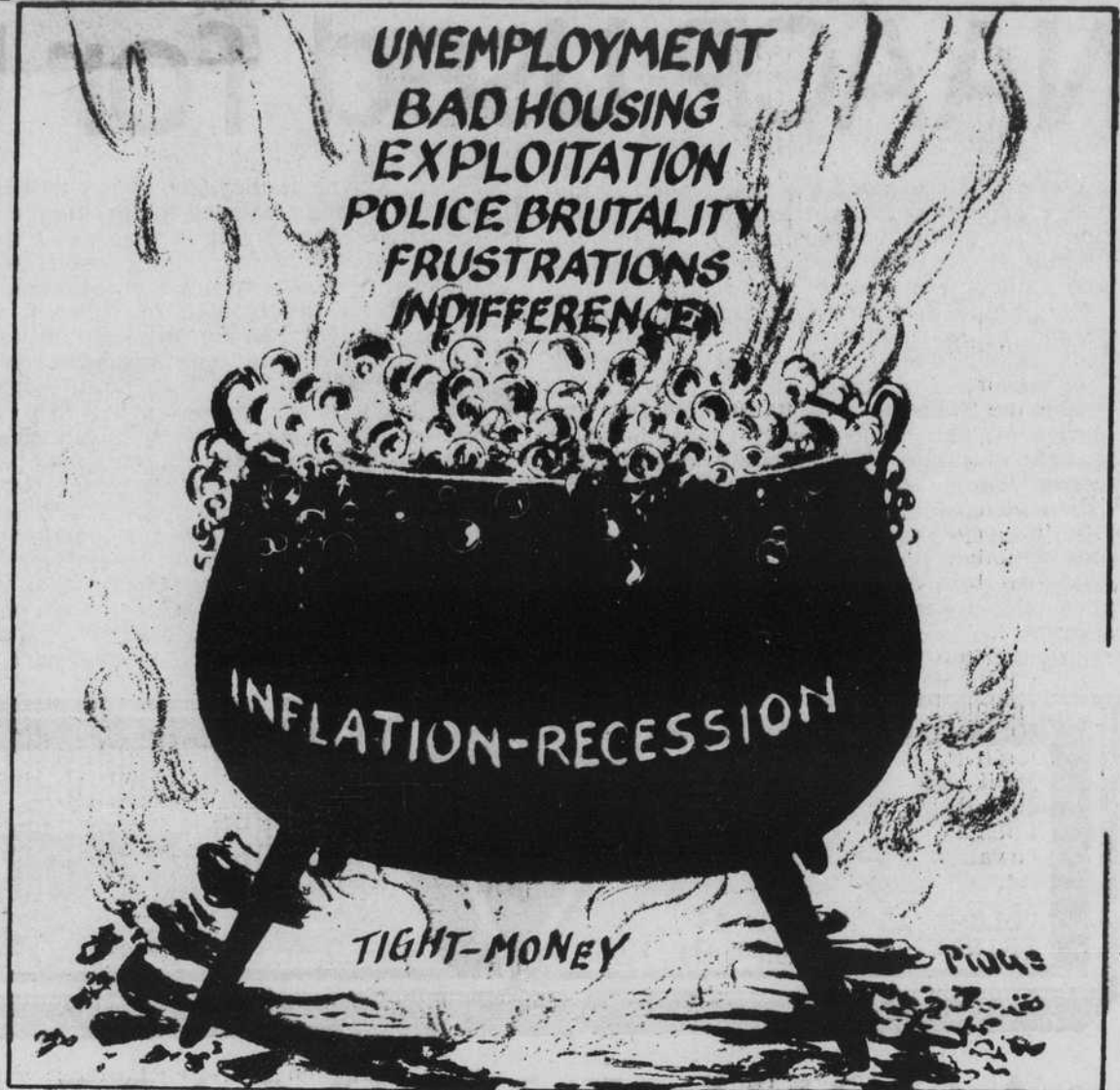
I know that I have some skeletons in my closet, but I intend to straighten mine out before it is all too late. That is why in my last week's issue I let the people in West Las Vegas know that it was a murder trial that was to be held and not a narcotic trial.

The citizens of West Las Vegas should come more often to the courtroom to see how a white man's murder trial is conducted as opposed to a black man's murder trial. In a white man's murder trial the police department will make a deal with the murderer that killed the white man and get all of the truth out of all the blacks, because they (blacks) are going to tell the truth in a white man's murder trial.

Maybe this will be one of the editorials that some of the black people in West Las Vegas will appreciate.

I have written about police brutality toward blacks and was highly criticized for doing it. Just because they (critics) can stand police brutality, I will not under any circumstances stand for it because I have a son and a daughter and I would not appreciate the police stopping and harassing them everytime they left home. Therefore when I bought this newspaper, I became aware that if the time ever came where I would come under any suspicion of any wrong doing and were to be harassed by the police department, I would be the first person to speak out about it. Above all else, I am capable of going to the police department and straightening out any situation concerning myself. Some people, because of their positions in the community, would say that's alright because I am standing on shaky ground. Because you are standing on shaky ground does not mean that I should be made to sit in the back of the bus, because I haven't been charged with anything.

Some of the readers who are complaining about some of the columns are doing so only because they don't know whether what they read was right or wrong especially when they have taken in everything and have never put up anything.



BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

The strangle hold on this nation that the oil industries hold is revealed by some members of the oil's big six oil sisters. Mobil Oil, who recently cut off its \$50,000 yearly contribution to a journalist college for hiring an honest executive director, is among the group of 15 major oil companies suspected of overcharging consumers by billions of dollars.

The Federal Energy Administration will name a special investigator to look into the rip-off. A special team of auditors will check over the books of some of the nation's largest oil refineries.

The agency intends to peek in on crude oil producers and resellers, such as those companies that buy oil from producers or importers and sell it to refiners. The 15 largest refiners that will be under investigation include both Exxon Corp and Mobil Oil Corp, a subsidiary of Mobil Corp.

Mobil is the parent corporation of Montgomery Wards. While the FEA has been auditing thousands of oil industry concerns, it has not yet completed an audit of a major oil company in its almost three years of existence. The results of which dictate a divestiture bill to break the oil companies down to a workable size.

The seriousness of this price fixing charge indicates an astronomical cost to the consumer. It is predicted that this country will be consuming over 18 million barrels of oil a day in the near future. The recent black-out in New York City highlights our dependence on mankind developed energy sources.

The current investigation is underway because it is believed that major oil refiners like Exxon and Mobil Oil have overcharged consumers billions of dollars. A Mobil Oil spokesman has replied to the charge that to the best of their knowledge, Mobil is in compliance with the regulations.

This may not be a Richard Nixon statement, but it bares thorough investigation of the facts and the law. An oil divestiture bill would bring this kind of strain within the scope of standard auditing practices. It would help indicate early on when a company is beginning to overcharge consumers since regulators could more easily understand the complex oil industry.

One of the oil companies says it has made massive efforts to comply with the complex

and confusing and often contradictory FEA regulations. This is precisely the charge against big oil companies operations made by poor people.

Write your Congressional Representative calling for an oil divestiture bill, so everybody can understand why oil prices in America are going up faster than in Saudi Arabia.

Just the FACTS

Pens, pencils, notepaper, notebooks, books, and other such school items are out in full display at all supermarkets, 10¢ stores, etc., because the time is drawing nearer for another school year to open the doors of education.

The high schools in the area have already started football practice for the coming season. The warning lights in school areas are being turned on early to give drivers a chance to become aware of the school zones.

The VOICE Publishers son and the typesetters brother are both going to attend Western High, and have both gone out for football. We at the VOICE wish them all the luck in their endeavors to gain the temas.

The two Westside High Schools are Clark and Western, and they have been rivals all during their history of both being on the Westside. The first game of the season will be played between Clark and Western at Western on Friday, September 9, at 8 P.M. Western has the reputation of never losing their first game of the season. We hope they keep up the good record.

Now with school starting, lets all be more careful than ever while driving. Our children's lives are at stake.

TAKE CARE! DRIVE WITH CAUTION!!

Clinic

Clark County Health District is sponsoring a free blood pressure clinic, on Saturday September 10th. It will be at the Victory Baptist Church at 1305 "E" Street from 10 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Open to the public.

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